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The Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission (HRC) proudly announces the appointment of its new Board, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the Commission's continued work to promote and protect human rights across the Islands.

The newly appointed Board members are:

- Mr. Marc Rawlins, Chairman
- Dr. Francois Bourne, Commissioner
- Ms. Llana Ewing, Commissioner
- Rev. Frednor Toussaint, Commissioner
- Mrs. Griscele Missick, Commissioner (continuing member)
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The new Board members bring with them diverse experience, insight, and a shared commitment to advancing the Commission's mandate. Mr. Marc Rawlins, who has served as a commissioner for over six years, now assumes the role of Chairman. His extensive involvement with the Commission and understanding of its mandate will provide valuable continuity and leadership as the institution moves forward.

The Commission also takes this opportunity to extend appreciation and best wishes to the outgoing members for their service and contributions. Ms. Roxann Wake-Forbes, who served as Chair; Mrs. Melanie Smith, former Commissioner; and Ms. Renée Lewis, who served as Secretary to the Board, each played a role in supporting the work of the Commission during their tenure.



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Chairman Mr. Rawlins stated:

“It is an honour to serve as Chairman of the Human Rights Commission alongside such a capable team of Commissioners. As we move forward, we will continue to strengthen our partnerships, uphold the principles of fairness and equality, and ensure that the rights and dignity of every person in these Islands remain protected.”

As the Commission enters this new term, it remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing human rights education, monitoring, and advocacy. The leadership transition reaffirms the Commission’s ongoing dedication to ensuring that the principles of dignity, equality, and respect remain at the core of national development in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

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