# HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING (EXTRAORDINARY) OF 2022 MINUTES 25 NOVEMBER 2022 VIA ZOOM

#### **PRESENT:**

Deborah Barker Roye Interim Chairman (Via Zoom)

Nick Quin Member (Via Zoom)
Jennifer Hunter Member (Via Zoom)

Ben Tonner Member

#### SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marilyn Conolly Manager

Jackelin Connolly Administrative Officer

#### 1. Meeting called to order

The meeting commenced at 10:05 am. It is noted that Member Cathy Gomez was asked to be recused from this meeting as she has a conflict with the matters listed in the agenda.

#### 2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2022 were approved subject to minor changes.

# 3. Human Rights Complaints and Enquiries

## OLD:

#### a. Update on Human Rights Complaint 006/2022

On the review of this complaint, Members agreed that no further action is required given that it appears the complainant is adequately represented by legal counsel and the matter is progressing through the Court with seemingly appropriate Orders being issued and adhered to by parties. The Commission will write to the complainant to advise that the file is now closed.

# b. Human Rights Complaint 009/2022

The Commission reviewed this matter and noted that the complainant is legally represented and agreed to ask the complainant if the HRC can liaise with their attorney for additional information on their case. The Secretariat will contact the complainant to request permission to reach out to their legal representative.

# New

# c. Human Rights Complaint 017/2022

Members reviewed this matter and noted that the complainant in this matter is the same complainant in HRC-COMP-009-2022 and it contains information relevant to that matter. The matters will be considered together as this complaint also requires the Secretariat to ascertain additional information.

# d. Human Rights Complaint 018/2022

Members were briefed on this matter which was received on 26 July 2022. The complainant was advised, on 26 July 2022, that in order to consider this matter a complaint, a consent to release information form will need to be submitted, however, no such information has been received. Members agreed the file could now be closed given that the initial submission was of a matter that was not one in which the Commission had constitutional powers to consider and no further information was provided.

## e. Human Rights Complaint 019/2022

Members considered this complaint and it was agreed that whilst some preliminary information had been received from the complainant, additional and more detailed information is required from the Legal Aid Department. The Secretariat will attempt to ascertain the additional information as requested.

#### f. Human Rights Complaint 021/2022

Members reviewed this complaint and agreed that additional information is required. The Secretariat will prepare correspondence to complainant requesting additional information.

# g. Human Rights Complaint 022/2022

Members reviewed on this item and noted that the complainant is legally represented. Members agreed to ask the complainant if the HRC can liaise with their attorney for additional information on their case. The Secretariat will contact the complainant to request permission to reach out to their legal representative.

#### 4. New Business

# 5. Any other Business

- a. Member Ben Tonner shared with the Commission the Archbold Review article "Hate Crime Laws in Review: The Law Commission's Final Report" by Olivia English and Abhaya Ganashree. Given the recent collaboration with the Law Reform Commission regarding Hate Crime Speech, Members will to review the article and share any feedback at the next meeting. The Secretariat will circulate the article for members' review and feedback.
- b. The Interim Chair shared that she recently met with the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee members at Cayman International School (CIS). The HRC considered it beneficial to work together and engage in developing projects for 2023. The Commission agreed it would be helpful to invite the CIS Committee to the next HRC meeting to learn more about its mission. The Secretariat will invite the CIS Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee to attend the next HRC meeting.

#### 6. Action Items

It was resolved The Secretariat would:

- a. Circulate the Archbold Review article as detailed in item 5.a. above;
- **b.** Extend an invitation to the CIS Committee as stated in item 5.b. above; and

**c.** Draft correspondence for all complaint matters as detailed in items 3.a., 3.b., 3.c., 3.d., 3.e., 3.f., and 3.g. above.

# 7. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Migrants
- b. Query re WORC Internal Process
- c. HRC Complaints and Enquiries (including updates and
- d. Awareness and Events Calendar
- e. CIS Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- f. Prison Tours

# 8. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on 26 January 2022.

# 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58am.

Deborah Barker Roye INTERIM CHAIRPERSON

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