

MINUTES
2nd MEETING OF 2014
THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION
10 MARCH, 2014
CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: N/A

ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Oliver	Detective Inspector
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SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden	Manager
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1. **Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

2. **Confirmation of previous minutes**

The minutes of the 4th February, 2014 meeting were confirmed.

3. **New Business**

a. 2013-2014 Budget

The Manager and Chairman has progressed the majority of the administrative paperwork, which has included the creation and evaluation of job descriptions, to fill these posts. The process should be completed in the next few weeks.

b. 2014-2015 Budget

The Manager confirmed the Secretariat's 2014-2015 budget is the same as the 2013-2014 budget but she has been able to subsume the cost of the two posts referred to above into the budget, each for the entire budget period. The ACU will not be given additional staff during the 2014-2015 budget period however this remains to be of concern to the ACC and the Manager has agreed to discuss the matter further with senior officials as a part of the 2014-2015 budget process. In addition, the Chairman will again raise the issue with Her Excellency.

c. 2014 UCCI Conference: Towards a Corruption-Free Caribbean: Ethics, Values and Morality

The Manager indicated that the UCCI Plenary Session will now be entitled *Institutions Supporting Democracy in the Quest for a Corruption-Free Cayman Islands*. It will take place on Friday, 21 March, 2014 from 6:10-7:25p. Member Leonard Ebanks has agreed to represent the Anti-Corruption Commission. Other members of the Plenary Session will include Jan Liebaers representing the Office of the Information Commissioner, Wil Pineau representing the Constitutional Commission, Alastair Swarbrick representing the Office of the Auditor General,

Alistair Walters representing the Human Rights Commission, and Bridgette von Gerhardt representing the Office of the Complaints Commissioner. Former Deputy Governor Donnie Ebanks will Chair the Plenary Session.

4. **Operational Update**

The Commission received an update from the Commissioner and D/I Oliver on the 23 ongoing investigations being conducted by the ACC Unit. The purpose of these updates is to provide the members with insight into the types of cases being handled by the ACC Unit and as a result the levels of workload they are experiencing and the resources necessary to handle such workloads. Specific details such as names, locations, dates, etc. are included in a separate schedule due to security issues. Information shared with members is done so to ensure they are able to fully act in their capacity as an oversight body.

The Commission was informed that since inception (1st Jan. 2010) there have been 100 complaints registered by the ACC (18 of which have been received within the current reporting period 1 July, 2013 – 30 June, 2014), of which:

- a. 5 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- b. 62 have been concluded;
- c. 10 have been transferred to other investigative units for action; and
- d. 23 are under current active investigation.

5. **Report by the Auditor General**

The Auditor General provided a briefing of the concerns he is experiencing and investigating which relate to the Anti-Corruption Commission. It is noted that his office works closely with the Anti-Corruption Unit in some instances. Certain issues were identified as requiring further work and actions raised appropriately.

6. **Any Other Business**

Legal Advice

Members discussed, in general terms, the length of time it was taking to receive legal advice from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. It was further discussed what alternatives were available for the Commission in terms of obtaining outside legal advice and/or having a dedicated legal advisor who is able to concentrate fully on ACC matters.

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

- a. 2014 UCCI Conference
- b. 2014/2015 Budget
- c. Legal Advice

8. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 12 May, 2014 at 10am.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

David Baines

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CHAIRMAN
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

