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

**SIXTH 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 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 and interviewed four Presidential nominees for appointment as:

- i. Board Chairman, Rokel Commercial Bank
- ii. Members, Anti-Corruption Advisory Board

**2. PROCEDURE**

The Committee strictly adhered to its established procedures throughout the deliberation. The nominees were interviewed on their educational background, track records in pertinent work situations, declared assets, tax obligations and their vision for a successful and nationally productive tenure of office.

**2. SIXTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 13TH MAY 2014**

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed:

- i. **Mr. Sanie Samuel Sesay**- Proposed Board Chairman, Rokel Commercial Bank

Mr. Sanie Sesay is a veteran banker with more than thirty years of work experience at the former Barclays Bank Limited, now Rokel Commercial Bank. He retired from the bank as a Senior Manager.

In politics, Mr. Sanie sesay scored a number of successes. He came to the spot light when, in 1982, he contested and won the Parliamentary seat in Bombali East and was appointed



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Minister of State 1 Finance. Since then, the nominee's ability to handle positions of trust paved the way for future appointments as follows:

- i. 1984 Minister of Social Welfare and Rural Development;
- ii. 1985 Minister of Lands, Housing and Environment;
- iii. 1985-86 Minister of Mines and Labour;
- iv. 1986-87 Chairman, Interim Sugar Marketing Committee (Magbass Sugar Factory);
- v. 1989-92 Chairman, Sierra Leone State Lottery Company Board of Directors;
- vi. 1997 Managing Director, Sierra Leone State Lottery Company; etc

Mr. Sanie Sesay viewed his nomination as "a call to come back home as it were." Responding to questions on the current state of the Rokel Commercial Bank, the nominee said, "I am well aware of the difficulties the bank is going through and if approved, I will draw on my experience and contemporary banking ethics to revive the Rokel Commercial Bank.

**ii. Bishop Tamba A. Koroma - Proposed Member, Anti-Corruption Advisory Board**

Bishop T.A. Koroma is the Bishop of the National Pentecostal Mission where he has served for forty -two years in various capacities that include:

- i. Pastor in-charge National Pentecostal Mission;
- ii. Superintendent National Pentecostal Mission; and
- iii. General Superintendent National Pentecostal Mission

The Man-of-God viewed his nomination as a call to national duty and if approved, he promised to make genuine contributions to the fight against corruption. Bishop Koroma said "I have been preaching about the ills of corruption in sunday sermons, marriages, naming ceremonies and in other public gatherings and it will be an opportunity for me to advise senior citizens one-on-one on the ills of corruption."

**iii. Ms. Gertrude O. Taylor-Proposed Member, Anti-Corruption Advisory Board**



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Ms. Gertrude Olu Taylor is an educationist with a wealth of experience in classroom teaching. She has worked as a teacher, Vice Principal in various schools, administrative Officer at NCTVA and is currently the Administrative Manager at the Tertiary Education Commission.

Reacting to probing questions, **Ms. Gertrude Olu Taylor** assured the Committee that she was familiar with the issues of corruption and promised to work to the best of her ability for the success of the Board.

**iv. Mr. Donald E. A. Theo- Harding - Proposed Member, ACC Advisory Boar**

Mr. Theo-Harding is a professional journalist with many years of work experience in that field of endeavour. In 1990, he was appointed News editor/sports commentator at the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Station (SLBS) now SLBC. Currently, Mr. Theo-Harding is the Managing Editor, SALONE TIMES Newspaper, a position he has held since 2011.

Responding to questions on fighting corruption, the nominee said "I am not new to the issues of corruption. I have written, edited and published many articles on the subject matter in the last fifteen years which has earned me the required knowledge to help the Anti Corruption Advisory Board to meet its objectives."

**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. Sanie Sesay - Board Chairman, Rokel Commercial Bank
- ii. Bishop Tamba A. Koroma –Member, ACC Advisory Board
- iii. Ms. Gertrude Olu Taylor- Member, ACC Advisory Board
- iv. Donald E. A. Theo Harding –Member, ACC Advisory Board



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

Hon. Ibrahim Bundu  
Chairman.

**SECOND SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA  
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**MINUTES OF THE SIXTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING,  
ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 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. Chernor R. M. Bah
    - iii. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
    - iv. Hon. Bliss Osho-Williams
    - v. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
    - vi. Hon. Benneh Bangura
    - vii. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay
    - viii. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
    - ix. Hon. Mohamed Sidi Tunis
    - x. Hon. Brimah Conteh



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**2.2 The following Member of the Committee was absent:**

- i. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah
- ii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- iii. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- iv. Hon. Mabinty Funna
- v. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- vi. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie

**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 summoned for interview:

- i. Mr. Sanie Sesay - Proposed Board Chairman, Rokel Commercial Bank
- ii. Bishop Tamba A. Koroma – Proposed Member, ACC Advisory Board
- iii. Ms. Gertrude Olu Taylor- Proposed Member, ACC Advisory Board
- iv. Donald E. A. Theo Harding –Proposed Member, ACC Advisory Board
- v. Africanus Sorie Sesay - Proposed Chairman, National Protected Area Authority & Conservation Trust Fund

**5. Closed Session**

**5:1** Mr. Africanus Sorie Sesay, proposed Chairman, National Protected Area Authority & Conservation Trust Fund was absent.

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

The Committee rose at 3: 45 p.m.

Mohamed Koroma  
Clerk of Committees



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