



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



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

**THIRTEENTH 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 Tuesday 2nd June 2015 and interviewed six Presidential nominees for appointment as follows:

- i. Three Members, Minerals Advisory Board
- ii. Member, Judicial and Legal Service Commission
- iii. Member, Board of Trustees, NASSIT-
- iv. Board Member, Sierra Leone Airport Authority

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee conducted the hearings within its set framework of procedures. The nominees were interviewed on issues pertaining to their educational background to ensure that they have the relevant education and necessary backup experience to man such important offices of state. Further probing questions put to the nominees covered wide ranging issues relating to their track records in pertinent work situations, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a nationally productive tenure.

3. FIFTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2015

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

Group Interview

The following three nominees, being institutional representatives, were interviewed as a group:

i. **Mrs. Haddijatou Jallow – Proposed Member - Mineral Advisory Board**

Mrs. Haddi-jato Jallow is the Executive Chairperson of the Environmental Protection Agency. She had had a long sojourn as a State Prosecutor in the Gambia where she was later appointed as Vice-President of the Gambia Bar Association. Mrs. Jallow also served the United Nations Special Court for Sierra Leone for eight years before her appointment as Executive Chairman of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Responding to inquiring questions, Mrs. Haddi-jatou Jallow said, "I am an environmental Lawyer by profession and I hope to contribute by bringing efficiency and ensuring that we have an efficient, transparent and proactive Board, a Board that would ensure, in the process of regulating the mines and mineral sector, that we are responsive to environmental concerns, a board that will ensure that we incorporate the principle of sustainability. It is important that the principles of sustainability cuts across and transcends every single sector, including the mining sector. I am hoping that with my years of experience as an Environmental Lawyer, I would be able to work towards meeting that objective."

ii. **Mr. Kalia Edward Sesay – Proposed Member – Minerals Advisory Board.**

Mr. Kalia Edward Sesay is an Assistant Inspector General of Police who started his career as a recruit at the Hastings Police Training School in 1990. He has served in various capacities in nearly all the Police Divisions of the Western Area, including serving as:

The first National Traffic Coordinator that involved working with all traffic stakeholders in the Ministry of Transport and Aviation, the Sierra Leone Roads

Authority and the Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority (2004 – 2008) He is currently the Director of Peacekeeping operations, Police Headquarters.

Responding to probing questions, Mr. Kalia Edward Sesay opined that the objective for the establishment of the Minerals Advisory Board was to promote and ensure that the Mineral sector is regulated to enhance compliance with the Mines and Mineral Act. “The pivotal role of the Board,” he said, “is to ensure that the law is adhered to. I will work with fellow Board members to ensure that the budgetary allocations of the Board are prudently managed and performance targets are met.” He promised to ensure that the people of Sierra Leone benefit from their God-given endowments.

iii. Mr. Melvin Comba C. Allieu- Proposed Member Mineral Advisory Board.

Mr. Melvin Comba C. Allieu is a Youth and Civil Society Activist. From 2010 -2013 he was the Youth Representative of the ‘Campaign for Just Mining.’ Between 2013-2014 he was Secretary-General, Kono District Youth and in 2014 he became the Chairman of that organization.

In his answer to inquiring questions, Mr. Melvin Comba C. Allieu said that he deemed his function to be one of advising the Minister of Mines “and working diligently with him so that the Ministry and my Comrades, the Young people of this country, would succeed. I believe that my position on the Board will enable me to constantly engage the Hon. Minister of the Mineral Resources and fellow Board Members to make collective effort towards ensuring Sierra Leone reaps the benefits of its natural endowments.

iv. Mr. Samuel Beresford Weekes – Proposed Member –Judicial and Legal Service Commission.

Mr. Weekes is a senior Lecturer at the University of Sierra Leone. He has been Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Law from 2011-2015 and a Member of the of Sierra Leone Law School. He is an internationally acclaimed Demographic

Specialist with a long list of academic papers, articles, News Letters to his name. He has conducted several surveys for the UNFPA and the World Bank on Population and Census.

In his interview, Mr. Weekes deposed that "the Judicial and Legal Service Commission is a creation of the Constitution. It is comprised of seven Members including the Chief Justice as the Chairman, a representative of the Bar Association and other Members."

Mr. Weekes prided himself to have served for a long time in the Institute of population studies in the University of Sierra Leone and has a wealth of board and Committees' experience dealing with issues of appointments, dismissals, transfers, disciplinary actions etc that are no less different from those dealt with by the Judicial and Legal service Commission.

v. Mr. Amadu Bona Ndoeka - Proposed Member – National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT) Board of Trustees

Upon graduation from the Njala University College in 1975, Mr. Amadu Bona Ndoeka joined Shell as a Senior Staff in the Marketing department. He has a wealth of Shell work experience. He was Shell Company Representative in East Africa responsible for the sale of agricultural and industrial chemicals in Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia. He also worked for Shell in Ghana and returning home to Sierra Leone, he was appointed President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Reacting to probing questions, Mr. Ndoeka said that for an outsider to assess NASSIT as a retirement benefit institution, one of the cardinal points to be used would be an actual evaluation of that institution. "If you are not careful, you might misjudge them in terms of the investments they are making. In terms of management, if you are not a Member of the Board and not an executive member, you might misjudge them in terms of the way they have been

managing the institution. These two put together will require a challenging period for me, with my background, when I become a member. I will definitely be raising issues like that if some of the decisions we shall be making, are not based on any factual evaluation in terms of resentments. We should not forget that NASSIT money belong to people who have worked and contributed all their lives and now want to take a rest and enjoy the returns on their money," he said.

vi. Gladys Bamijoko Branche –Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Airport Authority

Ms. Branche started her career as a Teacher and went on to become an active Trade Unionist. From 2003 to date, Ms. Branche has become Secretary Coordinator and Vice- President of the Sierra Leone Labour Congress. She is currently the President, Women's Trade Union World Body (ITUC).

Responding to inquiring questions on women in Trade Unionism, the nominee said, "in the past, the trade Union movements had generally perceived the organization as a male domain. The issue of women has therefore remained subdued. It was on account of this that the Sierra Leone Labour Congress developed the "Womens' Committee" to ensure that the union engage women and bring them on board. From that level, I served as an executive officer from the Sierra Leone Teachers Union (SLTU). I was then elected to the Sierra Leone Labour Congress where I am presently the "Women's Chair" of the Congress."

Rising through the ranks in a male dominated union was not an easy task and Ms. Branche has proved her mettle in the union through hard work that brought her to the African regional level and "... currently, I am the Women's President for the world's trade Union body which has its Head Quarters in Brussels," she said.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- i. Mrs. Haddi-jatou Jallow -Member, Minerals Advisory Board
- ii. Mr. Kalia Edward Sesay –Member, Minerals Advisory Board
- iii. Mr. Melvin Comba C. Allieu- Member, Minerals Advisory Board
- iv. Mr. Samuel Beresford O. Weekes- Member, Judicial and Legal Service Commission
- v. Mr. Amadu Bona Ndoeka- Member, Board of Trustees, NASSIT
- vi. Gladys Bamijoko Branche – Board Member, Sierra Leone Airport Authority

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Thirteenth Report reflects the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Thirteenth Report of the Third 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

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

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO. 1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON TUESDAY
2ND JUNE 2015 AT 1:00 P. M.**

1. **Prayers** - Members observed a moment of silent meditation.
2. **Attendance**
 - 2.1 **The following Members of the Committee were present.**
 - i. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu - **Chairman.**
 - ii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
 - iii. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah
 - iv. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
 - v. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie
 - vi. Hon. Amadu Kanu
 - vii. Hon. Brimah Conteh
 - 2.2 **The following Members of the Committee were absent:**
 - viii. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams
 - ix. Hon. Ansumana Kaikai
 - x. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
 - xi. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai

- xii. Hon. Mabinty Funna
- xiii. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
- xiv. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay
- xv. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- xvi. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis

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

4. Consideration of Presidential nominations for appointments as listed:

5:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. Mrs. Haddi-jatou Jallow -Proposed Member, Minerals Advisory Board
- ii. Mr. Kalia Edward Sesay –Proposed Member, Minerals Advisory Board
- iii. Mr. Melvin Comba C. Allieu- Proposed Member, Minerals Advisory Board
- iv. Mr. Samuel Beresford O. Weekes- Proposed Member, Judicial and Legal Service Commission
- v. Mr. Amadu Bona Ndoeka- Proposed Member, Board of Trustees, NASSIT-
- vi. Gladys Bamijoko Branche –Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Airport Authority

6. Closed Session

6:1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of all the six candidates interviewed.

The Committee rose at 4: 00 p.m.

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Director of Committees