

59th MEETING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION 3 MARCH 2016 COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

PRESENT: David Ritch

Chairman

Vaughan Carter

Member

Natalie Urquhart

Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

Secretariat members present:

Deborah Bodden

Manager, Commissions Secretariat

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06am.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of 21 October 2015 were approved.

3. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman summarised the work of the Commission during his tenure on the Commission as his term of appointment will expire shortly. He expressed concern that the Commission spent a lot of time working on important projects (such as the suggested amendments to the Constitution and a programme to incorporate the Constitution into the education curriculum) which did not receive any traction. His further concerns included the fact that the Commission is given a general lack of attention from the Government and that there have been numerous topical matters which could have been referred to the Commission, but which weren't. The Chairman indicated that overall he was very proud of the work of the Commission but disappointed in the support it receives from the Government. Member Vaughan Carter thanked the Chairman for his dedication to the Commission during his tenure.

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

Public Education Campaign

In keeping with the previous discussions the Commission agreed that it needed to create a public education campaign in order to promote the Constitution. It was agreed that the

recent response to an enquiry from the Cayman Compass on what constitutes a majority within the House, was one good way of supporting this plan. It was agreed, that with the appointment of a new Chairman this should be made a priority for the Commision.

5. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

a. Public Education Campaign

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be determined.

7. Termination

The meeting was terminated at 10:38am.

David Ritch

CHAIRMAN

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION