



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



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

**SEVENTEENTH 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 Monday 29th June 2015 and interviewed ten Presidential nominees for appointment as follows:

- i. Board Chairman, Guma Valley Water Company
- ii. Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company
- iii. Chairman, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners
- iv. Three Board Members, National Insurance Company
- v. Board Member, SIERRATEL
- vi. Board Member, Sierra Leone Airports Authority
- vii. Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation
- viii. Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee conducted the hearings within its set framework of procedures. The nominees were interviewed on issues pertaining to their educational background so as 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 vision for a nationally productive tenure.

3. NINETEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 29TH JUNE 2015

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

i. Mr. Max W. Thompson – Proposed Chairman Guma Valley Water Company.

Mr. Thompson is a Telecommunication expert who served the Sierra Leone External Telecommunications Limited (1964-2005) which merged with the National Telecommunications Company to form the Sierra Leone Telecommunication Company (SIERRTEL)

2011-2014: Mr. Thompson served as Commissioner, National Telecommunication Commission (NATCOM)

Reacting to probing questions on his knowledge of the challenges facing the company, Mr. Max Thompson said that there were many challenges and two of the most visible were (1.) The lack of sufficient water supply in Freetown. (2.) The problem of water wastage through broken pipes.

Outlining his strategy to overcome the challenges, Mr. Thompson said that “if approved by Parliament, I will be going to Guma with an open mind to assess the projects at hand, the financial base and the strategies of the company to date. I will assess these and make improvements where necessary to ensure a regular and reliable water supply to the entire Western Area. One of my ideas would be to provide street stand pipes, the lack of which is responsible for people breaking the pipes to have access to water.”

ii. Mr. Michael Tennyson Kargbo- Proposed Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company.

After his preliminary work experience as a Treasury Clerk, Bombali District Office, Mr. Michel Kargbo lived and worked in London from 1985 – 2008. He returned home to Sierra Leone in 2008 and was appointed as Operations Manager of ASAASI Limited. (2008-2014).

Mr. Kargbo has had Board experience and has served as Board Member of the Sierra Leone Commercial bank. (2014-2015)

Reacting to probing questions, Mr. Michael Kargbo said, “If approved by the House, I promise to cooperate with other Board Members to ensure that adequate and reliable water supply is available in the Western Area.”

iii. Mr. James Momodu Fornah-Sesay- Proposed Chairman, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners

Mr. James Momodu Fornah-Sesay is a Private Legal Practitioner, Head of Chambers and Senior Partner, Law Firm of Fornah-Sesay, Cummings, Showers & Co (Barristers and Solicitors.) He is the current Secretary General of the Sierra Leone Bar Association and Legal Adviser to several organisations.

Answering to the Committee’s inquiries, Mr. Fornah-Sesay said, “since my nomination, I have been working on plans to move the Board forward. I have been to the building that houses the Board to get first hand information on what the Board has been doing. I was however disappointed that the institution is a non-starter, with two staff, poor furniture and no files on past work. If I get the blessings of approval of this Honourable House, I will be going to start afresh. I would therefore need both the support of Parliament and the Ministry of Finance to kick-start this important Board.”

Highlighting his strategy, Mr. James Fornah-Sesay said, “I have already started working on the proposals necessary to build the Board to the way I want it. I have also started working on a draft budget because this is a board that is meant to cover the whole country. We will need vehicles, public address systems and a vibrant public relations department.”

iv. Mr. Gibril Thullah – Proposed Board Member, National Insurance Company.

Mr. Gibril Thullah is a very successful teacher who started his career as an Assistance teacher in a primary school. He rose through the ranks to his current position as Lecturer, Milton Margai College of Education and President of the Senior Academic Staff Association of the College.

Answering to questions, Mr. Thullah said, “I humbly submit that if approved by Parliament, I will endeavour to convince and work with fellow Board Members to identify the challenges of the company and to address them accordingly.”

v. Mr. Mohamed C. Jalloh-Proposed Board Member, National Insurance Company.

Mr. Mohamed C. Jalloh is a Senior Mines Monitoring Officer in the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources. He had previously served in several institutions in the country, including serving for two terms as a Board Member of the National Shipping Company. (2008 -2015)

In his interview, Mr. Mohamed C. Jalloh promised to draw on his experience gained over the years for the success of the company. "I will endeavor to work to the best of my ability to strengthen the company in the area of yearly financial returns."

vi. Kabba Conteh- Proposed Board Member, National Insurance Company.

Mr. Kabba Conteh is a Law School student with analytical and innovative skills and is looking forward to work in an organisation that offers growth and career development opportunities.

Responding to the Committee, Mr. Kabba Conteh said, "I will be working on the Board as part of a team with a goal to ensure that customers are not disadvantaged."

vii. Dr. Fasineh Sanason Samura – Proposed Board Member, SIERRATEL

Dr. Fasineh Samura is a General Medical Practitioner with over 28 years of Clinical work experience in Asia and Africa, particularly in Mozambique, Malawi, Kenya, the Gambia, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Questioned on his future outlook of SIERRATEL, Dr. Fasineh Samura said "my vision for SIERRATEL is to see the company developed as a role model in the Telecommunication industry. The company should have a competitive edge over the other companies," he said.

viii. Mr. Eddie Moigua Senesie - Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Airports Authority.

Mr. Senesie is a retired Education Planning Officer who is currently a volunteer worker, Kenema District Development and Rehabilitation Agency (KENDDDRA) 1999 – to date.

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries, Mr. Senesie said, "I would be going to the Sierra Leone Airports Authority with a wealth of experience in planning. If I am approved by Parliament, I promise to work to the best of my ability."

ix. Mr. Keifala Kosia – Proposed Board Member Sierra Leone Housing Corporation

Mr. Kosia has been in Media work and has served with excellence in institutions like:

- i. Kalleone Group of Companies 2007 – 2008
- ii. ABC Television Africa
- iii. Down Town Youth Organisation 2008 – 2009
- iv. Free Radio Station – 2009 – 2010
- v. Sierra College Foundation

Answering to questions, Mr. Kosia promised to ensure that the concerns and grievances of genuine tenants of the Corporation are speedily looked into and addressed accordingly.

x. Mr. Alpha Mahdie Daramy – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation.

Mr. Alpha Daramy is a retired banker who served the Barclays Bank Sierra Leone Limited from 1974 -1998.

Responding to the Committee, Mr. Alpha Daramy said, "the cost of transportation nowadays has a negative effect on the lives of the people. These are some of the issues of concern that I will be pre-occupied with on the Board. I will also partner with management to improve on service delivery in the transport sector."

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. Max W. Thompson- Board Chairman, Guma Valley Water Company.
- ii. Mr. Michael Tennyson Kargbo - Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company

- iii. Mr. James Momodu Fornah-Sesay, Chairman, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners
- iv. Mr. Mohamed C. Jalloh - Board Member, National Insurance Company
- v. Mr. Gibril Thullah, Board Member, National Insurance Company
- vi. Mr. Kabba Conteh- Board Member, National Insurance Company
- vii. Dr. Fasineh Sanason Samura – Board Member, SIERRATEL
- viii. Mr. Eddie Moigua Senesie, Board Member, Sierra Leone Airport Authority
- ix. Mr. Keifala Kosia, Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation
- x. Mr. Alpha Mahdie Daramy- Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Seventeenth Report is the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Seventeenth 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
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**MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON MONDAY
29TH 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. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
 - iv. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
 - v. Hon. Amadu Kanu
 - vi. Hon. Benneh Bangura
 - vii. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
 - viii. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
 - ix. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
 - x. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie
 - 2.2 **The following Members of the Committee were absent:**
 - xi. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams
 - xii. Hon. Mabinty Funna

- xiii. Hon. Ansumana Kaikai
- xiv. Hon. Brimah Conteh
- xv. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay
- xvi. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah

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. Max W. Thompson- Proposed Board Chairman, Guma Valley Water Company.
- ii. Mr. Michael Tennyson Kargbo - Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company
- iii. Mr. James Momodu Fornah-Sesay, Proposed Chairman, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners
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Mr. Eddie Moigua Senesie, Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Airport Authority
- viii. Mr. Keifala Kosia, Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation
- ix. Mr. Alpha Mahdie Daramy- Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation

x. Closed Session

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

The Committee rose at 4:45 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees