

MINUTES
1st MEETING OF 2026
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION
21 January 2026
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elisabeth Lees	Member (Acting Chair)
Romeo Frederick	Member
Laurence Aiolfi	Member
Simon Whicker	Member
Kendra Foster	Member

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melanie McField	Manager
Richard Oliver	Senior Investigator (“SIO”)
Evette Burnell	Administrator/ Analyst
Frank Morris	Investigator 1 (in part)
Gustavo Rodriguez	Investigator 1 (in part)

APOLOGIES:

Dara Flowers Burke	Member
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1. Meeting called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10.33 am.

In the absence of a formally appointed Chair, Members agreed to proceed with the meeting, with Member Lees acting as Chair for the session.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2025 were approved and will be published on the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) website.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

a. Secretariat HR Update

The Manager advised Members that the Secretariat has re-advertised the positions of Senior Investigation Officer (SIO) and Investigator Level II. Interviews for both roles have been scheduled.

The current SIO contract is due to expire in April. If a replacement has not been appointed by that time, it was proposed that the two Investigator Level I officers temporarily assume the role. They will shadow the current SIO to ensure continuity and gain the necessary operational knowledge.

Members met Frank Morris and Gustavo Rodriguez, Investigator Level I officers, and were provided with background information on their experience. The option of engaging an interim SIO consultant was also discussed should a permanent appointment not be finalised in time.

b. Secure Data/Information Transfer Update

Members returned their iPads and will revert to usual correspondence methods, using paper folders only for sensitive information. Since iPads were introduced for Members' communication, consistent system access has not been achievable due to password and login issues requiring lengthy CSD support, rendering them unfeasible.

c. Educational Outreach

There were no updates at this time.

d. Jakarta Principles / Independence

Members noted that the paper prepared by Members Whicker and Lees regarding the Cayman Islands' adherence to the Jakarta Principles was sent to the Governor on 11 July 2025, with copies provided to the Attorney General and the Premier.

The Secretariat has reached out to the Governor's Office for feedback to the document and is awaiting a formal response.

5. New Business

None

6. C-FATF Related Updates

Acting Chair Lees led a discussion on the issue of the ACC Chair's participation in Anti-Money Laundering Steering Group (AMLSG) meetings and potential conflicts.

Members agreed that a possible solution would be a legislative amendment requiring the ACC Chair to attend AMLSG meetings only when necessary and where the ACC is directly affected, to avoid any potential conflict. Member Lees will draft a formal letter to the Attorney General outlining this proposal.

The SIO advised that:

- Investigator Rodriguez has participated in an Anti-Money Laundering working group and has been introduced to the IACCC; and
- Investigator Morris has been working with an Anti-Terrorist Financing group and has been introduced to the Financial Crime Unit.

Members were informed that a three-day conference, scheduled for 17–20 February, is planned to help address Cayman Islands vulnerabilities identified through a national risk assessment. Outcomes will inform the jurisdiction's response for the next evaluation cycle in 2027.

7. Operational Update

a. Outstanding Matters

i. ACC/COMP/2025/04

Members discussed this complaint and determined that further enquiries are required.

ii. ACC/COMP/2025/06

Members considered the Auditor General's review and noted that the Commission for Standards in Public Life (CSPL) is also reviewing the matter. The ACC determined that CSPL is the most appropriate body to conduct the review, and the complaint will therefore be closed.

iii. ACC/COMP/2025/07

The SIO will follow up with the Complainant in one month if no response is received.

ACC/COMP/2025/10

Consideration of the complaint was deferred pending the outcome of a partner agency's review.

b. New Complaints

i. ACC/COMP/2026/01

Members resolved that the complaint be progressed to a formal investigation.

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:

- 164 investigations registered
- 0 investigations pending
- 141 investigations concluded
- 10 investigations transferred to other investigative units
- 13 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

Members noted that the appointment terms of Member Whicker and Member Aiolfi are due to expire later this year. Member Whicker's term expires on 30 June 2026 and Member Aiolfi's term expires on 14 August 2026. Forward planning will be required to facilitate the appointment of new Members.

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.** The Secretariat is to follow up on the Jakarta Principles documentation sent to the Governor, as noted in item 4.d above (Secretariat).
- c.** Member Lees to draft a letter to the Attorney General proposing a legislative amendment regarding ACC Chair attendance at AMLSG meetings, as noted in item 6 above (Member Lees).
- d.** The Secretariat will draft relevant closure letter, as noted in item 7.a.ii above (Secretariat).

10. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Updates on the action items above
- b. Secretariat HR Update
- c. Educational Outreach
- d. C-FATF Related Updates
- e. Jakarta Principles / Independence
- f. ACC/COMP/2025/04
- g. ACC/COMP/2025/07
- h. ACC/COMP/2025/10

11. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting date will be 25 March 2026.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM.



Elisabeth Lees
Acting Chairman
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION