

**1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF 2012  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
1 FEBRUARY, 2012  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
CORPORATE CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Richard Coles Chairman  
Cathy Frazier Member  
Rev. Nicholas Sykes Member  
Alistair Walters Member

**APOLOGIES:** Sara Collins Member

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deborah Bodden Manager, Commissions Secretariat  
Michael Ebanks Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m.

**2. Confirmation of previous minutes**

The minutes of 7 December, 2011 are to be confirmed via round robin as one member indicated she had not received them. It was noted that the Commission did not hold a formal meeting in January however members worked in small teams on a number of issues which were discussed at today's meeting.

**4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**a. Confirmation of 2011 Draft Annual Report**

The 2011 Annual Report was reviewed, finalised, and approved by all HRC members. The Secretariat will now forward the report to the Honourable Deputy Governor (copied to His Excellency the Governor and the Honourable Premier) to be laid in the House.

**b. Update on National Gallery Project**

Various local artists have expressed interest in partnering with the HRC through the National Gallery in an effort to develop a commemorative illustration book on the Cayman Islands Bill of Rights. Artists will use their preferred medium of choice to illustrate the twenty 'major' rights contained in part 1 of the Constitution. The final product will not be sold; rather, books will be given to primary aged school children, the various libraries and schools throughout the islands. Additional copies will be given to Government representatives, dignitaries, and during special events. HRC member Alistair Walters will write the book's narrative.

**c. Freedom of Expression versus Parliamentary Privilege**

The HRC continues to consider this issue.

## **5. New Business**

### **a. Qualifications/Requirements for Mediators**

The HRC subcommittee developed a draft guideline of criteria regarding the qualifications required of mediators wishing to contribute to the mediation forum to be offered by the Commission. All members are now asked to provide input into the draft document so it may be finalised.

### **b. ICTA**

The HRC continues to consider this issue.

### **c. Cuban Migrants Policy**

The HRC subcommittee has asked the Secretariat to contact the Department of Immigration in hopes of scheduling a meeting with the Chief Immigration Officer to explore and discuss the legal and moral challenges facing the Department of Immigration in relation to the policy, international protocol, Cayman-Cuba MOU and other relevant aspects.

### **d. CI Laws Compliance with BoRFR**

The HRC continues to consider this matter.

## **6. Human Rights Complaints**

The Commission did not receive any new complaints following the last meeting of the HRC.

## **7. Strategic Implementation Group Update**

The Commission's Secretariat's Manager informed the HRC that the Strategic Implementation group continues to provide sensitisation courses to all public officers. This month the group is travelling to the Sister Islands to sensitise public officials who live and work there. Additional sessions in the evenings and on Saturdays are also being arranged to accommodate staff such as teachers and volunteer police officers (Special Constables). The courses continue to receive positive feedback from participants. The Commission remains supportive of this initiative by the Cayman Islands Government and notes its encouragement for all public officers to be mindful of their duty to act in accordance with the Bill of Rights following implementation in November 2012.

## **8. Any Other Business**

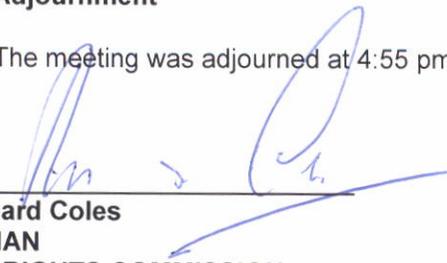
HRC member Nicholas Sykes informed the Commission that that the matter of the Mahogany estates application that was declined by the CPA on the 6th February 2011 is being again raised by the applicant by means of an appeal at a hearing of the Planning Appeals Tribunal set for 13th February 2012.

## **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7 March, 2012 @ 3:30pm in the Government Administration Building.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.



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**Mr. Richard Coles  
CHAIRMAN  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**