



**1ST MEETING OF 2022
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
16 MARCH 2022
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

PRESENT:

Vaughan Carter	Chairman
Dr. Christopher Williams	Member
Annikki Hill	Member

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marilyn Conolly	Manager
Shari Welcome	Public Relations and Education Coordinator
Jackelin Connolly	Administrative Officer
Megan Ramnarine	Administrative Officer

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm. The Chairman thanked all for attending and introduced and welcomed the new Constitutional Commission Member, Mrs. Annikki Hill. The Secretariat staff introduced themselves to Mrs Hill. Mrs Hill also provided some information on her background and it was noted that Mrs Hill's varied experience will be of great benefit to the work of the Commission.

The Chairman also acknowledged and extended his thanks towards past Member, Sophia Harris, for her valued contribution to the Constitutional Commission.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The working minutes of 10 February 2022 were approved.

Updates**a. Constitutional Provisions Requiring Legislation**

The Chairman updated Members on his meetings with the Hon. Premier and His Excellency, the Governor, arising from the Commission's correspondence of 15 October 2021. The Chairman reported that the Premier had indicated that he would respond substantively in due course but that, in the interim, he had requested some information relating to the enforcement of a Parliamentary Code of Conduct. The Commission undertook research on this topic and was pleased to provide the information requested to the Hon. Premier on an expedited basis.

The research on the enforcement of Parliamentary Codes of Conduct was also turned into an Explanatory Note, which was posted to the Commission's website.

Having met with the Hon. Premier and His Excellency, the Governor, to discuss the various

important matters contained in the Commission's correspondence of 15 October 2021, the Commission determined to write to the Hon. Leader of the Opposition to expressly offer him the opportunity of a similar meeting. A copy of the Commission's Explanatory Note on Parliamentary Codes of Conduct and Enforcement was also enclosed with this invitation.

b. Advisory District Councils

Of all of the issues identified in the Commission's correspondence of 15 October 2021, this was the most significant omission in terms of items that was expected to have been brought into effect in accordance with directions in the Constitution. The Commission therefore resolved to retain this as a separate agenda item and to monitor responses to its Recommendations on Advisory District Councils.

c. Other Correspondence

i. Curriculum Changes in Schools

The Commission has provided input on a Year 6 Curriculum document and is awaiting a response from the Ministry of Education's representative.

ii. Celebrate Cayman

Celebrate Cayman had kindly provided the documents requested by the Commission. The Secretariat was asked to circulate these documents for Members to review.

iii. The Internal Enquiry Regarding First Amendment of 2009 Constitution

No other action required, item closed.

iv. Supplementary Legislation

Additional correspondence discussed in previous agenda item, no further action at this time, pending substantive responses from His Excellency, the Governor and the Hon. Premier.

v. Enforcement of Parliamentary Code of Conduct

No further action required at this time.

vi. Cabinet Manual

The Commission resolved to make further enquiries of the Cabinet Secretary to ascertain what progress that has been made towards the publication of a Cabinet Manual.

d. Education and Engagement Work Plan

i. Children's Comic Book

The Public Relations and Education Coordinator returned from maternity leave but due to staff constraints at the Secretariat and commitments to other commissions could not be deployed immediately to the Commission's projects. The publication of the Children's Comic Book would therefore be delayed. Some final revisions would be considered and the Secretariat informed Members that it would circulate a glossary and character names for approval. The Secretariat also advised that there were budgetary constraints that would impact publications and undertook to provide the Commission with further information in this regard.

ii. Constitutional App Development Project

Due to staffing constraints in the Secretariat, the Commission reluctantly agreed to suspend the activities for this item, pending the Secretariat providing an update on budget and a revised project plan.

iii. Facebook Page

Due to staffing constraints in the Secretariat, the Commission reluctantly agreed to suspend activities on this item.

iv. **Constitutional Resources Database**

Due to staffing constraints in the Secretariat, the Commission reluctantly agreed to delay the activities for this item. The Secretariat will be providing a revised plan and timeline for the Commission to consider and approve.

4. Matters Arising

The Commission received a response from the Commission for Standards in Public Life regarding the letter sent on 15 October 2021 pertaining to supplementary legislation and took note of the same.

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Action List

Members were asked to:

- a. Member Annikki Hill to provide feedback regarding curriculum changes in schools document;
- b. Members to circulate their thoughts regarding the Privy Council Judgement.

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a. Draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary as outlined in item 3.c.vi. above for the Chairman's review;
- b. Circulate information from Celebrate Cayman to Members;
- c. Circulate Children's Comic Book glossary and character names for Member's approval as outlined in item 3.d.i. above for review.
- d. Provide update on budget and revised project plan for Constitutional App Development Project.
- e. Develop revised plan and timeline for Constitutional Resources Database.

7. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Curriculum changes in schools
- b. Constitutional Resources, including documents provided by Celebrate Cayman
- c. Cabinet Manual
- d. Publication of Children's Comic Book
- e. Annual Update
- f. Commission's correspondence of 15 October 2021 (including constitutional provisions requiring additional legislation (and, especially, Advisory District Councils) and outstanding Commission recommendations).

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place via Zoom, with a time and date to be determined via round robin email.

9. Termination

The meeting was closed at 3:12 pm.



Vaughan Carter
CHAIRMAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION