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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (“HRC”)<br/>6<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF 2024<br/>MINUTES<br/>12 September 2024<br/>CONFERENCE ROOM<br/>HRC SECRETARIAT OFFICES</b></p> |
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**PRESENT:**

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| Benjamin Tonner KC | Chairperson |
| Nicholas Quin      | Member      |
| Alecia Johns       | Member      |

**APOLOGIES:**

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| Jennifer Hunter | Member |
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**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Melanie McField | Manager               |
| Francis Kearns  | Deputy Manager        |
| Evette Burnell  | Administrator/Analyst |

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting commenced at 4:15 pm.

**2. Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2024 were previously approved by round-robin and published on the HRC website.

**3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

**a. Education Initiatives**

**i. Social Media Campaign**

The latest batch of social media posts was approved by Members.

Due to time constraints, items 3.a.ii. to 3.i. from the agenda were deferred to the next meeting.

**4. Human Rights Complaints and Enquiries**

**OLD:**

**a. Update on Human Rights Enquiry 002/2019**

The HRC was updated on this matter. Assistance is being provided to the complainant by the relevant public authority. No further action is required at this time.

- b. Update on Human Rights Complaint 001/2023**  
Members reviewed section 81 (3) of the Police Act and determined that the guidance relevant to this complaint should be published in the Gazette. Correspondence will be sent to verify if the guidance has been published.
- c. Human Rights Complaint 002/2024**  
Members were updated that the appeal was scheduled for 18 July this year, however, no judgement has yet been published. The Secretariat will follow up on the outcome of the appeal. Members asked for the most recent Habeas Corpus judgement to be circulated.
- d. Human Rights Complaint 008/2024**  
The Secretariat has been unable to contact the Complainant on the cell number provided. Another attempt will be made to the Complainant's spouses' number.
- e. Human Rights Complaint 010/2024**  
Members Tonner and Quin are conflicted on this case and therefore there was no quorum. A holding response will be sent to the Complainant.
- f. Human Rights Complaint 011/2024**  
The Secretariat contacted the Complainant and requested a copy of the Order. No response has been received to date. A 30-day notice letter will be sent.
- g. Human Rights Complaint 013/2024**  
The Secretariat contacted the Complainant and requested a copy of the Order. No response has been received to date. A 30-day notice letter will be sent.
- h. Human Rights Complaint 014/2024**  
The Secretariat wrote to the Complainant requesting an update which has not yet been received. A 30-day notice letter will be sent.
- i. Human Rights Complaint 015/2024**  
Member Johns is conflicted on this case and therefore there was no quorum. A holding response will be sent to the Complainant.
- NEW:**
- j. Human Rights Complaint 016/2024**  
The Chairman was conflicted on this complaint and therefore there was not a quorum. The complaint will be deferred to the next meeting.
- k. Human Rights Complaint 017/2024**  
The Secretariat is to send a closure letter to the Complainant due to this not being a matter for the HRC.
- l. Human Rights Complaint 018/2024**  
The Secretariat is to contact the relevant government agency to determine the policy related to this issue.

**m. Human Rights Complaint 020/2024**

The Members were content with the response from the local authority in regards to the complaint and a closure letter will be sent to the Complainant.

**n. Human Rights Complaint 021/2024**

The Members agreed that a closure letter should be sent. This complaint is outside the remit of the HRC and the Complainant should be advised to provide any further evidence to the relevant local authority.

**o. Human Rights Complaint 022/2024**

The Members agreed that a closure letter should be sent. This complaint is outside the remit of the HRC and the Complainant should be encouraged to go through the proper channels.

**p. Human Rights Complaint 023/2024**

The Members agreed that a closure letter should be sent. The Complainant's cell is now disconnected and he is believed to have left the Cayman Islands.

**q. Human Rights Complaint 024/2024**

The Members agreed that a closure letter should be sent. This complaint is outside the remit of the HRC and the Complainant has been provided with guidance from the public authority concerned on how to attain his request.

**Human Rights Complaint 025/2024**

r. The Members agreed that a closure letter should be sent. This complaint is outside the remit of the HRC and the Complainant should be advised to request legal aid to pursue their complaint if needed.

**s. Human Rights Complaint 026/2024**

The report received from the public authority in question outlined the situation in detail. The Members agreed that a closure letter should be sent.

**5. New Business**

None

**6. AOB**

Management suggested that they request Mr. Vaughan Carter to attend the next meeting in regards to an opinion he is providing on a complaint.

**7. Action Items**

**It was resolved the Secretariat would:**

- a. Contact Mr. Vaughan Carter in regards to attending the next HRC meeting.
- b. Draft correspondence for all complaints and enquiries as detailed above.

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

- a. PR & Education Initiatives

- i. Social Media Campaign
- ii. Bill of Rights Training
- b. Migrants
- c. Query re WORC Internal Process Update
- d. Prisons Updates
- e. HRC Annual Report
- f. NAU Policies
- g. Child Safeguarding
- h. Legislative Amends
- i. HRC-COMP-015-2023 is to be added back onto the agenda for review.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled via round-robin.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5.05pm.



**Benjamin Tonner KC  
CHAIRMAN  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**