



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



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

**TWENTY-FIRST 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, conscious of its Constitutional duties, met on Tuesday, 13th October 2015 and interviewed six Presidential nominees for appointment as follows:-

- i. Member, Public Service Commission.
- ii. Board member, Sierra Leone Postal Services (SALPOST)
- iii. Board Member, Sierra Leone Water Company- SALWACO
- iv. Board Member, Road Maintenance Fund Administration
- v. Member, National Public Procurement Authority
- vi. Member, Board of Trustees, NASSIT

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 tenure.

**3. TWENTY- SIXTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 13TH
OCTOBER 2015**

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

i. Mr. Augustine Sahr Tutu - Proposed Member, Public Service Commission.

Mr. Tutu had served as Chiefdom Treasury Clerk in eight Chiefdoms in the Kono District before traveling abroad for further studies in the United Kingdom. He is currently a Registered Manager with the Care Quality Commission, (CQC) a governmental body responsible for upholding the appropriate standards of healthcare provision in the United Kingdom.

Responding to the Committee's inquiries, Mr. Augustine Tutu said that if he obtained the approval of Parliament, he would be working with a body of four including the Chairman, whose mandate is to (i) restructure and reshape the Civil Service in terms of recruiting the right caliber of workers for the Civil Service, and the (ii) motivation of public servants so as to improve on their service delivery to the nation. "In this regard, I promise to work to the best of my ability without fear or favour but to be fair to all without political, ethnic or regional considerations."

ii. Mr. Hamid Abdul Kamara – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Postal Services Ltd.

Mr. Hamid Kamara is a veteran Civil Servant of repute who held the following positions during his long course of service, (1969- 1992)

- i. Assistant District Officer in Moyamba and Kailahun – 1969-1974
- ii. District Officer in Bonthe and Pujehun 1974 -1977
- iii. Senior District Officer, Kenema 1977-1979
- iv. Permanent Secretary in several Ministries – 1980- 1987
- v. Provincial Secretary, Southern Region 1987-1988
- vi. Senior Permanent Secretary 1988-1992

Responding to the Committees inquires on the morbid state of the Postal Services, Mr. Hamid Kamara promised to do his best. He said, "and with the help of both the Government and other Board Members, to turn around the fortunes of the Sierra Leone Postal Services."

iii. P.C. Alameen Kanneh – Proposed Board Member, SALWACO

P.C Alameen Kanneh is a traditional ruler of the Baoma Koya Chiefdom, Kenema District.

Answering to questions on the status of water supply in his Chiefdom, P.C Alameen Kanneh said, "there is not much to write home about. If I obtain the approval of this Parliament, I will do my best to improve on the water supply situation not only in my Chiefdom but in the entire country."

iv. Buffy Batham Bailor – Proposed Board Member, Road Maintenance Fund Administration

Mr. Buffy Batham Bailor is a "Financial Management and Accounting Specialist" with over 22 years work experience in designing and improving 'Financial Management systems' for public and private sector clients as well as donor funded projects. He is currently the Managing partner of B & C Consulting, a firm of Chartered Accountants, Business and Management Consultants in Sierra Leone.

Answering to probing questions, Mr. Buffy Batham Bailor said that he was quite au fait with the challenges facing the Road Maintenance Fund Administration and promised to do his best, with the cooperation of other Board Members, to tackle those challenges. "If I obtain the confirmation of this Honourable House, I would

strongly advocate for the maintenance of feeder roads to improve on trade links with the agriculturally productive areas of the Provinces," he said.

v. **Mr. Francis Hinga Lahai - Proposed Member National Public Procurement Authority Board**

Mr. Francis Lahai is an Engineer with over twenty years of engineering work experience obtained locally and internationally. He is currently the Managing Director, Fahrenheit Engineering and construction Co. Ltd. (2011 to date)

Answering to probing questions, Mr. Francis Lahai promised to work collaboratively with other Board Members to set policies and standards that would ensure that procurement procedures are followed to the letter. "I promise to work assiduously for the success of the Procurement Authority."

vi. **Mr. Fayia Musa Tucker - Proposed Member Board of Trutees, NASSIT.**

Mr. Tucker is an Accountant who has consistently served the Ministry of Finance from 1993 to date. He is also the National Organizing Secretary, National Union of Civil Servants. (NUCS)

Reacting to the Committee's inquires, Mr. Tucker opined that in dealing with NASSIT, "we should not forget that NASSIT's money belongs to the people who have worked hard to pay their regular monthly contributions and are hoping to benefit from the returns on their contributions during retirement." The Board, he believed, should strictly adhere to the vision of the Sierra Leonean workers. Mr. Fayia Musa Tucker "promised to ensure that projects undertaken by the NASSIT are cost effective and that retired contributors are not disadvantaged."

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- i. Mr. Augustine Sahr Tutu – Member, Public Service Commission,
- ii. Mr. Hamid Abdul Kamara- Board Member, S. L. Postal Services Ltd
- iii. P. C. Alameen Kanneh –Board Member, SALWACO
- iv. Mr. Buffy Batham Bailor- Board Member, Road Maintenance Fund Administration
- v. Mr. Francis Hinga Lahai – Member, National Public Procurement Authority
- vi. Mr. Fayia Musa Tucker –Member, NASSIT Board of Trustees

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Twenty-first Report reflects the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Twenty-first 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
REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON TUESDAY
13TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 1:00 P. 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. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
 - vi. Hon. Amadu Kanu
 - vii. Hon. Benneh Bangura
 - viii. Hon. Mabinty Funna
 - ix. Hon. Brimah Conteh
 - x. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay
 - xi. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
 - 2.2 **The following Members of the Committee were absent:**
 - xii. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams (Late)
 - xiii. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie

- xiv. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- xv. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
- xvi. Hon. Augustine B. Torto (Late)

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:

- i. Mr. Augustine Sahr Tutu – Proposed Member, Public Service Commission,
- ii. Mr. Hamid Abdul Kamara- Proposed Board Member, S. L. Postal Services Ltd
- iii. P. C. Alameen Kanneh –Proposed Board Member, SALWACO
- iv. Mr. Buffy Batham Bailor-Proposed Board Member, Road Maintenance Fund Administration
- v. Mr. Francis Hinga Lahai – Proposed Member, National Public Procurement Authority
- vi. Mr. Fayia Musa Tucker –Proposed Member, NASSIT Board of Trustees

5. Closed Session

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

The Committee rose at 3:00 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda
Director of Committees

