MINUTES 11th MEETING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION 24 AUGUST, 2010 CONFERENCE ROOM COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

PRESENT:

Pastor Al Ebanks

Chairman

Wil Pineau

Member

Julene Banks

Member

Secretariat members present:

Deborah Bodden

Manager, Commissions Secretariat

Jason Webster

Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

Call to order 1.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am. An opening prayer was offered by a member of the Commission.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of the 20 July 2010 meeting were confirmed and approved.

3. **Outstanding Business**

I. Policies & Procedures Manual

Further discussion on the policies and procedures manual was deferred until the 7 September meeting when Strategic Advisor Peter Gough has been asked to meet with the Commission to discuss the Public Service Management Law and the Public Finance and Management Law. The Commission wishes to ascertain how those pieces of legislation are applied to the Commission.

II. Identification of the areas in the Constitution that require legislation to be enacted

- i. The Commission reviewed the document supplied by the Secretariat and made some minor amendments.
- ii. It was decided that when the document is finalized, copies will be distributed for informational purposes to the following
 - a. HE, the Governor;
 - b. The Premier:

 - c. The Speaker;d. The Deputy Governor;
 - e. The Leader of the Opposition; and
 - f. The Cabinet Secretary.

III. Requests for discussion papers on Advisory District Councils and People Initiated Referendums

The Commission approved the format requesting discussion papers on these subjects and decided that they would ask submissions to be made by 30 September, 2010.

4. **New Business**

I. Educational programme action plan

a. You and Your Government text

The Commission deferred any further discussion on this topic until a response from the Cayman Islands Bar Association is received on 15 September 2010.

b. Children's book

- i. A progress report from GIS is needed as to where the production of symbols/cartoons are for this publication.
- ii. The Commission decided to search for publishers who have experience in this field who may be able to assist the Commission with this project.

II. Six-Month Report

i. The Commission deferred commenting on the draft report until the next scheduled meeting.

5. Any Other Business

Information Paper

The Commission tasked the Secretariat with drafting a series of information papers for public consumption based on the following topics –

- i. Powers of the Governor;
- ii. Powers of the Cabinet; and
- iii. Powers of the Legislature.

6. Action List

The Secretariat will complete the following tasks:

- i. Send letters to various stakeholder groups requesting input, in the form of discussion papers, on Advisory District Councils and People Initiated Referendums.
- ii. Obtain progress report from GIS; and
- iii. Draft series of information papers.

7. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- i. PSML and PMFL
- ii. Draft Policies and Procedures Manual
- iii. Responses to Request for Discussion Papers
- iv. Update from GIS
- v. Six Month Report

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 September 2010, @ 9:00a.m. in the Commissions Secretariat Boardroom.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Al Ébanks CHAIRMÁN CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION