

**MINUTES  
10<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF 2020  
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION  
2 SEPTEMBER 2020  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sophia Harris	Chairman
Kenrick Hall	Member
Kadi Pentney	Member
Adrian Pope	Member
Simon Whicker	Member

**APOLOGIES: N/A****SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deborah Bodden	Manager (via phone for part)
Richard Oliver	Senior Investigator

**1. Meeting called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:25am.

**2. Introduction of New Members**

The Chairman introduced the new members, Adrian Pope and Simon Whicker, who were appointed to the Commission by His Excellency for a three year term on 15 and 25 August 2020 respectively.

**3. Administrative Matters****a. Office Structure and Support**

The Manager provided an overview of structure of the Commissions Secretariat which currently includes a Senior Investigator, 5 Investigators, and a Trainee Investigator supporting the ACC. In addition the Secretariat also employs post-holders who support each of the Commissions in the areas of research, administration, public relations and education, and general office/financial support.

**b. Operational Briefings and Confidentiality/Inclusion Agreement**

The Manager explained the operational briefings which are given by the Senior Investigator at each meeting providing Members with an understanding of each of the matters in front of the Commission. In addition Members reviewed and signed the standard Confidentiality/Inclusion Agreement that each Member (and staff) have signed. The Agreement sets out the responsibility of the Member to maintain confidentiality as it relates to all matters and information presented to the Commission.

**c. Media Policy**

The Media Policy previously agreed by the Commission is published on the website and in the Annual Reports. This Policy details the information that will be released by the Commission when an individual is arrested and also when charged. Further releases are agreed by the Commission as a whole and the Spokesperson for the Commission remains the Chairman. The point of contact at the Secretariat for media queries is the Manager.

**d. Resources for Members**

Members were informed that the ACC's website contains a large amount of resources including previous sets of minutes, reports, legislation, etc. Any of these resources are available for Members in hard copy at any point.

**e. Moving Forward**

**i. Legislation**

The Manager informed new Members that an agreed list of desired amendments to the Anti-Corruption Law (along with the respective rationales) was submitted to the Honourable Attorney General. These desired amendments had been compiled during the course of the work of both the Commission and the Investigators. The Manager will share these with new Members and follow-up with the Attorney General on the status of the desired changes.

**ii. Recruitment**

The Manager informed Members that the two vacant posts of Investigator have now been filled, one on a permanent basis and one as a one year secondment. Both newly appointed Investigators have a wealth of experience and are welcome additions to the team. It is still hoped that the finalization of an appointment to the post of Analyst will take place in early 2021.

**iii. Office Plans**

The lease at the Secretariat offices has now expired and the Manager is assessing options to provide additional spacing and other resourcing requirements. It is hoped that a move will take place in early 2021.

**iv. Server/Computer Needs**

Prior to the global health pandemic the Manager and Senior Investigator were working with companies to begin procuring a new server with increased intelligence and encryption capabilities. The Manager will begin advancing this again.

**4. Conflicts of Interest**

Persons previously appointed to the Commission declared no new conflicts of interest as it relates to current matters being considered by the Commission. Newly appointed Members will be given the names of parties during the Operational Briefing in order to consider/declare any conflicts of interest. In the event that any Member is conflicted in any matter, he/she recuses themselves during the discussion of the respective matter.

5. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
  - a. **International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre (“IACCC”) Membership**

The ACC has now formally been accepted as an Associate Member in the IACCC. A press release is currently being agreed in conjunction with the IACCC and will be released to the media and on the website in due course.
  - b. **ACC 2019/20 Annual Report**

The Report has now been submitted to His Excellency the Governor, copied to the Honourable Deputy Governor and Attorney General. The Report will be released to the public via the media and the website in 14 days in accordance with the ACC policy.
6. **Operational Update**
  - a. **New Corruption Reports/Complaints**

There were no new reports/complaints presented at this meeting.
  - b. **Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints**

The Commission was informed that since inception (1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2010) there have been 180\* reports/complaints 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. 152 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. 14 are now under current active investigation.

\*Following the meeting the Manager indicated that an error was identified in the minutes of 16 June 2020 wherein the total number of reports/complaints should have read 180 (as opposed to 179) and in the minutes of 29 July 2020 wherein the number of ‘pending’ reports/complaints should have read 4 (as opposed to 3). Those numbers have now been adjusted in these minutes.
7. **CFATF Related Updates**

The newly appointed Chairman will attend her first meeting of the AMLSG in two weeks’ time and therefore there were no new updates to be provided to Members. At the next meeting of the Commission, Members will receive an information/briefing note from the CIG CFATF Coordinator.
8. **Any Other Business**
  - a. **Introductory Meetings**

As previously outlined to Members via email, introductory meetings were being set up with various persons/entities with whom the ACC works/has close relationships. The Manager will provide Members with the relevant documents in advance of those meetings.
9. **Action Items**
  - a. Members were asked to review the relevant documents when/as they are distributed in advance of additional meetings.
  - b. The Manager will:
    - i. forward to Members the relevant documents; and

ii. reinstate the progression of matters listed above such as office space, procurement of a server, etc.

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

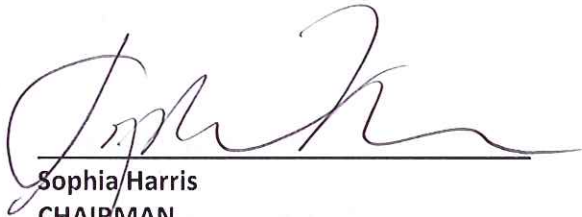
- a. Operational Update
- b. Meetings with Various Representatives as detailed above

**11. Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was agreed for 6 October 2020 at 9:30am.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.



Sophia Harris  
CHAIRMAN  
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION