

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (“HRC”)  
 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF 2025  
 MINUTES  
 11 December 2025  
 CONFERENCE ROOM  
 HRC SECRETARIAT OFFICES**

**PRESENT:**

Benjamin Tonner KC	Chairperson
Alecia Johns	Member
Mike Gibbs	Member

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Evette Burnell	Administrator/Analyst
Melanie Mcfield	Manager

**APOLOGIES:**

Nicholas Dixey	Member
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**Minutes of the Meeting**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting commenced at 3:35 p.m.

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2025 were approved.

**3. Matters Arising**

**a. Education Initiatives**

- i. *Social Media Campaign* – The Administrator/Analyst reported that social media engagement had increased following the latest boosted posts. A post had gone live yesterday for Human Rights Day, which had engagements and several comments. In addition, the school visit to Marie Martin Primary was posted on social media. The January draft posts were also approved. The Secretariat established that the HRC already has a Linked-In page and this will be utilized for future posts also.
- ii. *Bill of Rights Training* – The Secretariat reported that the course and assessment questions are complete and going through final verification. Follow up with Vaughan.
- iii. *School Visits* – Chairman Tonner and Member Dixey presented on human rights at Marie Martin Primary School on Human Rights Day. The CIG Communications department were present to cover the event. Chairman Tonner said that they enjoyed presenting to the students and students were engaged and enthusiastic. The Secretariat will examine opportunities to schedule further school visits in the new year, prioritising schools that have not yet received an HRC presentation.

**b. Migrants**

- Following CILAC’s proposal outlining its service offerings to support migrants, a joint meeting was scheduled with CILAC and CILPA to discuss next steps. They will meet again in the new year to

discuss minimum standards and a possible MOU with CBC.

- CBC and the Ministry were contacted regarding the next quarterly meeting. The Ministry reverted stating that they are available 15 January for a call. The CBC response is yet to be received.

**c. Prison Updates**

No update

**e. Mental Health**

Meeting date with CO Ebanks still to be confirmed.

**f. Beneficial Ownership Register**

Members were informed that an article was published regarding the Joint Ministerial Council meetings in the UK and BOR in overseas territories (Including the Cayman Islands) was addressed.

Members will monitor the situation and any developments.

**g. Immigration (Transition) Amendment and Validation Bill 2025**

No update

**Human Rights Complaints and Enquiries**

**OLD:**

- **HRC-COMP-002/2025:** Appeal ongoing; Secretariat monitoring. A supplementary complaint regarding judgment delays has been filed.
- **HRC-COMP-006/2025:** Supplementary complaint linked to COMP-002/2024. The Complainant went to the media alleging he had no response from HRC. The HRC stated that all his letters had been answered and they are awaiting this court sitting's outcome to confirm if his judgment has been entered.
- **HRC-ENQ-001/2025:** The Secretariat followed up with the complainant, who has now applied for an Employment Services Officer. There has been no response as yet.
- **HRC-COMP-007/2025:** Complainant seeks assistance regarding denial of a dependent on her RERC. She has applied for a Cabinet fee waiver to appeal the decision and still awaits a decision.
- **HRC-COMP-011/2025:** The complaint will be closed. The Complainant has now been granted asylum and has his living expenses covered for the first 90 days.
- **HRC-COMP-013/2025:** Complaint regarding delays in Naturalisation processing exceeding one year. The Secretariat requested an update from the relevant office. The Complainant provided an email, which advised him that his application has been deferred until August 2026 under the British Nationality Act. The Complainant will be issued a closure letter.

**NEW:**

- **HRC-COMP-014/2025:** Complaint from asylum grantee about his right to free movement and family life, due to his inability to travel as he has no travel documents. The Secretariat will reach out to the relevant department to establish how he can obtain interim travel documents, while his naturalization is processed.

**New Business**

None.

**Any Other Business**

None

**7. Action Items**

**It was resolved the Secretariat would:**

- a. Publish approved social media posts for January (3.a.i).

- b. Progress the BOR training and provide updates at the next meeting (3.a.ii).
- c. Look into possibilities for presentations with schools HRC hasn't visited yet for the new year. (3.a.iii).
- d. Follow up with CILPA and CILAC regarding migrant support initiatives in the new year (3.b).
- e. Schedule the next quarterly meeting with CBC for January 2026 (3.b).
- f. Arrange a meeting with the Ministry of District Administration & Home Affairs to discuss prison mental health concerns (3.c).
- g. Draft correspondence for all complaints and enquiries discussed (4).

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

- a. PR & Education Initiatives
  - i. Social Media Campaign
  - ii. Bill of Rights Training
  - iii. School Visits
- b. Migrants
- c. Prisons Updates
- d. HRC Annual Report
- e. Mental Health
- f. Beneficial Ownership Register
- g. Immigration Transition Act

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 22 January 2026.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.



**Benjamin Tonner KC  
CHAIRPERSON**