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**FOURTEENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC
SERVICE ON PARLIAMENTARY VETTING OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS-**
JULY, 2025

1. Introduction

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, in tandem with its constitutional obligations met on Wednesday, 16th July, 2025 and interviewed **ten** Presidential nominees for the following positions:

- i. Executive Director, National Early Warning and Response Mechanism Centre;
- ii. Deputy Minister, Ministry of Internal Affairs
- iii. Deputy Minister, Ministry of Communication, Technology and Innovation
- iv. Deputy Bank Governor, Bank of Sierra Leone
- v. Electoral Commissioner, Eastern Region of the Electoral Commission, Sierra Leone;
- vi. Auditor General, Audit Service, Sierra Leone;
- vii. Chairman, Board of Trustees, National Social Security and Insurance Trust(Nassit)
- viii. Members, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank, Sierra Leone Water Company (SALWACO) and the Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion, respectively.

2. **Procedure**

The Committee maintained as usual, its strict consistencies and established procedures and interviewed the aforesaid nominees on issues pertaining to their educational backgrounds to ensure that they have the relevant education and necessary backup experience to lead such important offices of state. Probing questions covered wide ranging issues relating to track records pertinent to their declared assets, tax obligations and visions for sustainable and productive tenure. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were also strictly looked into by the Committee.

3. **Fourteenth Sitting of the Committee on Wednesday, 16th July, 2025**

The Committee interviewed the following nominees on oath:

i. **Mrs. Francess Aina Mildred Nyuma: Proposed Executive Director, National Early Warning and Response Mechanism Centre**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Mrs. Francess Aina Mildred Nyuma is a dedicated and resourceful result-oriented person with a critical mind to initiate critical work related ideas. She is a professional with 18 years' experience in National Security issues with resounding expertise in transnational organized crime. She is a heavy weight in strategic leadership, effective coordination, and analytical skills in addressing security issues

She holds a Master of Science Degree in Rural development from the Njala University and further possesses several professional certificates that have enhanced her capacity in the security sector thus:

- Certificate in countering transnational and organized crime from the George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies, Garnish, Germany
- Risk Analysis from the Spanish Police Academy, Avila, Spain
- National Security Capacity Building, Criminal Investigation Police University of China, Shenyang, People's Republic of China
- Countering Violent Extremism/Threat to Finance, from West Africa Regional Training Centre, Accra, Ghana
- Detecting and Investigating Money Laundering and other Financial Crimes for Law Enforcement Agencies amongst others.

Prior to this appointment, she has served as Director, National Early Warning and Response Mechanism Coordinating Centre, where she acquired enormous

knowledge to spearhead the operations of this great office. From 2007 – 2020, She held various strategic positions, including Assistant Director, Serious Organized Crime Coordination Directorate, whilst serving in the Office of National Security(ONS)

In her response to the Committee on the trajectory she intends taking to the Early warning Secretariat, the soft spoken but confident nominee said" I know the Secretariat requires reforms and these will demand collective inputs from all stakeholders. With God being my helper, I will work with colleagues to execute the mandates of the institution with your assistance and as by law requires", she concluded.

ii. **Mr. David Fortune , Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Internal Affairs**

Mr. David Fortune is a conscientious professional social worker with a track record of over 25 years work experience in humanitarian services. His competence in peace building and reconciliation and security building, mediation for peaceful coexistence of communities in conflict is notable. He has vast knowledge and experience in resolving domestic conflicts and supporting communities in crisis especially relating to handling of victims and resettlement.

He holds a Master's degree in Sociology from Njala University. His long career in peace and conflict resolutions enabled him to serve in the following capacities

- Supervisor, Child Protection Programme, International Rescue Committee, 2000-2001
- Assistant Programme Manager, Child Protection Programme, IRC – 2001-2003
- Programme Manager, IRC Kenema and Pujehun, 2004
- Capacity building officer, Arms for Development, United Nations Development Programme
- Programme Manager, Caritas; Justice and Peace Commission, 2010 – 2020
- District Coordinator, Covid 19 Emergency Response Centre, Bo, 2020-2022
- Senior Disaster Management Officer, National Disaster Management Agency, South Region, 2022 to date

In his submission to Members, he said all his life has been spent on peace and security building and would therefore go as Deputy Minister to Work collaboratively with the Minister of Internal Affairs to achieve the routine security normalcy of the state.

iii. **Mr. Paul Hingha Augustine Charles Tucker, Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Communication, Technology and Innovation**

Mr. Tucker is a humble personality with a plethora of working experience spanning over a decade in public institutions. He has an excellent Communication background, coupled with coordination and project management skills. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree and is currently pursuing a M.Sc. Degree in Diplomacy and International Relations at the Fourah Bay College.

Prior to this state assignment, the nominee worked as Deputy Director at the Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority(SLPTA-2023-2025) and the Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation -(2018-2023) as Deputy General Manager.

Responding to what he would be taking to the Ministry, the nominee said "I will be taking loyalty as hall mark and readiness to learn on the expanding trend of technological innovations, and work with the Minister to execute the mandates of this new Ministry", he concluded.

iv. **Mr. Alex Pat Labib Saffa, Proposed Electoral Commissioner, Eastern Region of the Electoral Commission, Sierra Leone,**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr. Alex Pat Saffa is quiet and unnoticeable personality at most times. He is a seasoned administrative professional with over 20 years of success in resolving customer concerns and inquiries at renowned Commercial enterprises. He is a supportive character and well vast in electioneering processes and elections management and administration.

He holds a Master Degree in Public Administration (MPA) from the Njala University and has worked variously with credibility thus:

- 2020 – present: Executive Assistant, Office of the Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman, Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone (ECSL)
- 2019- 2020: Financial/Protection Adviser, Owl Financial, London United Kingdom
- 2014 – 2019: Deputy Managing/Operations, Marks and Spencer, London Westminster
- 2002 - 2007: Personal Assistant, Minister of Housing and Technical Maintenance, Sierra Leone.

Responding to the Committee on contemptuous issues surrounding elections conduct and credibility, he said "the world over, elections are contemptuous especially when fiercely competitive. The Sierra Leone Electoral system is well structured and has rules and procedures. I will work with colleagues to diligently deliver the will of the electorate", he concluded.

v. **Mr. Abdul Aziz, Proposed Auditor General, Audit Services, Sierra Leone.**

Mr. Abdul Aziz is a Management and Audit Consultant with plethora of credible experience in conducting financial, compliance and performance auditing. He has expertly conducted national audits that enhanced operational efficiencies and identified discrepancies in both government and local authorities. He is proficient in risk management and internal controls especially in demonstrating accuracies and attention at all times.

He holds a Master of Science Degree in Audits Management and Consultancy from University of Central England and a Bachelor of Science Degree with honours in Accounting from the Fourah Bay College in 2005 and 1992 respectively.

In the Audit Service, he has held several positions as were noted:

- 2008 to date, he has served as a steady rock in his capacity as deputy Auditor General
- 2007 – 2008, assistant Auditor General, East Regional Office
- 2005 – 2007, Principal Auditor (Head of quality Control and Assurance)
- 1999 – 2004, Senior Auditor (Head of branch)

Responding to Members of the Committee on his value addition, the proposed nominee assured that he is going with a renewed vigour, energy and passion to support institutions to improve on their operational efficiencies and maximize utilization of their limited resources. "Having served this institution for several years, I am aware of the numerous challenges facing institutions; therefore, I intend working in close collaboration with relevant line ministries including the Ministry of Finance to ensure that the limited resources of government are utilized judiciously.

vi. **Mr.Alfred Wonneh Basith Sannoh, Proposed Deputy Governor, Bank of Sierra Leone**

Mr Sannoh is an economist of great repute. He has spent more than two decades in the banking environment and with greater part at the Bank of Sierra Leone. He has risen through the ranks from a Banking officer (1999 to 2003) through to Assistant Director, Payments System Division, Banking Department (2011-2020) and Director, Banking and payment Systems Department at the Central Bank. Recently he performed as Senior Director, Monetary stability with an oversight responsibility to the Research, Monetary policy and Banking. He is a quiet and unassuming fellow personality that produces quality and timely results.

He holds a Bachelor Degree in Economics from the Fourah Bay College (1996) and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Institute of Public Administration and Management (2006), University of Sierra Leone.

In his response, he said "we work as a team to improve on the stability of the economy through strengthening the reserve base, exchange rates and stringent policy implementation", he concluded.

vii. **Michael Johnny, Proposed Chairman, Board of Trustees, National Social Security and Insurance Trust(Nassit)**

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, Dr. Michael Johhny is an agricultural Economist with decades of experience in development and has worked with diverse institutions including multi-lateral, non-governmental and governmental organizations. Dr. Michael Johnny is one of the architects of the then very famous German Government – funded multi sectoral project called the Bo-Pujehun Rural Development Project, where he served for 12 years as Senior Rural Development Officer and later Senior Adviser for planning, Monitoring and Evaluation.

He holds a Ph. D in Agricultural Economics from University of Giessen, Germany in 1985.

As the West Africa Regional Technical Advisor for Agriculture at the Catholic Relief Services, Dr. Michael Johnny provides technical guidance to the agency's Country Programmes in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ghana, The Gambia, Senegal, Burkina Faso and Niger.

- From 2019 to date, he has served as Director, Cabinet Implementation, Monitoring and Support Unit, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of Sierra Leone

- 2012 – 2013: Farm Liaison Officer, N2 Africa, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture IITA Sierra Leone
- 2009 – 2011: Principal Research Fellow (Rural Development), Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute (SLARI)
- 2000 – 2002: West Africa Region Technical Advisor (for Agriculture), Catholic Relief Services
- 1990 – 1999: Senior Adviser, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Bo/Pujehun Rural Development Project

Mr. Michael Johnny promised to bring his long standing expertise to the NASSIT Board especially in the monitoring and evaluation of the numerous NASSIT projects.

viii. **PC Amy Tator Kallon Tibbie II ,Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Water Company(SALWACO)**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the inclusion of several Paramount Chiefs in main stream national governance is now gaining momentum as institutions are gaining from their wealth of local administrative knowledge. P.C. Amy Tator Kallon Tibbie II is the Paramount Chief of Njama Kowa Chiefdom, Moyamba District. Our revered young Paramount Chief is a devout Christian with a strong interpersonal relationship in serving people. She is currently the stake primary President at Latter Day Saint Church, Sierra Leone.

She promised to work with colleagues and administration on the SALWACO Board to execute the priorities of the institution.

ix. **Ms Sally Yeama Myers, Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank.**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Ms. Sally Yeama Myers has wealth of experience in Leadership, Investment Promotion, private sector engagement and operational efficiency. She has a proven track record of fostering collaboration across diverse teams and cultures. Her dedication and professionalism have earned her recognition as a result oriented and culturally attuned motivator. She has worked with development partners and investors across Africa, Europe, USA and Asia, promoting Sierra Leone's Investment opportunities while providing strategic guidance in

policy formulation and implementation. She is currently a pupil barrister at Tejan-Cole, Yillah & Partners.

Her previous work experience places her advantageously to work in such established Commercial sector. She promised to give legal advice on agreements, contracts, etc at Board level as may be required

In his submission to Members, he said all his life has been spent on peace building and would therefore go to the Independent Peace Commission to work with colleagues to achieve a 'peaceful nation' through frank dialogue and justice.

x. **Mrs. Nancy Veronica Ann Smart, Proposed Member, Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion.**

Mrs Nancy V.A Smart has 30years spanning professional experience in development and advocacy, coordination, research, evaluation, planning and project implementation especially with multilateral donors. She has a double Master's degree in Rural Development from the Njala University(2006) and University of East Anglia, UK(2007) respectively .She also merited several trainings certificates from various International bodies since 2001 to 2023.

Her job experience prior to this job cuts through Educational research Consultancy (2024) with the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, governance relating to Citizens' participation for good service deliveries in various local and International organizations.

In her response to the Committee, the development specialist said," development only thrives where peace is permanent and wholly embracing, everything being equal. I promise to work with colleagues to achieve the nation's aspiration of a stable and peaceful co-existence", she concluded.

4. Recommendations

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

- i. Mrs Frances Aina Mildred Nyuma, Proposed Executive Director, National Early Warning and Response Mechanism Centre,

- ii. Mr. David Fortune , Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Internal Affairs
- iii. Mr. Paul Hingha Augustine Charles Tucker, Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Communication, Technology and Innovation
- iv. Mr. Abdul Aziz, Proposed Auditor General, Audit Service, Sierra Leone.
- v. Mr. Alfred Wonneh Basith Sannoh, Proposed Deputy Governor, Bank of Sierra Leone
- vi. PC Amy Tator Kallon Tibbie II ,Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Water Company(SALWACO)
- vii. Michael Johnny, Proposed Chairman, Board of Trustees, National Social Security and Insurance Trust(Nassit)
- viii. Ms Sally Yeama Myers, Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank.
- ix. Mrs. Nancy Veronica Ann Smart, Proposed Member, Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion.

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- x. Mr. Alex Pat Labib Saffa, Proposed Electoral Commissioner, Eastern Region , that was opposed by the Opposition, All Peoples Congress Party on the grounds that the aforementioned nominee was allegedly a public officer, employed by the Electoral Commission in question at the time of his appointment contrary to 32(4b) of the 1991 Constitution. However, the ruling SLPP Members maintained that **Public officer** in this case, does not include the nominee as in Section 171 (4) of the same national Constitution.

5. Conclusion

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, with the aforesaid, I therefore move that the **fourteenth 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.

Signed.....

Hon. Bashiru Silikie

Deputy Chairman and Leader of Government Business