

MINUTES
3rd MEETING OF 2019
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION
26 MARCH 2019
CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Coles	Chairman
Kenrick Hall	Member
Sophia Harris	Member

APOLOGIES:

Kadi Pentney	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 9:35am.

2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared at this meeting by any Member.

3. Operational Update

a. New Corruption Reports/Complaints

There were no new reports presented at this meeting.

b. Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission was informed that since inception (1st Jan. 2010) there have been 166 reports registered by the Commission, of which:

- i. 5 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- ii. 121 have been concluded;
- iii. 18 have not met the threshold or fallen under the remit of the Commission;
- iv. 10 have been transferred to other investigative units for action; and
- v. 12 are now under current active investigation.

The Commission will consider two of these existing reports/complaints for action at the next meeting.

4. New Business

a. Deputy Governor's Request for Info Re: Auditor General's Fighting Corruption Report

The Office of the DG requested information from various stakeholders regarding a recommendation made in the Report that the CIG should name additional entities to whom whistleblowers could report matters. The Commission expressed the view that having a central body receiving such complaints and actioning them would avoid the possibility of multiple bodies investigating the same matter. There were ongoing concerns that any substantial increase in matters reported would severely stretch ACC resources. .

b. Meeting with the Acting Director of Public Prosecutions

The Chairman, along with Member Sophia Harris and Manager Deborah Bodden, and Senior Investigator Richard Oliver, met with the Acting DPP on 14 March 2019 to discuss the relevant recommendations made in the recently published C-FATF Report. As a result of these recommendations a Bill has been gazetted adding the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission as a representative on the Anti-Money Laundering Steering Committee. In addition, two sub-committees have been created and Member Sophia Harris and Senior Investigator Richard Oliver will represent the ACC on these sub-committees.

c. Meeting with Representatives of the Bermuda Police Service

The Chairman, along with Member Sophia Harris, Manager Deborah Bodden, and Senior Investigator Richard Oliver met with representatives of the Bermuda Police Service on 14 March 2019. The meeting was an introductory and information sharing one in order to establish links with other anti-corruption bodies.

d. Fifth Annual CCAICACB Conference

The Fifth Annual Caribbean Commonwealth Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies is being hosted by the Commission for Standards in Public Life from 3-7 June 2019. All members of the Commission have been invited to attend the Opening Ceremony and in the Chairman's absence Member Sophia Harris has been asked to represent the Commission on a Panel Discussion.

5. Any Other Business

a. Correspondence from Former Complainant

The Secretariat, and various Members, continue to receive correspondence from a former complainant whose report/complaint was not accepted as it did not give 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") had been committed (see Sec 4 (1)(c) of the ACL). The former complainant continues to make and send inappropriate accusations and vexatious comments and requests. No further action will be taken at this time.

b. Proposed Amendments to the ACL

In the absence of Member Tim Ridley, Member Sophia Harris agreed to consider the proposed amendments to the ACL.

6. Action Items

The Secretariat will

- a. provide the relevant information to members regarding the two existing matters for consideration at the next meeting; and
- b. redistribute the proposed amendments to the ACL.

7. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

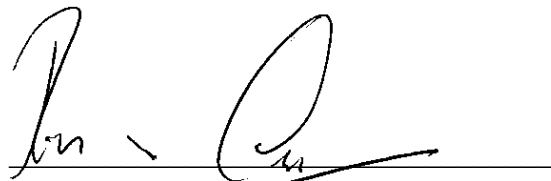
- a. Operational Update

8. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 30 April 2019 at 9:30am.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.



Richard Coles

CHAIRMAN

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