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

**EIGHTH 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 Wednesday 21st May, 2014 and interviewed five Presidential nominees for appointment as:

- i. Chairman, Board of Trustees, SLBC
- ii. Chairman, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation
- iii. Board Member, Sierra Rutile Limited
- iv. Board Member, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
- v. Board Member, Rokel Commercial Bank

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. Probing questions put to the nominees pertained to their educational background, track records in public office, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a successful and nationally productive tenure. Allegations of malpractices in public office and unsuitability in terms of moral character to hold such public appointments were all very closely scrutinized.

**EIGHTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 21st MAY
2014**

The following nominees were interviewed:

- i. **Hon. Salamatu Turay- Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank**

Hon Salamatu Turay was a social worker in the SOS Children's Village before she aspired to enter politics. In 2007, she contested the Parliamentary Elections and was elected Member of Parliament for Constituency 112, Lumley. (2007 – 2012)



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Reacting to Members' enquiries, Hon Salamatu Turay promised to work to the best of her ability for the success of the Bank.

ii. Hon. Charles H. Kalawa - Proposed Board Member, Rokel Commercial Bank

Hon Kalawa is a retired military officer who contested the 2007 Parliamentary Elections and was elected Member of Parliament for Constituency 111 Western Urban, Freetown.

Responding to probing questions, Hon Kalawa said that he was well aware that the Rokel Commercial Bank was going through some difficult challenges. "With my military background and discipline and, with the cooperation of other Board Members, I believe I will be of help in tackling those challenges," he assured the Committee.

iii. Mr. Sylvester B. Goba – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Rutile Limited

Mr. Goba worked as a Civil Servant for nearly twenty years before he opted for an early voluntary retirement in 1999 to return to his local Community. In 2002 he was elected Chiefdom Speaker, Jong Chiefdom in the Bonthe district and in 2009, he was appointed Deputy Minister of Tourism and Culture.

Answering to the Committee's questions, Mr. Goba assured the Committee that "as a native of the Rutile mining community; I will ensure that the mining company fulfills its 'corporate social responsibilities' to the mining communities to help our people benefit from their God-given endowment."

iv. Mr. Maya Kaikai –Proposed Board Chairman, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation (SLRTC)

Mr. Maya Kaikai is an entrepreneur per excellence, an investor with successful business enterprises in Kailahun and Kenema. Mr. Kaikai also has executive work experience in a number of major hotels and companies. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lauwa Resort Hotel, Sierra Leone and the Proprietor, Kailefa Construction and General Service.

In his response to the Committee's inquiries, Mr. Kaikai said that Government under the 'Agenda for Prosperity' has been providing buses for SLRTC. "What is important here," he said, "is the management of the buses. Prudent management is the key to the success of any business entity. There are set goals and objectives for every parastatal in this country. The role of the Board of these parastatals is to make policies that would influence the management in a



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very positive way to enhance effective and efficient service delivery. As chairman, monitoring would be an important item on my agenda. I will leave no stone unturned to close the waste pipes.”

v. Mr. Festus E. Minah - Proposed Chairman, Board of Trustees, Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC)

Mr. Minah is a Trade Unionist of no mean standing. Starting as a classroom teacher, Mr. Minah rose through the ranks in the ‘Teachers Union’ to the position of President of the Sierra Leone Teachers Union (1996-2005). He is currently the Chairman, Civil Society Movement -Sierra Leone (CSM-SL)

As former Board Member of SLBC now elevated to the position of Chairman, Mr. Minah admitted that the SLBC was indeed facing enormous challenges. One of these challenges, he said, was finance and he hoped to counter it by ensuring that robust mechanisms are put in place to enhance transparency and accountability in revenue collection.

Secondly, he said, “I will go all out to look for investors that will partner with SLBC to enhance and promote the aims and objectives of the Corporation.”

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:

- i. Hon. Salamatu Turay- Board Member, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
- ii. Mr. Sylvester Basopan Goba – Board Member, Sierra Rutile Limited
- iii. Hon. Charles Hudson Kalawa - Board Member, Rokel Commercial Bank
- iv. Mr. Maya M. Kaikai – Chairman, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation
- v. Mr. Festus Ewaaka. Minah - Chairman, Board of Trustees, SLBC

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Eighth Report is the unanimous view of the Committee. I therefore move that the Eighth Report of the Second Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.



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Hon. Ibrahim Bundu
Chairman.

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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2014 AT 2:00 P.M

1. **Prayers** - Members prayed silently and individually.

2. **Attendance**

2.1 The following Members of the Committee were present.

- i. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu
- ii. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah
- iii. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
- iv. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- v. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay
- vi. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
- vii. Hon. Mohamed Sidi Tunis

2.2 The following Members of the Committee were absent:

- viii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- ix. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- x. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
- xi. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
- xii. Hon. Bliss Osho-Williams
- xiii. Hon. Brimah Conteh
- xiv. Hon. Mabinty Funna
- xv. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- xvi. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie



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

4. Consideration of Presidential nominations for appointments listed against their names:

4:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. Hon. Salamatu Turay- Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
- ii. Mr. Sylvester B. Goba – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Rutile Limited
- iii. Hon. Charles H. Kalawa - Proposed Board Member, Rokel Commercial Bank
- iv. Mr. Maya Kaikai –Proposed Board Chairman, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation
- v. Mr. Festus E. Minah - Proposed Chairman, Board of Trustees, SLBC

5. Closed Session

5.1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of all the five candidates interviewed.

The Committee rose at 3: 50 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees