



**3rd MEETING OF 2020
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
11 MAY 2020
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

PRESENT:

Vaughan Carter	Chairman
Sophia Harris	Member
Dr. Christopher Williams	Member

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat (for part)
Lise Hurlstone	Administrator/Analyst (for part)
Shari Welcome	Public Relations and Education Coordinator (for part)
Sheila Watler	Administrator/Analyst (for part)

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am. The Chairman thanked all for attending.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Members were to circulate any proposed amendments to the minutes of 12 March 2020 via email following the meeting.

3. Matters Arising / Updates**a. Curriculum changes in schools**

The Chairman followed-up with the Ministry of Education's representative for curriculum development and engaged in further conversations regarding curriculum development.

b. Correspondence with Celebrate Cayman

Due to the current global pandemic and changes to work regimes, follow ups with the Chairman of Celebrate Cayman have not yet taken place but the Chairman undertook to do this prior to the next meeting.

c. Children's book educational project

Members provided feedback on the proposed material that would potentially be used to create a book aimed at primary school students. Member Christopher Williams will provide some suggested edits for discussion at the next meeting. Following the agreement of final text the Commission will consider and provide further direction on the project.

d. History of the Cayman Islands Constitution

Members considered the wording of the updated timeline originally created by the Constitutional Review Secretariat. A “clean” version was circulated during the course of the meeting from which Members will provide some suggested edits for discussion at the next meeting. Following the agreement of final text the Commission will consider and provide further direction on the project.

e. The CC’s Agenda for 2020

A communications strategy was developed and presented by the Public Relations and Education Coordinator. Members agreed to review the content of the draft communications strategy and provide their feedback for discussion at the next meeting with particular reference to:

- (i) proposed use of social media, including draft posts which will be circulated;
- (ii) interactive educational platform demonstrated;
- (iii) plan to re-announce work of CC and target audiences; and
- (iv) activities and initiatives.

In in the interim, the Public Relations and Education Coordinator will conduct further research on educational materials to be included in the communications strategy.

f. Research on Overseas Territories’ Provisions for Speaker

Research on other OT’s constitutional/legislative provisions for Speaker of the House (the appointment and vacating of office and any policies regarding “leave of absence”) was developed and presented by the Administrator/Analyst (Lise Hurlstone). Members noted that it would be helpful to compare these to local provisions, and requested circulation of the same to further consider the matter..

g. Constitutional Provisions Requiring Legislation

Members considered the compilation of provisions requiring legislation received from the Chairman and created/ presented by the Administrator/Analyst (Lise Hurlstone). It was agreed that it would be useful to confirm which provisions are considered to most important and in need of legislation in order to properly give effect to the Constitution. This work will be undertaken and circulated to Members for further review and comment.

h. HRC’s Statement in Same-Sex Marriage / Civil Unions

Members received a copy of this statement in order to consider whether the Commission should make any further statements. It was agreed that insofar as the issues raised in this

statement concerned human rights, these fell within the purview of the HRC. Where these issues gave rise to broader constitutional points, however, the Commission resolved to monitor whether a statement was appropriate in this regard.

i. CC Tracking Spreadsheet

Members considered the tracking spreadsheet of the Commission's work compiled by the Secretariat and agreed they needed more time to fully review the document and provide any comments. The Secretariat will continue to update the tracking spreadsheet, as necessary.

4. Other Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be agreed via round robin.

6. Termination

The meeting was closed at 11:54am.



Vaughan Carter
CHAIRMAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION