



2nd MEETING OF 2025
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
14 APRIL 2025
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

PRESENT:

J. Lemuel Hurlston	Chairman
Hon. Alex Henderson KC	Member
Annalisa Shibli	Member

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melanie McField	Manager
Lise Hurlstone	Research Analyst
Jessica Ebanks	PR & Education Coordinator (in part)

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 am. The Chairman thanked all for attending. The Manager made a brief introduction to the Secretariat's PR & Education Coordinator, Jessica Ebanks, who will be supporting the Commission with carrying out its education remit, as well as providing other public relations support, as required.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting**a. Minutes of Meeting Held on 17 March 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 17 March 2025 were approved with no changes. The Secretariat will upload to the Commission's website accordingly.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**a. Reporting Procedures**

Members reviewed the draft Constitutional Commission Reporting Policy prepared by member Annalisa Shibli. A discussion ensued on what the frequency of reporting should be, whether an amendment to the Constitution to add a reporting requirement should be considered, and some additional feedback was provided for amendments to the draft. Members agreed that the reporting period should be once per year. Member Shibli was asked to make some additional amendments and the Secretariat was asked to research and suggest wording for additional information that was needed. The Secretariat was also asked to share some example Memoranda of Understanding with Member Shibli to have sight of for her amendments.

Once the amendment process is completed it was agreed this could be fit into the Commission's Policies and Procedures manual as a sub-section.

b. Advisory District Councils

The Chairman thanked the Secretariat for the research provided on Advisory District Councils, in the form of a summary note and source documents outlining the background to their development. It was noted that the Commission may be asked for an opinion on this issue in the future, which is the reason why the research had been requested. Members discussed the documents provided and agreed it was a good start for consideration of the issue.

4. New Business

a. Attorney General's 2009 Paper on Ethics

Members discussed a paper provided by the Chairman titled *Ethics, Integrity and Accountability in Public Life*, originally prepared by the Office of the Attorney General in June 2009. The paper proposes expectations of ethical behaviour for persons in public life, and was issued around the same time that the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 was laid in the UK Parliament. The Chairman explained that he wished to share this as background reading in connection with the Commission's responsibilities generally, and that it gives some perspective as to what the Attorney General's Chambers regards as a significant constitutional issue. He added that no action was required on this at the moment but it was useful for the Commission's general interest.

b. 2025 Election and Referendum Observers Selection Committee Recommendations

Members discussed the appointment of local election observers for the 2025 General Election, information on which was provided by the Chairman. A discussion followed on the expected visit of International Election Observation Mission, coordinated by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. The Secretariat was asked to ascertain more information about the International Election Observation Mission to share with the Commission.

5. Any Other Business

The Chairman noted that members have been invited to lunch with the Governor on 28 May 2025. Potential topics for discussion were considered, and the Secretariat offered to assist with preparing any materials as required.

6. Action Items

Members were asked to:

- a. Further amend the draft Constitutional Commission Reporting Policy as outlined in item 3.a. above (Member Shibli).

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a. Upload meeting minutes to the Commission website as outlined in item 2.a. above;

- b. Share example MOUs with Member Shibli as outlined in item 3.a. above;
- c. Insert the draft Constitutional Commission Reporting Policy, once finalised, into the Policies and Procedures Manual as outlined in item 3.a. above; and
- d. Ascertain more information about the International Election Observation Mission to share with the Commission as outlined in item 4.b. above.

7. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

The Chairman requested that member Henderson provide a list of issue that the Commission could begin considering for amendment in the Constitution to share at the next meeting.

Additionally, the following items will be discussed:


- a. Reporting Procedures
- b. 2025 Election and Referendum Observers
- c. Discussion with former CC Chairman

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 12 May 2025 at 11:30 am at the Commissions Secretariat offices.

9. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 12:34 pm.



J. Lemuel Hurlston
CHAIRMAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION