

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
9 JULY 2015
COMMISSION'S SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE ROOM
ARTEMIS HOUSE

PRESENT: Ben Tonner Acting Chairman
Chelsea Frazier-Rivers Member
Lisa-Ann Hurlston-McKenzie Member

APOLOGIES: James Austin-Smith Chairman
Reverend Donovan Myers Member

COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:
Deborah Bodden Manager

1. **Meeting called to order**
The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.
2. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**
The 11 June 2015 minutes were approved.
3. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
 - a. **Matters arising from the meeting with HM Prisons Inspectorate Team**
The Commission has received responses in relation to the possible signing on to OPCAT and the occupancy of the new police cells, however the matters have still not been conclusively addressed. The Commission will follow-up requesting a time line of when decisions will be made by the public authorities in these matters.
 - b. **Non-Profit Organisation Bill (2015)**
The Commission remains in the review stage of this matter.
 - c. **Meeting with Representative of the UNHCR**
The Commission has received a response to the request for information regarding the processing of migrants to ensure the CIG deters and prevents human trafficking however this matter has still not been conclusively addressed. The Commission will follow-up requesting a time line of when decisions will be made by the public authorities in these matters.
 - d. **Report Re: Sexual Abuse**
The Commission approved a statement on its concerns related to the Report conducted by the Pan American Health Organisation and released by the Ministry of Health.
 - e. **Report on Mental Health Inadequacies**
The Commission approved a statement on its concerns related to the WHO-AIMS Report on the Mental Health System in the Cayman Islands. The Commission also agreed the correspondence sent to the Chief Officer of the Ministry of Health regarding

the Mental Health Commission's desire to collaborate with the Commission for the purposes of training.

f. Issues at Lighthouse School

The Commission reached out to the parent whose name was referred to in the newspaper to determine whether he, or other parents, would wish to speak to the Commission about the concerns at the Lighthouse School which had been raised. The Commission will follow-up in this matter.

g. Blue Spot Handicapped Spots

The Commission approved correspondence to the Acting Commissioner of Police enquiring what is being done to educate Officers about not parking in handicapped spaces.

h. Education Bill 2015

The Commission remains in the review stage of this matter.

i. Conditional Release Law

The Commission approved correspondence to the Director of the Department of Community Rehabilitation requesting an update on the regulations and a breakdown of the costs associated with implementing the legislation so that it can properly consider this matter.

4. Human Rights Complaints

a. Update on Human Rights Complaint 014/2013

Members were updated on this complaint. No further action by the Commission is necessary at this time as the public authority is working with the complainant to resolve the matter.

b. Update on Human Rights Complaint 019/2013

Members were updated on this complaint. No further action by the Commission is necessary at this time as the public authority is working with the complainant to resolve the matter.

c. Update on Human Rights Complaint 006/2014

Members were updated on this complaint. The Commission has recently followed up with the relevant public authority requested an update on this matter.

d. Update on Human Rights Complaint 014/2014

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e. Update on Human Rights Complaint 002/2015

Whilst the Commission has received a response from the public authority the response fails to answer the questions posed by the Commission and as such the Commission will again attempt to request answers/information prior to making a final decision on the complaint.