

MINUTES
1st MEETING OF 2011
THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION
18 FEBRUARY, 2011
CONFERENCE ROOM
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner of Police David Baines	Chairman
Complaints Commissioner Nicola Williams	Member
Auditor General Alastair Swarbrick	Member
Sir Peter Allen	Member
Leonard Ebanks	Member

ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Oliver	Detective Inspector
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SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat
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1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 am.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of the 26 October, 2010 meeting were confirmed with one minor amendment to correct the spelling of Mr. Ebanks' name.

3. Commissions Secretariat

The Manager provided the members with an overview of the functions, staffing and resources of the Secretariat and the other Commissions that they currently support.

4. Outstanding Business

a. Assistance from the Legal Department

D/I Oliver gave the members an update on his work with John Masters of the Legal Department. Mr. Masters has relevant legal experience in the areas most significant to the Commission and he is very interested in providing support to the Commission but due to the staffing levels within the Department at this time, he has not had as much time to work with the Commission as he had hoped.

Mr. Masters is prepared to train the commission on the content of the Anti-Corruption Commission however several areas of the legislation have been identified as confusing and needing to be re-drafted. He also identified the need to create a policies and procedures manual which would detail the processes of the Commission including how to submit a complaint and how those complaints will be handled. D/I Oliver has conducted some initial research into the policies of other similar commissions worldwide and has concluded that those jurisdictions of similar scale do not have manuals to cover these issues and those with larger jurisdictions would have more resources and thus would not work here.

The Commission agreed that there seems to be some overlap with their powers and responsibilities with those of the Complaints Commissioner, the Auditor General, the Standards for Public Life Commission and the Independent Police Commission once it is formed. It was agreed that it is important that we find a common ground and establish memorandums of understanding between these entities/commissions where necessary.

It was agreed that the Chairman will approach the Solicitor General to ascertain if Mr. Masters could be seconded to the Anti-Corruption Commission for a period of three months in order to make some headway with the legal issues affecting the Commission.

It was further agreed that the Chairman will approach the Attorney General to prioritize the organizing of the training for the Commission as previously agreed upon.

b. Annual Report

The content of the annual report has now been approved by the members and will be forwarded to the Manager to proof read and ensure the requirements as set out in the law have been met.

c. Website

The Commission had previously agreed to launch a website providing information on the Commission including policies, procedures, and any necessary forms. The website will be the central point of information for the public and will be a useful tool for educational purposes. The original plan was to wait to publicly acknowledge the Commissions existence until after they had received training on the Anti-Corruption Law, however as that is taking longer than anticipated, the Commission now feels it is important to move ahead. The Secretariat has requested the url: www.anticorruptioncommission.ky and the e-mail info@anticorruptioncommission.ky and will begin working on securing the appropriate content for the website. It was agreed that minutes of the meetings and the annual report would be amongst the documents uploaded to the site once it is up and running.

d. 4th International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities Annual Conference (IAACA)

Mr. Ebanks gave a presentation on his attendance at the IAACA Conference in China in November, 2010. He indicated that there were over 700 persons in attendance representing various anti-corruption and other such commissions of over 140 countries. He has written a full report on his experiences which has been submitted to the Chairman and will be forwarded to all members.

Mr. Ebanks noted that during his attendance at the conference he focused on the topic of international co-operation. Two highlights that Mr. Ebanks took away from the conference was Jamaica's use of an off-site answering service to receive tips, similar to what the Cayman Islands Crimestoppers currently uses, and a statement from an ethics presentation where the presenter said that to work in the area of anti-corruption you must not only have the educational background but the moral compass to guide you as well. Overall he found from the presentations that were given by other commissions detailing the types of cases they were working on and their experiences, every country has the same issues just at varying degrees. Mr. Ebanks applauded the organizers of the conference especially the resources that were available to participants.

The Conference was paid for in full by the Chinese Authorities and Mr. Ebanks informed that he had been given a pen and a Confucius statue (collectively valued at \$20) at the conference. These items will be added to the members Registry. Attendance at this conference has given rise to invitations to other conferences and due to varying reasons the Commission cannot be represented at each conference. The Secretariat will research which conferences are important for the Commission to attend in 2011 and will also source funding for these conferences.