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

### **SEVENTH 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 and interviewed nine Presidential nominees for appointment as follows:

- i. Four Members, Board of Trustees, Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC)
- ii. Two Members, Sierra Leone Investment & Export Promotion Agency (SLIEPA)
- iii. Member, National Youth Commission
- iv. Member, Judicial & Legal Service Commission
- v. Member, National Tourist Board

#### **2. PROCEDURE**

The Committee conducted the hearings within its set framework of procedures. The nominees were interviewed on issues pertaining to their educational background 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. NINTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

**i P.C. Alimamy Bockarie Yellan Koroma III - Proposed Member, Board of Trustees, Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC)**

P.C. Alimamy Bockarie Yellan Koroma III is a serving Member of the Board of Trustee, SLBC and has been nominated to serve a second term. P.C. Alimamy Koroma is a traditional ruler and an elected Paramount Chief of Kalonsogoia Chiefdom, Tonkolili District.

In his interview, P.C. Alimamy Koroma promised to work to the best of his ability for the success of the corporation.

**ii. Mr. Mark Mahmoud Kalokoh - Proposed Member, Board of Trustees SLBC**

Mr. Kalokoh started his working life with the noble profession of a classroom teacher 1985 -2001. He later became a Civil Society activist and joined the Civil Society Movement Sierra Leone as Administrative Officer.

Questioned on his role as a Board member, Mr. Kalokoh said, "if I get the blessings of your approval as a Board member, I and fellow Board Members will be responsible for the formulation of policy guidelines of the Corporation. We will also be responsible for ensuring that policies made are implemented for the effective management of the corporation."

Mr. Kalokoh promised to work to the best of his ability to make SLBC be at par with other international broadcasting Stations.

**iii. Rev. Dr. Usman Jesse Fornah – Proposed Member, Boarding Trustees, SLBC**

Rev. Dr. Usman Jesse Fornah is the National Superintendent and Administrative Head of the Wesleyan Church of Sierra Leone. He is a result oriented person with a passion for peaceful co-existence, conflict resolution and spiritual mindedness. He has good interpersonal and Communication skills.

Rev. Dr. Fornah promised to work to the best of his ability to improve service delivery by the SLBC. He called for unity and collaboration among Board Members and for all to work in the best interest of the nation.

**iv. Mrs. Rosetta Sovula – Proposed Member, Board of Trustees, SLBC**

Mrs. Rosetta Sovula is a veteran educationist and an ardent NGO worker who has been in the forefront of every issue pertaining to women in this country and has earned an enormous wealth of experience in the process.

Responding to probing questions, Mrs. Sovula promised to work collaboratively with follow Board members to build the capacity of the management and improve on staff policies for quality service delivery.

**v. Rev. Raymond Ayodele Bola-Williams -Sierra Leone Investment & Export Promotion Agency (SLIEPA)**

Rev. Raymond Ayodele Bola-Williams is the Managing Director/CEO Eulloyray Agencies and Consultancies Limited, 3 Bright Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone. He is also the authorized dealer of Gestetner Photocopiers, Reseller for Dell Computers, Triplet UPS, Office Furniture and Equipment, General Procurement Agent, Insurance Broker and vehicle rental.

From 2013- Date, he has been serving as the Senior Pastor-in-charge of Price Untied Memorial United Methodist Church, Dwarzak.

Rev. Raymond Ayodele Bola-Williams is Council member, Sierra Leone Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (2006 to date) and Council member, Sierra Leone Indigenous Business Association (SLIBA) 2008 to date.

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries, Rev. Bola-Williams promised to draw on his wealth of experience obtained at the Chamber of Commerce and SLIBA to help achieve those objectives for which SLIEPA was established.

**vi. Mr. Michael Augustus Collier - Proposed Member, SLIEPA**

Mr. Collier has to his credit, 39 years of work experience in Banking and Finance in several positions spanning Executive level, credit risk management, financial Development and Board Secretariat. Mr. Collier is currently the Acting Managing Director, Rokel Commercial Bank (Sierra Leone Limited)

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries, Mr. Collier said, "I am a British trained banker with 39 years experience in Banking including foreign trade and investment. I believe that my background will make considerable impact on the activities of SLIEPA. "

Questioned on the issue of providing loans to local investors, Mr. Collier said, "as a banker, we have our lending policy guidelines. If local entrepreneurs are in conformity with our lending policy guidelines, they will be given loans needed for export promotion."

Answering to further questions, he said, "we are paying attention to the 'Local Content Policy' because our key desire is to ensure that Sierra Leoneans emerge as successful business people. We are currently reviewing the allocation to indigenous enterprises to ensure that we provide adequate support to local Sierra Leoneans to make them succeed in business." Mr. Collier promised to ensure that the Sierra Leone Association of Commercial Banks constantly interface with the Sierra Leone Association of Business men.

**vii. Mr. Joe Abass Bangura -Proposed Member, National Youth Commission**

Mr. Joe Abass Bangura is an emerging business leader with a strong background in Insurance, Accounting, Marketing and Communications, Business Process Improvement, and Quality Assurance. He is an expert in designing and translating strategic vision into achievable targets and has a strong passion for human capital development.

Mr. Joe Abass Bangura is currently the:

- i. Chief Executive Officer of A Call to Business Group, ACTB, a group of companies he pioneered to establish
- ii. Finance and Regional Director of Africell (SL) Ltd. (2005 – date)

Responding to probing inquiries on how to bring wayward children back on track, Mr. Bangura said that from his own background, he has come to believe that “every child, given the opportunity, is able to fight back to life. I think that is what I represent. I yearn every day for the opportunity to have a bigger platform to be able to influence young people. I have been saying this since 1989 that ‘if they made new and better choices, they can transform their lives irrespective of their backgrounds. This is what I think I will bring to the Commission, energy, hope and a strategy for young wayward people in this country to fight their way back to a good, purposeful and gainful life.”

**viii. Doreen Zephina Faux\_Proposed Member, Judicial & Legal Service Commission**

Doreen Zephina Faux is a retired Civil Servant who joined the Sierra Leone Civil Service in 1973 as a Temporary Clerk. She rose through the ranks and retired in 2014 as Director, Recruitment and Selection, Human Resource Management Office (HRMO).

Reacting to the committee inquiries about her role on the Board, Ms. Faux said, “I will be advising the Chief Justice on merit-based recruitment, promotion and transfer matters.” Ms. Faux promised to work without fear or favour but to do justice to all on merit.

**ix. Mr. Parker Kamara – Proposed Member, National Tourist Board**

Mr. Parker Kamara is a Trade Unionist who has undergone extensive training locally and internationally on a wide range of issues relating to management and global trade union matters organized by the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Maritime Organization (IMO), African Confederation of Free Trade Union (ACFTU) etc.

Mr. Parker promised to draw on experiences gained in other pertinent work situations to help market Sierra Leone as a tourist attraction.

#### **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. P. C. Alimamy Bockarie Yellan Koroma III- Member, Board of Trustees, SLBC
- ii. Mr. Mark Mahmoud Kalokoh - Member, Board of Trustees SLBC
- iii. Rev. Dr. Usman Jesse Fornah- Member, Board of Trustees, SLBC
- iv. Mrs. Rossetta Sovula - Member, Board of Trustees, SLBC
- v. Rev. Raymond Ayodele Bola-Williams – Sierra Leone Investment & Export Promotion Agency (SLIEPA)
- vi. Mr. Michael Augustus Collier – Member, SLIEPA
- vii. Mr. Joe Abass Bangura- Member, National Youth Commission
- viii. Mrs. Doreen Zephina Faux –Member, Judicial & Legal Service Commission
- ix. Mr. Parker Kamara - Member, National Tourist Board

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

Date.....



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

**MINUTES OF THE NINTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS  
AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT  
BUILDING, ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 AT 11:00 A. 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. Leonard S. Fofanah
    - iv. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
    - v. Hon. Ansumana Kaikai
    - vi. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
    - vii. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
    - viii. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
    - ix. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
    - x. Hon. Mabinty Funna
    - xi. Hon. Brimah Conteh
    - xii. Hon. Amadu Kanu
    - xiii. Hon. Benneh Bangura
    - xiv. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie

**2.2 The following Members of the Committee were absent:**

- xv. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams
- xvi. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay

4. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Hearing was open to the public and the press.

**5. Consideration of Presidential nominations for appointments as listed:**

5:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. P. C. Alimamy Bockarie Yellan Koroma III-Proposed Member, Board of Trustees, SLBC
- ii. Mr. Mark Mahmoud Kalokoh - Proposed Member, Board of Trustees SLBC
- iii. Rev. Dr. Usman Jesse Fornah- Proposed Member, Board of Trustees, SLBC
- iv. Mrs. Rossetta Sovula - Proposed Member, Board of Trustees, SLBC
- v. Rev. Raymond Ayodele Bola-Williams – Sierra Leone Investment & Export Promotion Agency (SLIEPA)
- vi. Mr. Michael Augustus Collier – Proposed Member, SLIEPA
- vii. Mr. Joe Abass Bangura- Proposed Member, National Youth Commission
- viii. Mrs. Doreen Zephina Faux –Proposed Member, Judicial & Legal Service Commission
- ix. Mr. Parker Kamara-Proposed Member, National Tourist Board

**6. Closed Session**

6:2 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of all the nine candidates interviewed.

The Committee rose at 3: 30 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees