

**8<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF 2012  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
7 NOVEMBER, 2012  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

**PRESENT:** Richard Coles Chairman  
Rev. Nicholas Sykes Member  
Cathy Frasier 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 3:35p.m.

**2. Confirmation of previous minutes**

The approval of the minutes of 10 October 2012 was deferred.

**3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**a. Implementation Day Debrief**

Members all agreed that the events of Implementation Day were a success especially the book launch. All books will be distributed to Years 1-6 across the public and private schools prior to the end of this term. The GIS Spotlight Segment is currently being prepared and will air in the next few weeks. The Chairman wished to re-iterate the Commissions thanks to the artists:

Shane Aquart	Alta Bodden-Solomon	John Broad
Gladwyn K. Bush (Miss Lassie)		Randy Chollette
Natasha Kozaily	Charles Long	Nickola McCoy-Snell
Ed Oliver	M. H. Rasitha Sanjeewa	Stephanie Scott
Joanne Sibley	Gordon J. Solomon	Nasaria Suckoo Chollette
Monte Lee Thornton	Avril Ward	
C. E. Whitney	Sue Widmer	

as well as these budding young artists:

Alexander Bodden	Matthew Bodden	Tom Byrne	Anthony Catalanotto
RaMiyah Ebanks	Lily Foster	Jayna Gilman	Erica Powell
Nina Richards	Noah Whittaker		

and the following organisations and individuals:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office	Government Information Services
National Gallery of the Cayman Islands	Cayman Islands National Museum
NGCI Summer Art Club Programme	Cayman Islands National Archives
Cayman National Cultural Foundation	Barbara Oliver
Pete Widmer and Samantha Widmer	Patrick Broderick

Special thanks also to the Alistair Walters and the members of the Commissions Secretariat.

**b. Draft Data Protection Bill**

The HRC submitted their comments on the Bill. Once the Working Group has had an opportunity to review the comments, this correspondence will be placed on the Commission's website.

**c. International Human Rights Day**

Members agreed to engage the public at various locations to distribute Constitutions and HRC pamphlets. They will forward their times and locations to the Secretariat to arrange for photos to be taken. Members also agreed to attend the Talk Today Show on 10 December, 2012.

**d. Volunteers Mediators**

Correspondence was sent to the Chairman of the Cayman Islands Association and Mediators Association in regards to the Commission's desire to select a panel of Mediators who could assist the Commission when the parties wish to resolve a complaint by mediation. The Commission will also publish this request for assistance on the website and will discuss it during media appearances.

**4. New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

**5. Human Rights Complaints**

**a. Update on Human Rights Complaint 004/2012**

The HRC continues to await for information in order to progress the matter forward.

**b. Human Rights Complaint 006/2012**

The HRC continues to await for information in order to progress the matter forward.

**c. Human Rights Complaint 010/2012**

The Commission discussed the details of this case. Correspondence will be sent to the complainant accordingly.

**d. Human Rights Complaint 011/2012**

The Commission discussed the details of this case. Correspondence will be sent to the complainant accordingly.

**6. Constitutional Implementation Advisory Group Update**

The CIAG has now sensitised approximately fifty-two hundred public officials and the sessions have now concluded. The Group will continue sessions as needed for new employees. Specialist training for public officials who have powers of arrest continue.

**7. Any Other Business**

**a. Health Insurance**

Members of the Commission have not been afforded the opportunity to receive a copy, and therefore review the Bill currently being debated on this topic. The Secretariat will obtain a copy for the said purpose.

**b. Limitations on Receiving Human Rights Complaints**

Members considered the time frame in which a complaint must be lodged with the Commission after the incident occurs. Member Alistair Walters indicated he would research the matter.

**c. Meetings Re Migrant Policies**

Due to circumstances beyond the Commissions control some of the meetings scheduled with Government Officials to discuss the Migrant Policies will have to be rescheduled.

**d. Delay in Receiving Responses From Public Officials**

The Commission has received correspondence from the Deputy Governor indicating that he is looking in to this matter.

**8. Action Items**

Members will:

- a. forward the location and times to the Secretariat that they will hand out information for IHRD; and
- b. research the issue of time limitations on accepting complaints (Alistair Walters);

The Secretariat will:

- a. arrange a schedule to ensure all books are distributed by the end of the term;
- b. obtain a copy of the Health Insurance Bill currently being debated;
- c. reschedule the meetings on 26 October with members of the Government; and
- d. draft correspondence and follow up on all outstanding HRC complaints.

**9. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting**


- a. Migrants Policy
- b. International Human Rights Day
- c. Failure by Public Officers to Respond to Requests
- d. Volunteer Mediators
- e. Health Insurance
- f. Outstanding Human Rights Complaints

**10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 3 December, 2012 @ 3:30pm.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.



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