
STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION: RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER

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by the Chief Minister

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REPORT

Introduction

The States Assembly are notified of the following extension to the term of appointment for Helen Ruelle, Commissioner and Deputy Chair of the Jersey Appointments Commission.

In accordance with Article 18(1) of the employment of the States of Jersey Employees (Jersey) Law 2005, the Chief Minister extended the appointment of Helen Ruelle as a Commissioner of the Jersey Appointments Commission, for a term of three years, expiring on 29th April 2028.

Background

Jersey Appointments Commission (JAC)

The function of the JAC is set out in Part 4, Article 23 of the Employment of States of Jersey Employees (Jersey) Law 2005, and is to oversee the recruitment of States' employees or States' appointees so as to ensure that, as far as practicable:

- the recruitment is fair, efficient and conducted in accordance with best practice principles and procedures;
- appointments are made on merit;
- members of the States are only involved in the recruitment of States' employees and appointees in accordance with codes of practice or guidelines.

The JAC has issued Recruitment Guidelines and other policy advice, all of which is available online.

An Annual Report for the JAC is prepared each year and presented to the States Employment Board before being presented to the States Assembly by the Chief Minister.

The JAC consists of a Chairman and up to 5 Commissioners, appointed for a period of up to 9 years. The current membership is as follows:

Name	Role	Current Term Start	Current Term End	Original Start Date
Chris Stephenson	Chair	01/10/22	30/09/26	1/10/22
Helen Ruelle	Deputy Chair	29/04/22	29/04/25	30/04/2019
Simon Nash	Commissioners	30/09/22	30/09/25	01/10/2019
Kate Wright		13/09/24	13/09/27	15/10/21
Julia Therezien		11/11/22	11/11/25	11/11/22

Helen Ruelle

Helen Ruelle has been a Commissioner since her original appointment on 30th April 2019. This appointment was presented to the States Assembly on 15th April 2019.

Her initial term came to an end on 29th April 2022 and an extension of 3 years was approved on 7th March 2022 to extend her tenure to 29th April 2025.

Biography

Helen is a highly regarded, high profile Jersey Advocate with extensive experience gained predominantly in Jersey and, prior to that, in the UK. She is currently Director of Local Legal Services at Ogier, and has held senior positions at Mourant. Her main areas of legal specialism are employment, discrimination, immigration, data protection and regulatory work.

She also holds the role of Chair of Jersey Employment Trust and trustee of Jersey Community Foundation. She was previously Chair of the Employment Forum, and Chair of Jersey Community Relations Trust.

Resource Implications

There are now new resource implications arising from this decision.