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Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Sen. Rory Respicio at 3:10pm

Roll call revealed there was a quorum. In attendance were members Vice Chairman Respicio, Speaker Judy WonPat, Senator Tony Ada, Mayor Ben Gumataotao, Youth Congress Speaker Leonardo Orsini, at large members Lisa Natividad and Lisa Baza, Task force Chairman for Independence, Mike Bevacqua, Task force Chairman for Free Association, Jose Garrido, Task force Chairman for Statehood, Eddie Duenas.

The minutes of the April 2, 2015 meeting were approved subject to correction and the Vice Chairman Respicio added a new category to the agenda called on-going business under the responsibility of the Executive Director.

The Commission spent the majority of the meeting discussing the format for the position papers where Jose Garrido stated that the format and length of the paper is not important and that the papers are interchangeable. Mike Bevacqua further added in the case of healthcare, what does it mean for each status as far as the current regulations being applied. The Vice Chairman Respicio queried whether it was an advantage or disadvantage for the task forces regarding elements in the position papers if one element may not apply to the status.

The crux of the matter centered around the formatting being agreed upon by all three task force members almost two years ago and that whether or not the position papers were formatted previously. Eddie Duenas stated that all task forces were given a format to follow many years ago. The Executive Director stated that the position paper format for Free Association is different from Statehood's. Lisa Natividad stated the suggestion was hers and that since it appears to be an impediment, she would like to withdraw her motion. There was heated discussion about this issue but in the end it was agreed that the position papers should be updated and a motion was passed that the Commission will review the elements and then the task forces will update their papers. Speaker WonPat stated the next Commission meeting will be a working one to sift through several boxes of educational material and brochures that Jose Garrido will bring. Vice Chariman Respicio stated that the Commission will review all updated position papers and accept them.

The Executive Director was assigned to give a presentation on the Decolonization process so that the Commission will have a thorough understanding as it would provide direction for the Commission to follow.

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Mike Bevacqua gave a briefing on his meeting with UOG President Robert Underwood about a grant application. He said the money is not money waiting for us as was stated earlier. We must be cautious as the Department of Justice may intervene if the money was for public education and D.O.I. may not approve, though we must list Decolonization as a priority or else D.O.I. may the usual interests. Let D.O.I. tell us what to use the money for so we should write a letter to them and ask. Thus, a letter from the Governor will be written for this purpose.

The agenda item regarding the Public Education money was tabled, but the Commission was made aware that by June or July, the money should be encumbered. Speaker WonPat stated by that time, the Legislature will be discussing FY2016.

A request was made by Speaker WonPat that during the next cabinet meeting, a notice should be given for the Governor to require all cabinet Directors to assign someone in their agency to become a registrar for said agency. Executive Director responded by saying he will make that happen.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

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