



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



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

**SIXTEENTH 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 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and interviewed five Presidential nominees for appointment as follows:

- i. Board Chairman, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation (SALHOC)
- ii. Two Board Members, Sierra Leone Postal Services (SALPOST)
- iii. Board Member, Sierra Leone National Shipping Company (SLNSC)
- iv. Board Member, Sierra Leone Airports Authority (SLAA)

**2. PROCEDURE**

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. Probing questions put to the nominees covered wide ranging issues pertaining to their educational background, track records in public office, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a successful and nationally productive tenure.

**3. EIGHTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015**

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

**i. Commodore (Rtd) Andrew Augustus Koroma - Proposed Chairman Sierra Leone Housing Corporation**

Commodore Koroma is a professional Mechanical and Electrical Marine Engineer with a wide range of technical, managerial skills and considerable work experience obtained in both the military and civilian sectors in Europe, West Africa and Sierra Leone.

In his interview, Commodore Koroma said he was well aware of the acute housing situation in the country. He said "there are just not enough houses and I will inquire if there are any more lands available to the Corporation that could be utilized to build more Lowcost houses." Commodore Koroma observed that "SALHOC, like many other institutions in Sierra Leone, lacks long term financing. I am however optimistic because SALHOC has a contemporary window of savings that could be used to mobilize funds. Alternately, we could explore the possibility of a partnership with NASSIT for mortgage financing," he concluded.

**ii. Alhaji Oluwole A. Alghali – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Postal Services (SALPOST)**

Alhaji Oluwole Alghali is a development oriented officer who has a wealth of experience and expertise in project management and appraisal. He has served in the following capacities:

1974-1976 - Project Officer at the National Development Bank (NDB)

1976-1992 -Project Coordinator at the National Authorizing Office, Freetown

Answering to questions, Alhaji Alghali opined that SALPOST has been overtaken by developments in the telecommunication industry. Sending letters by e-mail today is more fashionable, easier, faster and cost effective than by post. The management of SALPOST ought to have had the initiative to come up with new ideas to keep the industry in business and one area they could have done so was in the Post Office Savings Bank. "SALPOST has infrastructures all over the country and I will do my very best to help resuscitate the Post Office Savings Bank for the benefit of the public," Alhaji Alghali said.

**iii. Alhaji Ben Kamara – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone postal Services (SALPOST)**

Alhaji Ben Kamara is a former teacher and community/ Social Worker who has worked tirelessly to educate his people on the importance of decentralization and the Local Government system.

Reacting to questions, Alhaji Ben Kamara said that although SALPOST may appear to be moribund, "all is not lost yet. With hard work, some aspects of its previous functions could be resuscitated. Hardly any letters are being posted these days. Everybody is using the internet so what do we do? Sit with folded arms? No! The Post Office could start an internet café, a courier service, reopen the Post Office savings bank and a host of other things," he concluded.

**iv. Mr. Patrick I. Lambert – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone National Shipping Company. (SLNSC)**

Mr. Patrick Lambert had a brief sojourn in the Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces 1966 – 1969 before joining the Petroleum Industry, Shell Company Sierra Leone 1970-1973, and AGIP Sierra Leone Limited 1974-1976. In 1977, he joined the Sierra Leone Civil Service and served in several Ministries until his retirement in 1996.

Responding to the Committee's inquiries, Mr. Lambert said "I will do all in my power to ensure that the Sierra Leone National Shipping Company starts paying dividend to government for nation building."

**v. Alhaji Mohamed Abu Sesay – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Airport Authority.**

Alhaji Sesay is a multi-talented personality who has served as Sport/Football Administrator at the club, regional, national and African Regional levels between 1982-1996 . In journalism, (1996 -2007) Alhaji Sesay had served as Editor of the 'We Yone Newspaper,' and Editor and Managing Editor of the POINT Newspaper. Alhaji Mohamed Abu Sesay has also served in the following capacities:

- i. 2015 : Contracted Executive Director, Sierra Fishing Company
- ii. 2014 – 2015 – Corporate Secretary and Deputy General Manager SLPA consultant
- iii. Alhaji Mohamed Abu Sesay promised to work assiduously to ensure that the Sierra Leone Airports Authority become the revenue generating institution it used to be.

#### 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. Commodore (Rtd) Andrew Augustus Koroma - Chairman, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation
- ii. Alhaji Oluwole A. Alghali - Board Member, Sierra Leone Postal Services
- iii. Alhaji Ben Kamara- Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Postal Services
- iv. Mr. P. I. Lambert- Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone. National Shipping Company
- v. Alhaji Mohamed Abu Sesay- Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone. Airports Authority

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Sixteenth Report is the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Sixteenth 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

Date.....



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

**MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE  
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON THURSDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup> 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. Commodor (Rtd) Andrew Augustus Koroma –Proposed Chairman, S. L. Housing Corporation
- ii. Alhaji Oluwole A. Alghali - Proposed Board Member, S. L. Postal Services
- iii. Alhaji Ben Kamara- Proposed Board Member, S. L. Postal Services
- iv. Mr. P. I. Lambert- Proposed Board Member, S. L. National Shipping Company
- v. Alhaji Mohamed Abu Sesay- Proposed Board Member, S. L. Airports Authority

**6. Closed Session**

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

The Committee rose at 3:15 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees