MINUTES 4th MEETING OF 2025 ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION 18 June 2025 COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Jennings Chairman
Kendra Foster Member
Elisabeth Lees Member
Romeo Frederick Member
Laurence Aiolfi Member

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melanie McField Manager

Francis Kearns Deputy Manager

Richard Oliver Senior Investigator ("SIO")
Evette Burnell Administrator/ Analyst

APOLOGIES:

Simon Whicker Member

1. Meeting called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:56 AM and it was confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. Conflicts of Interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to disclose and recuse themselves should any conflict of interest arise in relation to any new matters during the course of the meeting.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

It was noted that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2025 had previously been approved and posted on the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) website.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

a. Secretariat HR Update

The Manager informed Members that a good number of applications were received for the advertised posts of Senior Investigator Officer (Designate), Investigator Level I, and Investigator Level II. Shortlisting for all posts has been completed. The shortlist includes 6 candidates for Senior Investigator Officer (Designate), 8 for Investigator Level I and 3 for Investigator Level II.

Prior to the interviews there will be a written assignment for the Investigator Level I candidates, due by 27 June. The scores from this assignment will be used to determine the final list of interview candidates.

b. Secure Data/Information Transfer Update

All Members have now been issued a device. All members will now need to reset their passwords. Once completed, the iPads will be used for email correspondence.

c. Educational Outreach

An introductory video outlining the Commission's role and functions is currently in development. The audio has been recorded and the visuals are being produced by the Department of Communications. Once completed, this video will be made available on the Commission's website and integrated into the orientation program for new civil servants. It is anticipated that the video will be provided to the Commission for approval at the next meeting.

d. Jakarta Principles / Independence

Members reviewed the document prepared by Members Whicker and Lees on the Cayman Island's adherence to the Jakarta Principles ahead of the meeting. Members agreed elements which fall solely within the remit of the ACC and those that are outside of the ACC's control should be identified before the document is shared with the Governor, the Attorney General (AG) and the Premier.

It was suggested that a cover letter and accompanying table be included to clarify this, distinguishing between matters within the ACC's control—along with the proposed approach—and those outside its control that may require legislative amendments. Member Lees agreed to construct the identifying table and the Chairman will draft the cover letter.

e. Update by the Chairman on issues addressed by him since the last meeting:

The Chairman informed Members that since the last meeting he had sent the letter regarding ACC staffing to the AG. The AG acknowledged receipt but has, to date, not responded substantively. The letter was also copied to the Governor and Deputy Governor.

The Chairman also advised Members of his useful meeting with the Deputy Governor to discuss the relationship between the ACC and the civil servants it deals with directly. The Chairman also used this meeting to discuss the topic of the ACC's independence.

The Chairman and the Senior Investigator are following up with the DPP on outstanding matters and hoping to resolve some longstanding issues.

5. New Business

Members considered a proposal from an accountancy firm to establish a public–private partnership with the ACC, following outreach discussions in March. They agreed that a clear programme of work must be determined before engaging with external partners. It was also noted that any such partnership should not be exclusive and could involve multiple firms, requiring a cautious approach. While the ACC is not in a position to make a decision at this stage, members expressed openness to further discussions in the future.

6. C-FATF Related Updates

The Chairman will continue to attend meetings as they prepare for the next round of assessments.

In a recent IACC meeting the issue of cross-border money laundering was discussed.

7. Operational Update

a. Outstanding Matters

i. ACC/COMP/2023/05

This is still with RCIPS. The Chairman is intending to follow-up with them and therefore this remains outstanding.

ii. ACC/COMP/2024/04

This will be taken forward as a new investigation.

b. New Complaints

None

c. SIO Report

The SIO updated Members regarding ongoing investigations.

d. Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints Statistics

The ACC reported that, since its inception on 1 January 2010, the following statistics have been recorded:

- 163 investigations registered
- 0 investigations pending
- 141 investigations concluded
- 10 investigations transferred to other investigative units
- 12 active investigations

The spreadsheet, which provides details of the complaints and investigations, will continue to be updated on a monthly basis.

8. Any Other Business

None

9. Action Items

- **a.** Management to continue to finalise the recruitment process for the various investigative roles and provide an update in the next meeting, as noted in item 4.a above (Management).
- **b.** Member Lees is to draft a table to be included with the Jakarta Principles documentation and the Chairman is to draft the cover letter, as noted in item 4.d above (Members/Chairman).
- c. The Chairman is to follow up with RCIPS re ACC/COMP/2023/05, as noted in item 7.a.i above.

10. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Updates on the action items above
- b. Secretariat HR Update
- c. Secure Data/Information Transfer Update
- d. Educational Outreach
- e. C-FATF Related Updates
- f. Jakarta Principles / Independence
- g. ACC/COMP/2023/05

11. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting date will be decided by round robin.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

CHARLES JENNINGS

CHAIRMAN

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