

**1st MEETING OF 2011
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES
5 JANUARY, 2011
CONFERENCE ROOM
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

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

APPOLOGIES: 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 3:30 p.m.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of 8 December 2010 were confirmed.

3. Discussion of CEDAW with Guest Julene Banks

Julene Banks attended the HRC meeting and presented an overview of the CEDAW conference in which she attended in Anguilla on behalf of the Human Rights Commission. The HRC was informed that the presentation conducted at the conference was well received by those in attendance. It was conveyed to the HRC that education and awareness of CEDAW remains a priority with regard to openly discussing the implications of the convention and its potential impacts on the Cayman Islands should the government choose to ratify the convention. Ms. Banks expressed that feedback from a wide cross-section of the public will be an essential component resulting from a public awareness campaign.

The HRC will undertake to confirm the position of the Government as it relates to the ratification of the convention.

4. Outstanding Business

a. Annual Report

HRC members have reviewed the annual report. The necessary changes will be made and the final copy will be presented to the Deputy Governor for him to lay the report as required in the Legislative Assembly.

5. New Business

a. Request for Guest Speaker – International Ladies Club

At the request of the International Ladies Club, a member of the HRC will conduct a presentation to the club in relation to the Bill of Rights on 3 February 2011.

5. Human Rights Complaints

a. Update on Human Rights Complaint 015/2010

Members were updated on this case and continue to wait for a response from the respondent.

b. Human Rights Complaint 026/2010

The Commission reviewed this case and correspondence will be sent from the HRC to the respective complainant in accordance with HRC procedures.

6. Any Other Business

a. The HRC was informed by a member as to the development of a panel of qualified persons in relation to mediation and arbitration within Cayman.


b. The HRC thanked Analyst Michael Ebanks for his efforts in organizing International Human Rights Day Music and Arts event held on 10 December 2010 and will endeavour to publicly thank the private participants in another venue.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 February, 2011 @ 3:30pm in the Commissions Secretariat Boardroom.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.



Mr. Richard Coles
CHAIRMAN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION