



**5<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF 2026**  
**THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION**  
**8 JUNE 2026**  
**COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

**PRESENT:**

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| J. Lemuel Hurlston | Chairman |
| Annalisa Shibli    | Member   |

**APPOLOGIES:**

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| Hon. Alex Henderson KC | Member |
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**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Lise Hurlstone | Policy Analyst |
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**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am. The Chairman welcomed all present and thanked members for attending, noting that Member Alex Henderson was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict and sent his apologies.

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting****a. Minutes of Meeting Held on 11 May 2026**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2026 were confirmed, and the Secretariat was asked to upload the minutes to the Commission's website.

**3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes****a. Education Activities****i. Schedule of Events**

Members reviewed the proposed schedule of events for the upcoming year and discussed opportunities for public engagement on constitutional development. Members considered the possibility of organising a series of community meetings, whether in person or virtually, to seek public feedback on areas of the Constitution that members of the public would wish to see developed or amended. This would serve as a public consultation on constitutional changes.

It was noted that a consultation exercise on constitutional development in the Cayman Islands may also be of interest to other Overseas Territories, given the shared regional context and the tendency for constitutional developments across the

Territories to inform one another.

Members also discussed the possibility of inviting participation from other commissions supported by the Secretariat, as well as other civil society organisations, including the Chamber of Commerce and the University College of the Cayman Islands, the judiciary, and members of the general public. It was envisaged that the Commission would compile, review and analyse the feedback received.

The Secretariat was asked to begin considering how such a consultation exercise could be planned and executed.

**ii. Constitutional History Display**

Members noted that a dedicated temporary PR & Education Coordinator with the Secretariat is expected to come on board in the near future and will be assigned responsibility for this project.

**b. Advisory District Councils**

The Chairman advised that he continues to await further communication from Parliament regarding any meetings or other developments relating to this matter.

**c. Amendments to the Elections Act**

Members noted that the Commission's letter had been sent on 4 June 2026 and that no response had yet been received. The Secretariat advised that updates would be provided as available.

Members considered the capacity to take on the consultation for evaluating the meaning and continued necessity of the constitutional provision relating to persons certified as being of unsound mind as a disqualification for electors under section 91(1)(b) was discussed. The purpose of this consultation would be to make a recommendation to the Elections Office on whether this should be amended in the Constitution, which would also impact the proposed changes to the Elections Act. It was suggested that feedback be sought from the Attorney General's Chambers on whether the provision remains legally necessary, and from the Supervisor of Elections on whether any feedback has been provided on this provision over the years. The Secretariat was asked to spearhead this.

**4. New Business**

**a. Constitution Day 2026**

Members discussed preparations for the Commission's proposed radio appearance in recognition of Constitution Day 2026, planned for the week before 6 July. The Chairman suggested that the interview begin with a prepared statement, and the Secretariat was asked to prepare a draft for members' consideration, with each member potentially reading a section, as well as to confirm the date and time for the radio appearance.

The Chairman further suggested that the Commission's previous parliamentary presentation

be used as a basis for identifying key themes for inclusion in the statement. Members discussed highlighting the practical importance of the Constitution, including its role in the organisation of government, the structure of society and the promotion of good governance.

**5. Any Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss.

**6. Action Items**

**The Secretariat was asked to:**

- a. upload the minutes of the 11 May 2026 meeting to the website, per item 2.a. above;
- b. provide updates on the Commission's correspondence regarding the proposed amendments to the Elections Act as available, per item 3.c. above;
- c. seek feedback from the Attorney General and the Supervisor of Elections, per item 3.c. above;
- d. prepare a draft statement for the Constitution Day 2026 radio appearance, per item 4.a. above; and
- e. confirm the date for the Constitution Day 2026 radio appearance, per item 4.a. above.

**7. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting**

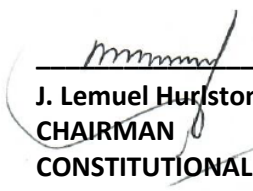
- a. Education Activities
  - i. Schedule of Events
  - ii. Display in Constitution Hall
- b. Advisory District Councils
- c. Amendments to the Elections Act
- d. Constitution Day 2026

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting date is set for 13 July 2026.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 pm.

  
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**J. Lemuel Hurlston**  
**CHAIRMAN**

**CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION**