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MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY PRESENTS INSTRUMENTS OF APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERS OF THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Port of Spain: Mr. Cedric Neptune, Attorney-at-law, has been reappointed to serve as Secretary to the Protective Services Compensation Committee (PSCC), which is under the purview of the Ministry of National Security. Mr. Neptune will serve in the position for a three year period with effect from August 29, 2022.

Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. presented the Instrument of Appointment to Mr. Neptune on Wednesday December 07, 2022 at the Ministry of National Security, Temple Court I, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

Also receiving his Instrument of Appointment was Dr. Keith Clifford, a medical practitioner, who will serve as a member of the Committee for a three year period with effect from August 29, 2022.

The PSCC is currently led by Attorney-at-law Mr. John Heath who continues to serve as Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Heath is a legal practitioner with over sixteen (16) years' experience and has been a member of the Criminal Bar Executive since 2006.

The other members of the Committee currently serving a three year term are Dr. Wayne Ramgoolam, Occupational Medicine Specialist; and Mr. Kern Jackson, an insurance industry professional.

Minister Hinds congratulated Mr. Neptune and Dr. Clifford on their respective appointments stating that they, along with the other three members, are well qualified to conduct the important work of the Committee. The Minister underscored that the Ministry of National Security remains committed to promoting the well-being of members of the Protective Services as they execute their duties in service to the nation.

Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security Mr. Gary Joseph and Deputy Permanent Secretary (Ag.) Ms. Deokie Sintra Maharaj were also present to congratulate the PSCC members on their appointments.

The PSCC was established pursuant to the Protective Services (Compensation) Act, No. 22 of 1996, Section 5, and came into operation on June 16, 1997 to adjudicate claims for compensation made by members of the Protective Services who suffer injury or die in circumstances in the course of employment with the State. The function of the Committee is to receive, investigate, hear and determine claims for compensation filed by members of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service and Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service, in accordance with the Act and Section 14 of the rules of the Committee.

Following the presentation of the appointment letters, the Committee conducted a meeting to hear and determine claims.

Photos and captions:



1. Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. (*left*) presents Mr. Cedric Neptune (*centre*) with his Instrument of Appointment as Secretary to the Protective Services Compensation Committee (PSCC), on Wednesday December 07, 2022 at the Ministry of National Security, Temple Court I, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain. At right is Chairman of the PSCC, Mr. John Heath.



2. Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. (*left*) presents Dr. Keith Clifford (*centre*) with his Instrument of Appointment as a member of the Protective Services Compensation Committee (PSCC), on Wednesday December 07, 2022 at the Ministry of National Security, Temple Court I, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain. At right is Chairman of the PSCC, Mr. John Heath.



3. *(Front row, seated, from left to right)* Deputy Permanent Secretary (Ag.) in the Ministry of National Security Ms. Deokie Sintra Maharaj; Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P.; and Chairman of the Protective Services Compensation Committee (PSCC) Mr. John Heath. *(Back row, standing, from left to right)* Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security Mr. Gary Joseph; with members of the PSCC Dr. Keith Clifford; Mr. Cedric Neptune (Secretary); and Mr. Kern Jackson. Not in the photo is Dr. Wayne Ramgoolam.

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