

**6th MEETING OF 2011
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES
7 JUNE, 2011
CONFERENCE ROOM
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

PRESENT:	Richard Coles	Chairman
	Rev. Nicholas Sykes	Member
	Alistair Walters	Member
	Sara Collins	Member
	Cathy Frazier	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 3:35 p.m.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of 11 May, 2011 were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

a. CEDAW

Members were informed through a letter written to the HRC by the Governor that Cabinet has approved the Gender Equality Bill, 2011 at its meeting on 10 May, 2011. The Bill will now be brought to the Legislative Assembly for acceptance. The Governor's letter also confirmed that the Cayman Islands Government intends to sign on to CEDAW however the HRC is unaware of the timeframe in which the Government intends to complete this exercise. The Secretariat has contacted the CBA to enquire as to whether they will be assisting with this project as there is now a timeframe on completion.

4. New Business

a. Civil Servants' Guidance for Petition Signing

The Deputy Governor has asked the HRC to review the Draft Guidance on Public Servants Signing Petitions prepared to be submitted to Cabinet. The Deputy Governor has asked specifically whether the Commission feels the provisions of Part I of the Constitution are adequately catered to.

5. Human Rights Complaints

a. Update on Human Rights Complaint 003/2011

Members were updated on this case following further correspondence received in relation to the complaint. A letter explanatory of HRC procedures will be sent to the complainant. A letter will be sent to His Excellency the Governor.

b. FOI Request re: Human Rights Complaint 003/2011

The HRC was updated on this request for information.

c. HRC Complaint 007/2011

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

d. HRC Complaint 008/2011

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

e. HRC Complaint 009/2011

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

6. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

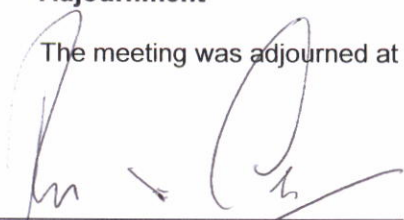
- a. Cuban Migration
- b. Freedom of Expression vs. Parliamentary Privilege
- c. Professor Jowell's visit to Cayman and meeting with the HRC

7. Next Meeting

Due to member's schedules the meetings for the month of July and August will be combined and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27 July, 2011 @ 3:30pm in the Commissions Secretariat Boardroom.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.



Mr. Richard Coles
CHAIRMAN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION