



**HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT  
OAU DRIVE, TOWER HILL  
FREETOWN**



**FOURTH SESSION OF THE FOURTH  
PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

**ELEVENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS  
AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE ON PARLIAMENTARY VETTING  
OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, alive to its constitutional duties, met on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 and interviewed four Presidential nominees for appointments as follows:-

- i. Two Members, Sierra Leone Teaching Commission
- ii. Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners
- iii. Member, Environmental Protection Agency of Sierra Leone (EPA-SL)

**2. PROCEDURE**

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. Probing questions put to the nominees were related to their educational backgrounds, track records in public office, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a nationally productive tenure.

**3. TWELFTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016**

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. **Mrs. Bernadette Cole – Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Teaching Service Commission.**

Mrs. Bernadette Cole is a veteran Educationalist and Professional Media Practitioner with National and International accreditations. She has served as Chair of the Independent Media Commission, (IMC) from 2005-2016. She is

currently a Senior Lecturer and Director of Alumni and International Relations of the University of Sierra Leone.

Responding to probing questions, Mrs. Bernadette Cole said "I will draw on my experience as a teacher and lecturer to ensure that the Commission addresses some of the acute problems in the education sector, particularly those pertaining to the teaching profession." She promised to work with other members of the Commission to make a detailed study of the numerous education reports so as to identify the problems, and to help find solutions that will stand the test of time.

Questioned on the placement and transfer of teachers to rural areas, Mrs. Cole said, "for teachers' placement and transfer, a motivational scheme may be required. Housing, solar energy facilities, remote area allowances and the like, could motivate trained and qualified teachers to move to remote areas of the country," she said.

**ii. Col. (rtd). Alie Brima Yamba Kamara – Proposed Member,  
Environmental Protection Agency.**

Col. (rtd) Alie Brima Yamba Kamara is a retired Senior military Officer with a wealth of knowledge in strategic planning and leadership skills. Col.(rtd) A. B. Y. Kamara enlisted in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Sierra Leone in 1965, rose through the ranks and retired as Provost–Marshal in 1998.

Answering to the Committee's inquiries, Col.(rtd) Alie Brima Yamba Kamara said, "if approved by this Honourable House, my input on the Board will be to foster environmental protection. He promised to ensure that environmental degradation resulting from mining activities are rehabilitated. "I will initiate dialogue, through stakeholders participation, between the affected communities and the mining companies operating in their localities."

**iii. Mrs. Fatmata Sorie – Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Teaching  
Service Commission.**

Mrs. Fatmata Sorie is a Barrister and Solicitor of repute. She is currently the Managing Partner of Sorie and Bangura Solicitors. Prior to her return home to Sierra Leone, Mrs. Sorie had served as 'Claims and Liaison Officer' at the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Washington DC, from 2005 to 2009.

Responding to the Committee's inquiries, Mrs. Fatmata Sorie promised to serve as legal adviser to the Commission. "I will ensure that teaching and performance contracts of teachers measure up to international standards," she said.

**iv. Mr. Alfred Jumah Osman Fornah – Proposed Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners.**

Mr. Alfred Juma Fornah is a veteran Civil Servant with a wealth of knowledge in financial management, auditing and financial reporting. He entered the Civil Service as sub-Accountant in 1979. He rose through the ranks and retired as Senior Accountant in 2009.

Answering to the Committee’s questions, Mr. Alfred Jumah Fornah promised to draw on his “knowledge in principles of taxation and levy to ensure that cases of aggrieved tax payers are judged with equity and fairness,” he said.

**5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged the following Presidential nominees to be adequately qualified for their proposed appointments and they are recommended to the House for approval:

- i. Mrs. Bernadette Cole – Member, Sierra Leone Teaching Service Commission
- ii. Col.(rtd) Alie Brima Yamba Kamara –Member,Environmental Protection Agency of Sierra Leone (EPA-SL).
- iii. Mrs. Fatmata Sorie- - Member, Sierra Leone Teaching Service Commission
- iv. Mr. Alfred Jumah Osman Fornah – Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Eleventh Report is the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Eleventh Report of the Fourth Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu  
Chairman

Date:.....



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**SECOND SESSION OF THE FOURTH  
PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

**MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE  
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY  
13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 AT 11:00 A. M.**

1. **Prayers** – Prayers were said by the Clerk.

2. **Attendance**

**2.1 The following Members of the Committee were present:**

- i. Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu – Chairman
- ii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
- iii. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah
- iv. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- v. Hon. Eric Koedoyoma
- vi. Hon Patrick L. M. Kargbo
- vii. Hon. Alhaji. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- viii. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- ix. Hon. PC. Joseph A. K. Kongomoh

**2.1 The following Members of the Committee were absent:**

- i. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
- ii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- iii. Hon Habib Munda
- iv. Hon Mabinty H Bangura
- v. Hon Jusufu Barry Mansaray

- vi. Hon.Abie Kalokoh
- vii. Hon. Veronica Sesay

3. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Hearing was open to the public and the press.

**4. Consideration of Presidential nominations for appointments as listed:**

4:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. Mrs. Bernadette Cole – Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Teaching Commission
- ii. Col.(rtd). Alie Brima Yamba Kamara – Proposed Member, Environmental Protection Agency of Sierra Leone,(EPA-SL)
- iii. Mrs. Fatmata Sorie – Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Teaching Service Commission.
- iv. Mr. Alfred Jumah Osman Fornah – Proposed Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners.

5. **Closed Session**

5:1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of all the four candidates interviewed.

The Committee rose at 1:5 00 p.m.

Mannah Berewa

Committee Clerk.

