



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



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

**FIFTEENTH 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 met on Wednesday 17th June 2015 and interviewed eight Presidential nominees for appointment as follows:

- i. **Minister of State, Office of the Vice President**
- ii. **Two Board Members, SIERRATEL**
- iii. **Two Board Members, Guma Valley Water Company.**
- iv. **Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners**
- v. **Board Member Sierra Leone Ports Authority**
- vi. **Member, Local Government Service Commission**

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee maintained strict adherence to its established procedure. Probing questions put to the nominees were related to their educational background, track records in public office, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a successful tenure of office. Unsuitability in terms of character to hold such high public offices were very closely looked into.

3. SEVENTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE 2015

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

i. Mr. Mohamed Alie Bah – Proposed Minister of State, Office of the Vice President

Mr. Bah is a capable and self-confident man with a wealth of contemporary knowledge in Politics, policy processes and Communication. He has served in the following positions:

2012- Date: ICT Development Adviser to the Ministry of Information and Communication

2008-2012: Ag. Director of Communication, Ministry of Information and Communications

2007-2010: Deputy Government Spokesman.

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries, Mr. Mohamed Alie Bah prided himself to have a lot of experience in ICT and Telecommunication technology which he promised to bring to the office of the Vice-President. "The office of the Vice President," he said, "is an extension of the Office of the President and the Presidency. The Vice President is dealing with the same agenda and activities of the President. For me to be there as an Assistant to the Vice President means that I have to follow the same agenda and activities of the President. I would therefore draw on my experience obtained in other pertinent work situations to enhance the capacity of the office of the Vice President knowing its direct link to the Office of the Chief Executive, the President."

ii. Hon. Salamatu Turay – Proposed Board Member, SIERRATEL

Hon. Salamatu Turay was a social worker in the SOS Children's Village before she aspired to enter politics. In 2007, she contested the Parliamentary Elections and was elected Member of Parliament for Constituency 112, Lumley. (2007 -2012)

Reacting to Members' enquiries, Hon Salamatu Turay opined that "SIERRATEL needs to improve on research, development and consumer preference. These are some of the key areas I will be advocating for on the board." She promised to work to the best of her ability for the success of the company.

iii. Hon. Kondoh Yapoh Conteh – Proposed Board Member SIERRATEL

After his education in Sierra Leone, Hon. Conteh lived and worked in London from 1994 -2007. He returned to Sierra Leone in 2007, contested and was elected a Member of Parliament in 2007 -2012.

Responding to probing questions, Hon. Yapoh Conteh opined that SIERRATEL "needs organizational discipline to succeed. The company can only meet deadlines and achieve set goals when both staff and management are disciplined and motivated. My input on the board would primarily be centered on emphasis for both discipline and motivation of the staff."

iv. Mr. Amadu Barrie – Proposed Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company.

Mr. Barrie is a professional Civil Engineer who specializes in Water Resource engineering and management. He has had experience in the design for Water supplies such as Hyclrological and Hydraulic structures for the Provincial Cities of Bo, Kenema and Makeni. He is currently a lecturer in the Civil Engineering Department, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone.

Responding to probing questions on the quality of water pumped into Freetown, Mr. Barrie said that the water pumped into Freetown was well treated at the Guma Dam. "They have a filtration process that meets the World Health Organnisation's (WHO) standard guide lines."

v. Mr. Stalin Frazer – Proposed Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company,

Mr. Frazer, a well known former national Cricketer, joined the Sierra Leone Brewery in 1970, soon after graduating from University. He consistently served the Sierra Leone Brewery until his retirement as Chief Engineer in 1998.

Reacting to probing questions, Ing Stalin Frazer said he had served the Guma Valley Water Company briefly after leaving school. "I have done a lot of work on water in my post-graduate work experience. I worked for the Sierra Leone Brewery Limited and several other Breweries in the West Indies, Las Palmas, Ghana and Nigeria etc. where, I was in charge of utilities, i. e. management of utilities for the breweries. Water is a very important ingredient in the manufacturing of beer and every Brewery I have worked for had its own water plant. I have experience in the processes involved in the production and distribution of good drinking water. Guma Valley is basically an engineering Company and I believe that with my background and experience, I will be able to contribute positively."

vi. Mr. Prince Bindi – Proposed Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners

Mr. Bindi has middle level work experience with a number of international organisations such as:

- i. 1996-1997 – Transport Supervisor, Pacific Atlantic Engineers, (PAE) an American Company that gave logistic support to ECOMOG during the rebel war
- ii. 2002-2005 Administrative Clerk/Fleet Manager-United Nations High Commission for Refugees [UHCR]

Responding to the Committee's inquiries, Mr. Bindi promised to "ensure that the grievances and concerns of genuine tax payers brought before the board would be looked into and addressed appropriately. I promise to work without fear or favour but to do justice to all."

vii. Mr. Amadu Bangura – Proposed Board Member Sierra Leone Ports Authority

Mr. Amadu Bangura has served excellently in a number of institutions in this Country including Prisons and the Marampa Mines. He has also served on a number of Boards including the Ports Authority Board [2008-2015] and the State Lottery Board 2010-2015.

In his interview, Mr. Amadu Bangura promised to draw on his past work experience to bring sanity to the Ports Authority so as to help solve the standing problems between management and the workers. "I will also ensure that there is probity and accountability in the Authority.

viii. Madam Sarah-Ann Albertina Abosedo Lewis – Proposed Member, Local Government Service Commission

Mrs. Sarah A. Lewis is a veteran Civil Servant. She joined the Service in 1978 as Assistant Secretary and rose through the ranks, during the course of which she was appointed Permanent Secretary, served in several diplomatic Missions and retired in the Justice Sector Coordination Office.

Responding to the Committee on the challenges currently facing the Local Government Service Commission, Madam Sarah Lewis said, "as a matter of fact, I have a lot of Knowledge about the Local Government Service. I was the first woman to be appointed in 2004, as Chief Administrator to the Freetown City

Council, the largest of all the Councils, where I served as Secretary to the Council. I will use the experience gained in those years to help solve the problems of the Commission.”

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. Mr. Mohamed Alie Bah – Minister of State, Office of the Vice President
- ii. Hon. Salamatu Turay- Board Member, SIERRATEL
- iii. Hon. Kondeh Yapoh Conteh - Board Member, SIERRATEL
- iv. Amadu Barrie- Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company
- v. Ing. Stalin Frazer- Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company
- vi. Prince Bindi- Proposed Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners
- vii. Mr. Amadu Bangura - Proposed Board Member, S. L. Ports Authority
- viii. Madam Sarah A. A. Lewis- Member, Local Government Service Commission

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Fifteenth Report is the unanimous view of the Committee. I therefore move that the Fifteenth 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 SEVENTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY
17TH 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. Amadu Kanu
 - vii. Hon. Benneh Bangura
 - viii. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
 - ix. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
 - x. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
 - xi. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie
 - 2.2 **The following Members of the Committee were absent:**
 - xii. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams

- 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. Mr. Mohamed Alie Bah – Proposed Minister of State, Office of the Vice President
- ii. Hon. Salamatu Turay- Proposed Board Member, SIERRATEL
- iii. Hon. Kondeh Yapoh Conteh - Proposed Board Member, SIERRATEL
- iv. Madam Sarah A. A. Lewis- Proposed Member, Local Government Service Commission
- v. Mr. Amadu Bangura - Proposed Board Member, S. L. Ports Authority
- vi. Prince Bindi- Proposed Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners
- vii. Amadu Barrie- Proposed Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company
- viii. Ing. Stalin Frazer- Proposed Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company

6. Closed Session

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

The Committee rose at 4:5 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees