



**10th MEETING OF 2011
27th MEETING OF
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
13th SEPTEMBER, 2011
CONFERENCE ROOM
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

PRESENT: Julene Banks Member
 Wil Pineau Member

APOLOGIES: Pastor Al Ebanks Chairman

Secretariat members present:

 Michael Ebanks Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am and a prayer was offered by member of the Commission, Julene Banks.

2. Selection of Acting Chairman

In accordance with section 4.1 of the Commission's Policies and Procedures Manual member Wil Pineau was chosen to act as Chairman for this meeting due to the absence of Pastor Al Ebanks.

3. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of the 12 July, 2011 meeting were approved with minor changes to the following areas:

Outstanding Business

III. Discussion Papers: to reflect "...two draft discussion papers on Governance Structure and People Initiated Referendums."

IV. Booklets: to reflect "...the booklets, Know Your Constitution,..."

4. Outstanding Business

i. District Meetings

The Commission set dates for the West Bay District meet for Thursday, 6 October, 2011, 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Tentatively, the venue is to be the Sir John A. Cumber Primary School; the Secretariat will confirm availability of the location. A letter will be sent from the Commission to the Premier and the West Bay Members of the Legislative Assembly informing them of the particulars of the district meeting and encouraging their attendance. The Secretariat will assist with preparing the venue for the public meeting. The Commission will seek to arrange, through the Secretariat, a live broadcast of the meeting via Radio Cayman.

Lennon Christian, GIS Marketing, will attend the West Bay district meeting in an attempt to garner public comment and feedback on the meeting and the constitution in general. The Secretariat will inform GIS of the particulars of the meeting via email.

The Sister Islands district meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, 29 October 2011. Member Julene Banks will seek to finalise the date, time, and location so as to maximize community participation, and accommodate, as far as practicable, representation by Deputy Premier, Juliana O'Connor-Connolly and Cayman Brac and Little Cayman MLA Moses Kirkconnell. Following finalisation of the details, the aforementioned Government officials will be informed in writing.

ii. Funding Opportunities

Member Wil Pineau indicated that he has had preliminary discussions with members of the community, including the President of the Cayman Islands Law Society. Formal correspondence on the subject matter will be sent to the Cayman Islands Law Society and to the Caymanian Bar Association.

The Secretariat is to find out the dates that the Governance Fund (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) will be re-opened. The application form was received by member Wil Pineau from the Secretariat, which will be completed in preparation for the re-opening of the fund for application submissions.

iii. Discussion Papers

The members indicated that they have not received this discussion papers and asked the Secretariat to resend them. The Commission noted that they had requested the Secretariat write individual letters thanking the Chief Officer's for sending in the information but instead the Secretariat had included those thanks in the letter sent to the Governor, Deputy Governor and Attorney General.

iv. Booklets

Lennon Christian of GIS Marketing attended the meeting to update the Commission on the status of design for the Know Your Constitution booklets. The Commission was provided with a draft version of the first booklet in a series, "A Brief Overview". This version was edited by GIS and approved by the Commission. Mr. Christian will convey printing quotations in the quantities of 5, 8, and 10 thousand booklets to allow the Commission to better understand funding requirements for this project. Pending funds for printing, the booklets will be uploaded to the Commission's website for public access, and emailed out into the public arena through various channels. Mr. Christian will contact the Governor's Office to enquire on feedback regarding the booklet pertaining to the role and responsibilities of the Governor.

5. New Business

i. Letter/Statement in Support of Auditor General and good governance

The Commission will send a formal correspondence to the Auditor General to convey its support for the recent works of the Auditor General's office and reports. The Commission wishes to express its support for the Auditor General and the goal of supporting good governance within the public sector.

ii. Paper on Status of Crown Lands; Proposal for Government Management Plan

Member Julene Banks expressed an interest in the subject matter insofar as whether or not Government has devised a comprehensive management plan for crown land in the Cayman Islands. The matter was not discussed in detail and will be revisited by the Commission. The Commission is keen to meet with the Governor in the latter part of September, if possible, and will mention this topic with His Excellency at that time.

iii. Participation in UCCI Conference

The Commission is keen on submitting a paper for presentation at the UCCI Conference, 50-50 – Surveying the Past, Mapping the Future. The Conference will be held 21-23 March 2012 at the UCCI Campus. The Commission will work to decide on a topic for its paper.

6. Any Other Business

- i. PR Campaign
Lennon Christian of GIS Marketing was informed by the Commission on its intention to explore YouTube as an avenue for public relations and information-sharing. One possible opportunity is to utilise YouTube to channel conversations guided by the Know Your Constitution booklets, which would involve members of the Commission and members of the public.
- ii. Annual Report
A draft annual report was prepared through the Secretariat. The Commission will review the content of the document accordingly. Document formatting assistance will be sought from GIS Marketing for the production of a final version.
- iii. Future of Cayman
The Commission agreed to host a link to the Future of Cayman website via the Commission's website. The website for the Future of Cayman initiative is www.futureofcayman.com. According to its website, The Future of Cayman is an economic development initiative implemented by the Chamber of Commerce and endorsed and supported by Government to bring both public and private sectors together... to achieve the best possible quality of life, business climate, employment, and investment opportunities. In this regard the Commission holds constitutional matters as pertaining directly to the aspect of 'quality of life'.
- iv. Strategic Visioning
Member Julene Banks mentioned the concept of "Vision 2020" as a means in which to discuss and formulate methods for good governance, including greater transparency, accountability, and cohesiveness in the structure and functioning of Government. The member also conveyed that the constitutionally created commissions should exemplify attributes such as transparency, accountability, and cohesiveness in their works for the public.

7. Action List

The Commission will:

- i. Contact Liz Walton to enquire with regards to arranging a district meeting on Cayman Brac
- ii. Continue to work on sourcing local funding; and
- iii. Continue to edit the booklets- Know Your Constitution series.

The Secretariat will:

- i. Retain all newspaper articles relating to the Commission in an organized manner for members' reference; preferably paste articles onto sheets of paper and place into a 3-ring binder. The articles will be kept at the Secretariat for safe-keeping;
- ii. Draft a letter to the Premier and West Bay Members of the Legislative Assembly informing them of the West Bay district meeting- 6 October 2011;
- iii. Contact Radio Cayman to arrange a live broadcast and audio tapping of the West Bay district meeting on 6 October 2011;
- iv. Inform Lennon Christian of West Bay district meeting details via email;
- v. Forward district meeting Power Point to Lennon Christian (without notes) for website upload;
- vi. Obtain full booklet text from Lennon Christian and forward document to members via email;
- vii. Confirm which of the Know Your Constitution booklets have been completed to date;
- viii. Follow-up on feedback from the Governor's Office regarding the booklet pertaining to the topic of 'The Governor';

- ix. Schedule meeting with Governor for end of September to discuss Governance, the Auditor General (funding), Crown Land management/policy; and booklet on Governor;
- x. Draft a letter to enquire with the Minister of Education on the update process, if any, for social studies textbooks in reflecting the constitutional changes in the Cayman Islands.
- xi. Draft a letter to Auditor General expressing the Commission's support for good governance, transparency, and accountability within government.
- xii. Confirm attendance of a Commission member at the Chairpersons meeting, 7 October 2011.

8. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- i. Terms of Members
- ii. Annual Report
- iii. District Meetings
- iv. Booklets- GIS updates

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 27 September 2011 in the Commissions Secretariat conference room.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.



Wil Pineau
ACTING CHAIRMAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION