



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



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

**FOURTEENTH 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 Monday 15th June 2015 and interviewed eleven Presidential nominees for appointment as follows:

- i. Three Board Members, National Insurance Company
- ii. Four Board Members, Sierra Leone National Shipping Company
- iii. Chairman, National Commission for Children
- iv. Board Member, Road Maintenance Fund Administration
- v. Board Member, SIERRATEL
- vi. Board Member, Minerals Advisory Board

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee strictly adhered to its established procedure of questioning the nominees on a wide range of issues pertaining particularly to their educational background, suitability in terms of character, track records in public office, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a nationally successful tenure of office.

3. SIXTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 15TH JUNE 2015

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

i. **Hon. Sanie Samuel Sesay – Proposed Chairman, National Insurance Company (NIC)**

Hon. Sanie Samuel Sesay had a very successful Banking Career from which he retired in 1982 to go into Politics. In 1982, he contested and won a Parliamentary seat for Bombali East and was appointed to several Ministerial positions 1982-1986

Mr. Sanie Sesay also has a wealth of Board experience. He has served on many Boards that include the following:

- a. Board Chairman, Sierra Leone State Lottery Company 1989-1982
- b. Managing Director- Sierra Leone State Lottery Company, 1987
- c. Board Chairman, Sugar Marketing Committee, Magbass Sugar Factory.
- d. Board Member – Local Government Finance Committee
- e. Board Chairman- Sierra Leone Ports Authority
- f. Board Chairman – Rokel Commercial Bank

Responding to the Committee's inquiries, Mr. Sesay said "I am a man of many pasts, but the better part of my public life was spent in the Ministry of Finance. I am coming to the NIC with the experience I have gained in the past years particularly in the banking institution. Given the opportunity of a Parliamentary approval, I hope to perform to the best of my ability."

ii. **Hon. Rev. Marie Yansaneh–Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone National Shipping Company.**

Hon. Rev. Marie Yansaneh served as a Member of Parliament from 2002 – 2012. While in Parliament, she was a Member of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians, Africa Region and was the first President of the Sierra Leone Female Parliamentary Caucus.

Hon. Rev. Marie Yansaneh is currently the Proprietress of the Christian Faith Rescue Orphanage/School, Freetown.

Answering to questions Hon. Rev. Marie Yansaneh promised to ensure that financial discipline and probity are instilled into the Company so that the company could start paying dividends to the Government.

iii. **Hon. Charles H. Kalawa – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone National Shipping Company**

Hon. Kalawa is a retired senior military officer who contested the 2007 Parliamentary elections and was elected Member of Parliament for Constituency 111 Western Urban, Freetown. (2007-2012)

Responding to questions, Mr. Kalawa promised to draw from his background to instill discipline into the workforce. " For effective growth of the National Shipping Company," he said, "discipline should be enforced at the management level for the institution to yield the desired results."

iv. **Alhaji Bai Lamah Munu – Proposed Chairman, National Commission for Children**

Alhaji Bai Lamah Munu started his working career with the noble profession of a classroom teacher, 1989-2004. He served as Deputy Chairman, Budget and Finance Committee in the Bombali District Council. He is currently the District Grant Officer, Rural and Private Sector Development Project, 2009-date.

Questioned about the current challenges facing the Government in dealing with children's matters, Alhaji Munu opined that even before Ebola, "there were many orphans and street children nationwide but the advent of Ebola has drastically increased that number." The Commission, he said, "would need to reach out to these and to cater for them all. I will ensure that the provisions of the Act are implemented to the letter if I get your blessing of approval."

Questioned about his would-be relationship with the Minister of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs, Alhaji Munu said, " I know that the Minister will be my immediate boss. He oversees the activities of the Commission, so I am going to work directly under him."

v. **Mrs. Ayodele Elsie O. Cream-Wright – Proposed Board Member, National Insurance Company**

Mrs. Cream-Wright is a retired Chartered Secretary with over 30 years of work experience obtained in England and the Sierra Leone Civil Service. She retired in 2011 and is currently the Managing Director, Rickdales Consultancy Limited.

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries, Mrs. Cream-Wright said, "having being a Chartered Secretary for most of my working life, I will endeavour to find out what the National Insurance Company does and how it operates. With the experience that I have had as a board Secretary, I will be able to participate effectively in the board's deliberations."

vi. Mr. Abu B. Barrie – Proposed Board Member, Mineral Advisory Board

Mr. Barrie is a Mining Engineer and currently the Director of Mines in the National Mineral Agency. He had previously served as Government Mining Engineer 1983 – 1995. Mr. Barrie has a Wealth of Foreign Mining work experience and had a long sojourn with the Jordan, Jones &Goulding, G.A. USA as Tunnel Inspector- 2001 -2013.

Answering to the Committee's request for an update on the Mining Industry, Mr. Barrie said, "Presently, the two iron-ore mining companies have closed because of the price of iron-ore. Sierra-Rutile is doing fine along with Vimetco. Kingho has received four licenses but has not started mining yet.

Answering to further questions, Mr. Barrie promised to ensure that the mining companies will adhere to their corporate social responsibilities and all other provisions of the Mines and Mineral Act, 2009.

vii. Ms. Virginia Renekeh Kamara -Proposed Board Member, Road Maintenance Fund Administration

Ms. Virginia Kamara is a Civil Servant who has diligently served in various Ministries and Departments from 1978 to date.

Ms. Virginia Kamara promised to put the national interest above all other considerations and to work to the best of her ability for the success of the institution.

viii. Mr. Moray Saidu Kebe – Proposed Board Member, National Insurance Company.

Mr. Kebe is a veteran Civil Servant. He joined the Civil Service as Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Communication in 1980. He served in several Ministries, and finally retired in 2011 as Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Mineral Resources.

Mr. Kebe promised to draw on his experience as both an administrator and manager for the success of the company. "I will endeavor to work to the best of my ability to bring in new ideas to strengthen the organization."

ix. **Abdulaie Barrie – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone National Shipping Company.**

Mr. Abdulaie Barrie is a human rights activist and Chairman, Gbentu Youth Union, a community based organization.

In his interview, Mr. Barrie promised to give of his very best for the success of the company. He emphasized on the importance of unity among the Board members and for all to put the national interest above all other considerations.

x. **Mr. Laurence Quaku-Woode – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone National Shipping Company.**

Mr. Quaku-Woode has served in middle level positions in several businesses notable among them was the position of Deputy General Manager, Freetown Waste Management Company.

Mr. Quaku-Woode promised to work in the best interest of the nation. "I will use my experience obtained over the years to ensure that management and the board agree on policies that will help to improve the company."

xi. **Mr. Albert Bobor Mansaray – Proposed Board Member, SIERRTEL**

Mr. Albert Bobor Mansaray had studied and lived in the United States of America (USA) and is currently a Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation and Deputy Managing Director, ASAASI Ltd.

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries, Mr. Mansaray promised to work assiduously to ensure that the Board and management work together as a team to achieve those objectives for which SIERRATEL was established. "I promise to do my best," he said.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

- i. Hon. Sanie Sesay, Board Chairman, National Insurance Company
- ii. Hon. Marie Yansaneh- Member, Sierra Leone National Shipping Company
- iii. Hon. Charles H. Kalawa, Board Member, S. L. National Shipping Company

- iv. Alhaji Bai Lamah Munu – Chairman, National Commission for Children
- v. Mrs. Ayodele E. O. Cream-Wright- Board Member, National Insurance Company
- vi. Mr. Abu Bakar Barrie, Board Member, Minerals Advisory Board
- vii. Ms Virginia R. Kamara, Board Member, Road Maintenance Fund Admin.
- viii. Mr. M ray Saidu Kebe, Board Member, National Insurance Company
- ix. Mr. Abdulaie Barrie, Board Member, S. L. National Shipping Company
- x. Mr. Lawrence Quaku-Woode- Board Member, S. L. National Shipping Company
- xi. Mr. Albert Bobor Mansaray, Board Member, SIERRATEL

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Fourteenth Report portrays the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Fourteenth 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. Submitted in faith.

Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah

Ag.Chairman

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

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON MONDAY
15TH JUNE 2015 AT 12:00 NOON.**

1. **Prayers** - Members observed a moment of silent meditation.
2. **Attendance**
 - 2.1 **The following Members of the Committee were present.**
 - i. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah - Ag. **Chairman.**
 - ii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
 - iii. Hon. Ansumana Karkai
 - iv. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
 - v. Hon. Brimah Conteh
 - vi. Hon. Benneh Bangura
 - vii. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
 - viii. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
 - ix. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
 - 2.2 **The following Members of the Committee were absent:**
 - x. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams
 - xi. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie
 - xii. Hon. Amadu Kanu

- xiii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- xiv. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu
- xv. Hon. Mabinty Funna
- xvi. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay

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. Hon. Sanie Sesay, Proposed Board Chairman, National Insurance Company
- ii. Hon. Marie Yansaneh-Proposed Member, Sierra Leone National Shipping Company
- iii. Hon. Charles H. Kalawa, Proposed Board Member, S. L. National Shipping Company
- iv. Alhaji Bai Lamah Munu – Proposed Chairman, National Commission for Children
- v. Mrs. Ayodele E. O. Cream-Wright- Proposed Board Member, National Insurance Company
- vi. Mr. Abubakar Barrie, Proposed Board Member, Minerals Advisory Board
- vii. Ms Virginia R. Kamara, Proposed Board Member, Road Maintenance Fund Admin.
- viii. Mr. Moray Saidu Kebe, Proposed Board Member, National Insurance Company
- ix. Mr. Abdulaie Barrie, Proposed Board Member, S. L. National Shipping Company
- x. Mr. Lawrence Quaku-Woode- Proposed Board Member, S. L. National Shipping Company
- xi. Mr. Albert Bobor Mansaray, Proposed Board Member, SIERRATEL

6. Closed Session

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

The Committee rose at 4: p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees

