

MINUTES
11th MEETING OF 2020
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION
13 OCTOBER 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
Richard Oliver	Senior Investigator

1. Meeting called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:27am.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of 2 September 2020 were confirmed as presented.

3. Introductory Meetings

a. Elisabeth Lees – Crown Counsel/National Coordinator C-FATF

Ms. Lees provided a high level overview of the C-FATF and FATF timeline to date, focusing on those areas/recommendations which impact the ACC. A general discussion ensued and Members asked a number of clarifying questions. At the next meeting Ms. Lees will facilitate a presentation on international cooperation and civil recovery as options for the ACC.

b. Derek Byrne – Commissioner of Police

The Commissioner met the newly appointed ACC Members and gave a brief overview of the working relationship between the RCIPS and the ACC.

c. Sue Winspear – Auditor General

The Auditor General met the newly appointed ACC Members and gave a brief overview of the working relationship between her office and the ACC. A discussion ensued about the synergies between the entities and how best to work together. It was agreed that the Auditor General would attend the start of any ACC meeting as needed when there is information to be shared/discussed.

4. 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.

5. Operational Update

a. New Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Manager provided the names related to one new report/complaint received since the last meeting (ACC/COMP/2020/006) to allow Members to declare any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were declared and all members subsequently received copies of the complaint for consideration to properly assess whether the report/complaint meets the threshold in accordance with s.4(1)(c) of the Anti-Corruption Law.

b. Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission was informed that since inception (1st Jan. 2010) there have been 181 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.** 153 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;
- iv.** 13 are now under current active investigation; and
- v.** 1 is being considered.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes which required discussion/action.

7. New Business

a. CCAICACB Annual Senior Leadership and Management Regional Training Programme

The Manager shared an opportunity for ACC Members to participate in the CCAICACB's 2020 Virtual Centre for Excellence Series under the theme of "Towards Accountability and Integrity in the Grenada Public Sector Systems." The programme will be held 27-29 October in the mornings. The Manager will request the Programme Agenda and Members will advise in due course whether they wish to be registered.

8. CFATF Related Updates

Following the presentation detailed at 3.a. above there were no further updates to report by the Chairman.

9. Any Other Business

a. Meeting with Patrick Moran - Director of Public Prosecutions

The Chairman and Manager met with the DPP on 21 September 2020 to discuss ongoing matters as well as moving forward in a productive and efficient manner. The Manager will follow up with the DPP for status updates on matters.

b. Meeting with Gloria McField-Nixon – Chief Officer, Portfolio of the Civil Service

The Chairman and Manager met with CO McField-Nixon on 22 September 2020 to discuss resourcing to further support the ACC. It was agreed that the Manager will document and evidence the necessary additional resourcing needs in order to make a formal request for additional funding.

10. Action Items

a. Members were asked to:

- i. review the relevant documents in 006/2020; and
- ii. consider whether they wish to attend the CCAICACB Virtual Programme once the agenda is received.

b. The Manager will:

- i. request the agenda for the CCAICACB Virtual Programme; and
- ii. follow up with the DPP as outlined in 9.b. above.

11. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

a. Operational Update

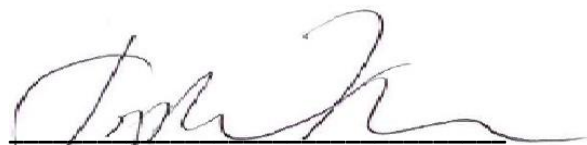
b. Meetings as detailed above and in previous minutes

12. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed for 10 November 2020 at 9:30am.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.



Sophia Harris

CHAIRMAN

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