



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



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

**NINETEENTH 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, 13th and on Wednesday 15th July 2015 and interviewed a total of thirteen Presidential nominees for appointment as follows:-

- i. Sierra Leone's High Commissioner to the Republic of Ghana
- ii. Sierra Leone's High Commissioner to the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- iii. Board Chairman, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration (SLMA)
- iv. Board Member, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration (SLMA)
- v. Director General, Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA)
- vi. Deputy Director, Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA)
- vii. Board Member, Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA)
- viii. Three Board Members, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation (SALHOC)
- ix. Board member, Sierra Leone Postal Services (SALPOST)
- x. Member, Local Government Service Commission.
- xi. Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation(SLRTC)

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. TWENTY- SECOND SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 13TH JULY 2015

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

i. Hon. Haja Afsatu Olayinka Ebishola Kabba – Proposed Sierra Leone’s High Commissioner to the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Hon. Afsatu Kabba is a professional Chartered Insurer and former Member of Parliament, 2002-2007. She has also served as Minister in several Government Ministries.

Reacting to the Committee’s inquires, Hon Haja Afsatu Kabba said, “I am sure you are aware of the historical ties between Nigeria and Sierra Leone. I will continue to sustain and strengthen the bilateral as well as the multilateral relations between Sierra Leone and Nigeria and the ECOWAS member states. I will also explore for trade and investment opportunities. In terms of technical cooperation, I’ll reinforce the economic, social and cultural ties for the mutual benefit of our sister states.”

ii. Mr. Abdulai Aziz Kamara – Proposed Director General, SLRA.

Mr. Kamara is professional Civil Engineer who joined the Ministry of works in 1984, rose through the ranks to the position of Area Engineer, Port Loko, 1991-1992. With the establishment of the Sierra Leone Roads Authority, he was appointed Chief Regional Engineer, 1992- 2000. Through hard work, he again rose through the ranks to his current position as Acting Director-General, SLRA.

Responding to the Committee’s inquiries, Ing. Abdulai Aziz Kamara said, “when I assumed office in 2013, the first problem I was confronted with was the numerous pot-holes on the streets of Freetown. I put my team to work to speedily fill the pot holes. The strategy used was in “getting many contractors to attack different areas at the same time. Within two to three weeks, all the pot-holes disappeared from the streets of Freetown. When I noticed that some contractors were slow in executing their contracts, I called all the contractors and consultants to a meeting where we discussed their constraints. I ensured

that the constraints and whatever was holding them back were addressed accordingly. With constant supervision, we were able to complete most of the projects in record time," he said.

**iii. Mrs. Ing. Memuna Kumba Jalloh-Proposed Deputy Director-General
Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA)**

Mrs. Jalloh is a professional Civil High way Engineer with over 24 years of work experience, 22 years of which were spent with the Sierra Leone Roads Authority.(SLRA) She is a Corporate Member of the Sierra Leone Institute of Engineers.

Reacting to probing questions, Ing. Memuna Jalloh said, "I am putting together a ten year strategic plan on roads with the objective of up-grading the nation's network of roads. Sierra Leone Roads Authority now has a wealth of Engineers who have the ability to work on the project. We are trying to do an assessment of management to facilitate training for our engineers for the task."

**iv. Mr. Lansana Dumbuya – Proposed Board Chairman, Sierra Leone
Maritime Administration.**

Mr. Lansana Dumbuya is a Private Legal Practitioner with over 10 years of work experience obtained nationally and internationally.

In his interview, Mr. Lansana Dumbuya promised to improve on the service delivery of the Maritime Administration particularly in grappling with issues of sea safety. "I will work with colleague Board Members to encourage management to set desirable and achievable goals and to work towards attaining them within the given time periods," he said.

**v. Mr. Daniel Usif Kamara – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone
Housing Corporation**

Mr. Daniel Usif Kamara is a Banker of repute who diligently served the Sierra Leone Commercial Bank from 1973 to 2013, when he retired as Manager, Business Development.

Reacting to probing questions, Mr. Dan Kamara said, "if I am approved by this Honourable House, I will work collaboratively with other Board Members to help address the problems encountered by tenants of the Corporation."

vi. Madam Fatu Miriam Kanu – Proposed Member, Local Government Service Commission.

Madam Fatu Kanu is an educationist who has spent the better part of her life in the noble profession of teaching. She joined the teaching field in 1967 as an Assistant teacher, rose through the ranks to her current position as Head Teacher, St. Joseph's Primary R.C. Girls School, Makeni.

Reacting to probing questions, Madam Fatu Miriam Kanu promised to draw on her past experience to help grapple with the challenges of the Local Government Service Commission. "I promise to work collaboratively with other Members for the success of the Commission," she said.

vii. Rev. Christian O. Moses Palmer – Proposed Board Member Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation.

Rev. Palmer is a Professional Mechanical Engineer with over 30 years of field work experience who has been able to combine his technical engineering knowledge and skills with sound business knowledge and skills to make himself a respectable entrepreneur both locally and internationally. Mr. Palmer has served as Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation. (2009-2012).

Answering to the Committee's questions Mr. Christian Palmer said, "I will work together with colleague Board Members to ensure that transportation service is improved and extended to our school-going children."

viii. Mr. Alie Paul Koroma – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation (SALHOC)

Mr. Koroma is an Educationist of no mean standing who served as a classroom teacher from 1959 -1971. In 1971, he joined the Ministry of Education as a Supervisor of Physical and Health Education. (PHE) He rose through the ranks and retired in 1999 as Principal Education Officer, PHE Division.

In his response to the Committee, Mr. Koroma promised to draw on his experience and to work collaboratively with fellow Board members for the success of the Corporation.

ix. Mr. Hindolo F. Gbow – Proposed Board member Sierra Leone Postal Services

Mr. Hindolo Gbow is a commercial farmer and a very senior opinion Leader and advocate for government developmental initiatives in the Segbwema Community.

Reacting to the Committee inquiries, Mr. Gbow promised to work together with other Board Members to turn around the fortunes of the Sierra Leone Postal Services.

4. TWENTY- THIRD SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 2015

The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

i. Hon. Justice Umu Hawa Tejan-Jalloh – Proposed Sierra Leone High Commissioner to the Republic of Ghana

Hon. Justice Umu Hawa Tejan-Jalloh is the Former Chief Justice of the Republic of Sierra Leone 2008 – 2015. She joined the Law Officers Department in 1975 as State Counsel. Through hard work, she rose through the ranks to the highest position in the Judiciary.

Hon. Justice Umu Hawa Tejan-Jalloh is “Grand Commander of the Order of the Rokel (GCOR)”

Responding to probing questions on her role as the High Commissioner designate to the Republic of Ghana, Hon. Justice Umu Tejan-Jalloh said, “my role is to ensure that I maintain, sustain and further strengthen the existing cordial relationship between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the sister Republic of Ghana. I will also endeavor to exploit the historical, economic and cultural ties between Sierra Leone and Ghana to bring our Governments and peoples closer for the mutual benefit of our sister Republics.”

ii. Ing. Leslie Nicol – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation. (SALHOC)

Mr. Nicol is a Civil Engineer with over 35 years of work experience obtained in reputable Engineering firms nationally and internationally. He is the proprietor and Managing Director of Global Services Ltd, (Building and Civil Engineering Works) 1986 to date.

Answering to the Committee’s inquiries, Mr. Leslie Nicol said, “I am a professional Engineer, and I have been in the construction industry for well over

thirty years. So I am quite knowledgeable about buildings and I think I will be of assistance to the Board. I promise to do my best."

Asked for his personal view on the OAU Villas, Mr. Nicol said that SALHOC is in dire need of finance and the OAU villas could be sold to provide the funding required to build more estates.

iii. Mr. Mohamed Kaloga Kamara – Proposed Board Member Sierra Leone Maritime Administration

Mr. Mohamed Kaloga Kamara is a trade Unionist and Member of Sierra Leone Labour Congress. (President of the Fishermen's Union. 2006 to date) He is also the Recruiting Officer for Industrial Fishing companies. (2005 to date)

In his interview, Mr. Mohamed Kaloga Kamara said " I have been in the fishing industry for over 18 years as President of the Fishermen's Union and Recruiting Personnel Officer. So I know much about the Sierra Leone Maritime Administration and the challenges it faces. I do my best to help mitigate those challenges."

Highlighting one of the challenges facing the Administration, Mr. Kamara spoke about the problem of "foreign vessels poaching in our territorial waters and causing havoc for our local fishermen."

iv. Mr. Sheik Sahid Sillah – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Roads Authority

Mr. Sheik Sahid Sillah is a highly respected opinion leader and role model in the Bo town Community. He has Board experience and has served as Board Chairman, Bo-Kenema Power Services (BKPS).

Answering to questions, Mr. Sillah promised to work to the best of his ability to ensure that the nation's networks of feeder-roads are repaired to facilitate the transportation of food stuff from the rural producers to the urban markets.

5. EXCERPT OF THE FOURTEENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

i. **Mr. Abu Bakarr 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 fall in the world price of iron-ore. Sierra-Rutile is however doing well 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 adhere to their corporate social responsibilities and all other provisions of the Mines and Mineral Act, 2009.

6. EXCERPT OF THE SEVENTEENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

i. **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 (KENDDRA) 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 to help the Authority achieve the objectives for which it was established."

7. 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:

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- ii. Hon. Haja Afsatu Olayinka Ebishola Kabba – Sierra Leone High Commissioner to the Federal Republic of Nigeria
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- v. Mr. Sheik Sahid Sillah - Board Member, Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA)
- vi. Mr. Lansana Dumbuya- Board Chairman, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration (SLMA)
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- viii. Mr. Daniel Yusuf Kamara –Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation (SALHOC)
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- x. Mr. Leslie Nicol- Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation (SALHOC)
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- xii.** Mr. Christian Palmer- Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation (SLRTC)
- xiii. Mr. Hindolo Gbow- Board Member, Sierra Leone Postal Services (SALPOST)
- xiv. Mr. Eddie Moigua Senesie-Board Member, Sierra Leone Airports Authority. (SLAA)
- xv. Mr. Abu B. Barrie – Board Member, Minerals Advisory Boar

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Nineteenth Report reflects the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Nineteenth Report of the Third Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, and the excerpts of the Fourteenth and the Seventeenth Report of the Committee 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 TWENTY-SECOND SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON MONDAY
13TH JULY 2015 AT 11:00 A. M.**

1. **Prayers** – Prayers were said by the Clerk.
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. Ansuman Kaikai
 - v. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
 - vi. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
 - vii. Hon. Amadu Kanu
 - viii. Hon. Benneh Bangura
 - 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. Dr. Bernadette Lahai

- xiv. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
- xv. Hon. Brimah Conteh
- 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:

4:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

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- ii. Ing. Abdulai Aziz Kamara – Proposed Director General, SLRA
- iii. Ing. Memuna Kumba Jalloh-Proposed Deputy Director General, SLRA
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- vi. Madam Fatu Miriam Kanu_- Proposed Member, Local Government Service Commission
- vii. Mr. Christian Palmer- Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation
- viii. Mr. Alie Paul Koroma, Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation (SALHOC)
- ix. Mr. Hindolo Gbow- Proposed Board Member, S L Postal Services

5. Closed Session

5:1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of all the nine candidates interviewed.

The Committee rose at 3:55 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY
15TH JULY 2015 AT 11:00 A. M.**

1. **Prayers** – Prayers were said by the Clerk.

2. **Attendance**

2.3 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
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- iv. Mr. Sheik Sahid Sillah – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Authority (Representing the Southern Province)

5. Closed Session

5:1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of all the four candidates interviewed.

The Committee rose at 1:50 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees