

**2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF 2013  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
6 FEBRUARY, 2013  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

**PRESENT:** Richard Coles Chairman  
Sara Collins Member  
Bishop Nicholas Sykes Member  
Alistair Walters Member

**APOLOGIES:** N/A

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deborah Bodden Manager, Commissions Secretariat  
Michael Ebanks Analyst, Commissions Secretariat  
Josephine Hislop Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:55p.m.

**2. Confirmation of previous minutes**

The minutes of 9 January, 2013 were approved.

**3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**a. Meetings on Migrant Policies**

The meetings with the various Departments regarding the policies related to migrants have now been concluded. The Sub-Committee felt they were very well received and assisted in their information seeking. The Sub-Committee will now provide the Secretariat with direction in order to prepare a report with their findings to the Commission.

**b. The Adoption of Children's Bill, 2012**

The Commission discussed the contents of the draft bill and a response to the draft legislation will be prepared accordingly.

**4. New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

**5. Human Rights Complaints**

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

The Commission was updated on this complaint and correspondence will be drafted accordingly.

**b. Human Rights Complaint 007/2012**

Although this file was previously closed, new correspondence from the complainant was discussed.

**c. Update on Human Rights Complaint 011/2012**

The Commission was updated on this matter and the file now closed.

**d. Update on Human Rights Complaints 014/2012 and 018/2012**

The Commission was updated on these complaints and the Secretariat will research the matter as directed.

**e. Update on Enquiry of Human Rights**

The Commission was updated regarding this enquiry and the matter has now been closed.

**6. Any Other Business**

**Media Enquiries**

A representative from Cayman 27 requested interviews with the Commission regarding 1. the recently released report on the prisons and 2. the use of tasers by the RCIPS. The Secretariat released a short statement on the prison report on behalf of the Chairman and indicated that the Commission was unable to comment on the use of tasers until such time as the policy had been reviewed.

**7. Meeting with the Caymanian Bar Association (Student Chapter)**

The Commission met with representatives of the CBA (Student Chapter) to discuss its interest in working on a human rights related project. After discussions the representatives indicated they will decide on a topic in May and complete the project by September 2013.

**8. Action Items**

The Secretariat will:

- a. draft a report on the migrant policies;
- b. forward the response to The Adoption of Children's Bill, 2012;
- c. draft correspondence to Legal Draftsman on human rights impact assessments;
- d. draft report of subcommittee on immigration policy; and
- e. draft correspondence and conduct research regarding relevant complaints.

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

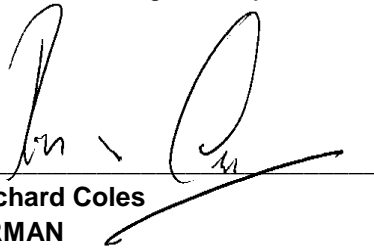
- a. Report on Migrant Policies
- b. Human Rights Complaints

**10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 4 March, 2013 @ 3:30pm.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.



Mr. Richard Coles  
CHAIRMAN  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION