

<p><b>MINUTES</b>  <b>6<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF 2019</b>  <b>ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION</b>  <b>25 JUNE 2019</b>  <b>CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT</b></p>
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**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Coles	Chairman
Kenrick Hall	Member
Kadi Pentney	Member

**APOLOGIES:**

Sophia Harris	Member
Timothy Ridley	Member

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deborah Bodden	Manager
Richard Oliver	Senior Investigator

**1. Meeting called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:40am.

**2. Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared at this meeting by any Member. In the event that any Member is conflicted, he/she recuses themselves during the discussion of the respective matter.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of 24 May 2019 were confirmed as presented.

**4. Operational Update****a. New Corruption Reports/Complaints**

The Manager received one new report/complaint immediately before the meeting however given the lack of detail and/or evidence presented in the letter, the Commission was unable to conclude whether the report/complaint gives rise to a reasonable suspicion on the part of the Commission that a criminal offence or an attempt to commit an offence or a conspiracy to commit an offence under the Anti-Corruption Law ("ACL") has been committed (see Sec 4 (1)(c) of the ACL). The complainant will be encouraged to provide any additional

information which would assist the Commission in considering the matter, which will be classified as pending until such information is received.

**b. Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints**

The Commission was informed that since inception (1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2010) there have been 167 reports registered by the Commission, of which:

- i. 4 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- ii. 141 have been concluded (or have not met the threshold or fallen under the remit of the Commission);
- iii. 10 have been transferred to other investigative units for action; and
- iv. 12 are now under current active investigation.

**5. Outstanding Business**

**a. Desired Amendments to the ACL**

The Manager and Senior Investigator indicated that they have reviewed the latest draft of the desired amendments and in doing so have identified one more desired amendment which the Commission agreed. The final draft will be forwarded to Member Sophia Harris for final consideration prior to submission to the Honourable Attorney General.

**b. Fifth Annual CCAICACB Conference**

The Fifth Annual Caribbean Commonwealth Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies was hosted by the Commission for Standards in Public Life from 3-7 June 2019 at the Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort. Member Sophia Harris represented the Commission (in the Chairman's absence) on a Panel Discussion, along with the Commissioner of Police and a Delegate of the Conference, entitled *The Investigative Fight Against Corruption: Challenges and Successes*. Members were asked to consider, as a take away from the Conference, whether there are any further opportunities for the Commission to provide additional information to members of the public regarding its work. This matter will be tabled at the next meeting.

**6. Any Other Business**

**a. Membership**

The tenure of both Member Sophia Harris and Member Kadi Pentney expires on 15 August 2019 and consideration will be given by His Excellency as to their re-appointment to the Commission.

**b. 2018/19 Annual Report**

The 2018/19 Annual Report will be drafted next week (at the end of the reporting period on 30 June 2019) and disseminated to Members for review prior to be submitted to His Excellency the Governor and being published on the Commission's website.

**7. Action Items**

- a. The Manager will forward the final list of desired amendments to the ACL to Member Sophia Harris for review; and
  - b. Members will consider the matter as detailed in 5b above.
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**8. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting**

- a. Operational Update
- b. Desired Amendments to the ACL
- c. Provision of Information
- d. Membership

**9. Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was proposed for 11 September 2019 at 10:00am.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36am.



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**Richard Coles**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION**