



**HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT**

**OAU DRIVE, TOWER HILL**

**FREETOWN**



E-mail: [sierraleoneparliament@hotmail.com](mailto:sierraleoneparliament@hotmail.com)

**SECOND SESSION OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT**

**OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

**FOURTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND**

**THE PUBLIC SERVICE ON PARLIAMENTARY VETTINGS OF**

**PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS – DECEMBER, 2024**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service that is charged with the responsibility of vetting Presidential nominees to serve in such important offices of state, met on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024**, and interviewed **twenty** nominees for the following appointments

- i. **Two** Ministers-
- ii. **seven** Ambassadors/High Commissioners
- iii. **eleven** Chairpersons of various Boards of Commissions /Parastatals ,**and**
- iv. **Six** ,Board Memebrs/Commissioners

**II PROCEDURE**

The Committee conducted its hearing within the usual framework of procedures and interviewed the nominees on issues pertaining to their backgrounds to ensure that they

have the required education and proven track records in pertinent work situations for such appointments to important offices of State. Further probing questions put to the appointees covered wide ranging issues relating to declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for productive tenure. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were also closely looked into by the Committee.

### **III   Fourth Sitting of the Committee on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2024**

In tandem, with the above therefore the Committee interviewed the following Presidential Nominees on oath:

#### **1. Mr. Philip Bob Jusu-Proposed Ambassador Sierra Leone Embassy ,Brussels Belgium**

Mr. Speaker, and Honourable Members, Mr. Jusu brings over fifteen years' experience in diplomacy, international development, geopolitics, and public policy. Mr. Jusu started his international career with the Refugees Resettlement Programme in New Zealand and then later transitioned to the United Nations Mission Stationed in Kosovo in 2009.

Mr. Speaker, and Honourable Members, the nominee holds degrees from several prestigious internationally acclaimed Universities and Institutions , including the University from the United Kingdom, University College Dublin from Ireland, University of Groningen from Netherlands, the University of Waikato from the University of New Zealand and from Fourah Bay College the University of Sierra Leone.

Mr. Speaker, and Honourable Members at the time of his appointment he served as Manager, Africa Strategic Partnerships of Google, where he cultivated and strengthened relationships to advance Google's objectives in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The Nominee was lauded by the Committee for his solid academic credentials and wealth of experience in the field of diplomacy. He was advised to help Sierra Leone regain her voice in the field of multi-lateralism and geopolitics.

On the perennial issues revolving around the emigration of our nationals to Europe, Mr. Bob Jusu said he has plans to work with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Immigration

Department and the Belgian Authorities to ensure migrants have correct documents for entering into the European Union Countries.

## **2. Lieutenant General Rtd Peter Kakowou Lavahun-Proposed High Commissioner to the Republic of Kenya**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members ,Lieutenant General Rtd. Peter Lavahun is a highly motivated ,experienced and results oriented military officer with distinguished record of selfless and loyal service to the state spanning over three decades .He has wealth of experience in command and leadership cadre in the management of defence and preserving national security. Rtd .General Lavahun has successfully served in various military appointments for over a considerable period of time, representing the Ministry of Defence /Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces at Local and International fora.

Rtd General Lavahun holds a Bachelor's Degree from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone and a Master's Degree in Peace and Development Studies from Njala University College and another Master's Degree in Military Science and Strategic Studies from the National Defence University from the University of China. Before his recent appointment, Rtd General Lavahun served as the Chief of Defence Staff responsible to provide command and control of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces.

Commenting on his adaptation to the diplomatic world after a lifelong service in the military, the Nominee said "In the Army as you move up the leadership ranks, you are taught diplomacy, leadership and strategic management. My transitioning to the world of diplomacy essentially means representing and articulating the position of the Government of Sierra Leone on bi-lateral and other official engagements. I want to assure this Committee that if approved by this House, this role will be performed with patriotism". He concluded.

He promised to work closely with Kenya Authorities to strengthen the already existing ties between Sierra Leone and the Republic of Kenya to market our Country to deserving investors.

## **3. Dr. Mohamed Kanja Sesay: Proposed Ambassador, Sierra Leone Embassy, Paris, France**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Dr. Mohamed Kanja Sesay is a fine gentleman with vast knowledge in International Politics and Relations. From April 2024 to date, he served as a staff of the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, New York, United States of America. During this period, he represented Sierra Leone's Permanent Mission in matters relating to the UN Security Council Sanctions Committees where he served as a lead in providing technical advice on matters relating to peace, security and governance issues. His rich profiles revealed the following:

- From January 2015 – April 2024: Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Secretariat, Department
- September 2012 – January 2015: Associate Expert, Political Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Department of Political Affairs
- September 2012 – January 2015: Associate Expert, Political Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Department of Political Affairs
- June 2012 – August 2012: West Africa Programme Coordinator, Open Society Foundation Youth Initiative, Dakar, Senegal
- April 2011 – May 2012: United Nations Volunteer Country Coordinator for the ECOWAS Volunteer Programme (EVP)- Monrovia, Liberia.

Responding to probing questions on the strengthening of bi-lateral ties between Sierra Leone and the Republic of France, Dr.Sesay said "The relationship between Sierra Leone and France is a win win situation for both countries. Sierra Leone has huge investment opportunities and France is one of the destinations of those investors .If approved by this Honourable House, my main focus would be to build on the already existing ties and organize investment conferences to accelerate economic growth and development". He concluded.

#### **4. Retired Major General David Fred Alpha: Proposed Deputy High Commissioner, Sierra Leone High Commission, Abuja, Nigeria**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Retired Major General David Fred Alpha is a highly motivated and experience retired Senior Military Officer with 32 years of outstanding service to the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF) and the nation . He is a proven leader and a battle tested Commander, that developed strategies to meet Mission objectives. He is an accomplished Officer with a strong sense of nationalism patriotism and expertise to develop and design operational plans and policies. He is an adept communicator with extensive background in military leadership and security issues.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, over the past 32 years, retired Major General David Fred Alpha services revealed the following:

- 2022 – 2024: Commander, Joint Forces, Cockerill Barracks, Freetown, where he exercised full Command and Control over Joint Military Operations (JMO) involving land, air and Maritime forces within the RSLAF. He and his gallant soldiers successfully repelled unknown assailants from overthrowing the democratically elected government on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 with enormous leadership and bravery thereby sustaining major injuries in the process.
- 2020 – 2022: Commander, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade, Freetown
- 2018 - 2020: Commander, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Makeni
- 2014 – 2017: Director of Defence Logistics and equipment, Ministry of Defence, Freetown
- 2013 – 2014: Chief of Operations, UNAMID Sector West, Dafur, Sudan.

Major General Rtd Alpha promised to work closely with his substantive boss and was praised across party lines for his remarkable career in the Military .He was admonished by the Committee to proffer advise on military agreements between Sierra Leone and Nigeria

## **5. Madam Mamadi Gobeh Kamara –Proposed Deputy Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary-Paris, France**

Mr.Speaker ,and Honourable Members ,Madam Mamadi Gobeh Kamara is a Media Executive and Professional with over seventeen years' experience .She possesses a strong background in working with development partners and international organizations including the United Nations Development Programme ,World Bank and International Finance Corporation .She has knowledge on current events ,industrial trends, public policy and gender issues .

The nominee is a holder of a Diploma in Mass Communications and a Master's Degree in Media and Communications from the University of Leicester from the United Kingdom.Prior to this appointment, Madam Mamadi Gobeh Kamara , she served as Deputy Minister of Information and Communication(2019- 2021) ;Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Corporation(2021-2023) and served as Director at the Feed Salone Project, office of the President.

In assuring Members of the Committee, on maintaining a stronger relationship with the republic of France and other accredited mission, Madam Mamadi Gobeh Kamara said "The Mission to France and other accredited nations will benefit Sierra Leone amoongst which the prospects of issuing Schengen visa in Freetown will strengthen diplomatic relations with other nations surrounding France". She concluded.

## **6 Mr. Kalilu Ibrahim Totangi ,Proposed Deputy Permanent Representative (Political),United Nations**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Mr.Kalilu Totangai is a highly motivated strategist, programme developer, educationist, communication expert and media professional with more than 18 years' experience in public service. He possesses broad range experience in advocacy, civic education and stakeholder mobilization for national development.

The nominee holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Sierra Leone and a Master's in Fine Arts from the Howard University in the District of Columbia.

Prior to his appointment, Mr.Totangai served as Executive Chairman of the National Council for Civic Education and Democracy responsible for the recruitment of administrative staff and led the propagation of national values through civic education. .He supervised the development of the Civic Education Curriculum for adoption into the Basic Education school levels.

Commenting on his role at the United Nations Mr.Totangai opined that" most of what happens at United Nations is political .I will be representing Sierra Leone at the United Nations' deliberations and negotiations particularly in the U.N. Security Council and General Assembly to clearly articulate government position at the global stage . I will be also providing policy advice to the President, Minister of Foreign Affairs and lead the United Nations Mission at meetings as directed by the Permanent Representative. ".He concluded.

## **7. Mr. John Abu –Proposed Resident Minister Southern Region**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members Mr. John Abu has over twenty-five years work experience with reputable Institutions and Organizations with proven leadership ability, both in the public and private sectors .He holds a First Class in Sociology and a Master's Degree in Rural Development both from Njala University College, Sierra Leone.

Before his appointment Mr. Abu served as the Regent Chief of Kpanda Kemo Chiefdom in Bonthe District.

The Nominee was praised across the aisle for his astute knowledge in local government administration. He was further admonished to work closely with Local Councils to ensure development and maintains laws and order in the Southern Region.

## **8. Mr Raymond Katta-Proposed Chairman-Productive Monitoring Board**

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, Mr. Raymond Katta is a programme and Human Rights specialist with over fifteen years spanning experience in planning developing, and administering programs and projects in the public, and non-profit sectors .He has skills to implement strategies to increase program performance in service delivery . He has proven expertise in leading public sector reform initiatives..

This distinguished Nominee holds a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from Westfield State University, Westfield in 2006 and a Master's in Human Rights and Democratization /Global Campus in Venice Italy in 2015 and later did another Master of Science in Human Services with specialization in Leadership from Springfield College in Springfield.

Prior to his appointment, Mr.Katta served as a lecturer at the Institute of Public Administration and Public Management and Senior Director of Programmes at the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA).

In his response to questions on what will be his key deliverables if approved, Mr.Raymond Katta said "Revamping the value chain at the Produce Board would be my main aim. As a board we will advise the management to maximize shareholders' value and interest whilst taking into consideration the interest of all stakeholders within the Agricultural value chain to enable the Sierra Leone Produce Marketing Company export quality products for rapid economic growth ".He concluded.

The Committee advised the Nominee to draw on his wealth of experience to encourage management expedite reliable market linkages to financing smallholder farmers to boost our economy.

#### **9. Mr. Moses Lloyd Jonathan Williams ,Proposed Chairman Statistics Sierra Leone Council**

Mr. Moses Lloyd Jonathan Williams is a career statistician with a plethora of experience in Population statistics with a nearly four decade spanning working experience at the Statistics Sierra Leone and the then Central Statistics.

He holds a Master of Science Degree in Statistics from the Njala University in addition to other professional Certificates to his credit. He held several administrative positions creditably leading to the conducts of our national Population and Housing Censuses . He is a diligent, result oriented and unassuming professional that caters for holistic institutional growth. In 2018, the nominee was appointed Chairman of the Statistics Sierra Leone Council, the position he held till the expiration of the tenure with much progress.

The Committee reaffirms all earlier recommendations made in the Fifth Parliament for renewal of his Chairmanship at the Statistics Council.

He also promised to advocate for more modern methods of conducting Housing census for sustainable development.

#### **10 . Mr. Joseph Munda Bindi –Proposed Chairman –National Council for Civic Education and Democracy (NaCCED)**

Mr. Joseph Munda Bindi is an educationist, a development expert with special interest in quality environmental development. His name rings a notable bell within the Local governance decentralization sector where he served as a two term Chairman for the Bo

District Council (2012-2023) and worked assiduously to promote the peaceful coexistence of communities through development projects.

Within this tenure, and because of his quality leadership, he served as President of Local Councils Association of Sierra Leone since 2018. As a President, he served as member of the steering Committee that helped the Ministry of Local Government to review policies on decentralization. Amongst his lofty resume'; in 2019-2024 , he served as Commissioner of the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) a Member of the Boards of Sierra Leone Water Company(SALWACO), Legal AID and Secondary Schools in District.

He holds a Master Degree in Environmental Management and Quality Control from the Njala University (2015). The Committee adjudged him as a seasoned administrator always desirous of timely and quality output.

Addressing the concerns of the Committee on cascading the concept of Civic Education to the General Public the Nominee said "Civic education is key in raising patriotism and awareness among citizens .Our strategy is to reach out to the Nursery and Primary Schools to inculcate in the Children patriotism at that level" he concluded.

## **11 Mrs Lettitia Jah Mensurah, Proposed Member Sierra Leone Commercial Bank**

Mrs Lettitia J. Mensurah is a clinical laboratory scientist with credible work experience at the California Pacific Medical Centre ,San Francisco CA (1995-2010), toxicologist (2012-2017) at the Kaiser Regional Laboratory Richmond CA, where she analyzed serum and body fluids and performed other standard procedures for quality treatments.

She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with emphasis on Clinical Sciences from the University of San Francisco and she is a Member of the American Associations of Clinical Pathologist (1982)

As a scientist she believes in quality output as a drive for institutional growth which she promised would be her hall mark on the Commercial Bank Board.

## **12. Mr. Lansana Konneh ,Proposed Chairman, SierraLeone Telecommunication Company (SierraTel)**

Mr Lansana Konneh is a pragmatic politician with adept engineering and project management leadership skills that enhanced his successful work career path at the following institutions:

- 2018-2022 International Global Solutions(IGS),Freetown - as a Director of Operations in charge of monitoring and regulatory compliance ;
- 2013-2017 as a supervisor for the Community Agricultural Development Association (CADA-SL) that supported small scale farmers within Western rural and beyond.

He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 2021 and maintains a revered personality within the elder's caucus of the ruling party.

He holds an Engineering Certificates from the City and Guilds Institute, London.

Answering to questions on the resuscitation of the Sierra Leone Telecommunications company to have competitive edge in the global market, Mr.Konneh said "The Company has hopes of regaining her former glory if the government of Sierra Leone can allocate a special budgetary allocation for research and development and hire highly motivated staff. SierraTel is almost moribund and requires saving the interest of Sierra Leonean lives that served diligently at the company before the insolvency " He concluded..

## **13 Dr. Wusu Sannoh –Proposed Chairman ,National Monitoring and Evaluation Agency(NAMED)**

Dr Wusu Sannoh hails from the Kaiyamba Chiefdom, Moyamba District. He is a renowned scientist and educationist, a seasoned administrator and a skillful development expert. His departure from the teaching class to assume the position of **Mayor of Bo City** (2008-2012) brought huge impetus to the Decentralization process. His astute leadership helped the Decentralization Secretariat headed then by the current Secretary to the President, to tailor out policies on which our decentralization process is thriving today. At the Bo City, structures and cleanliness still being maintained reverberate the good work of this nominee.

At the Njala University, he lectured Chemistry (1979-1991) at all levels with diligence and produced excellence cumulative results over the years.

The nominee holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry from the University of Ibadan. The Committee judged him as a fine academician that can excel anywhere due to his transparent human relations.

Commenting on the importance of Monitoring and Evaluation in ensuring quality government programmes and projects, Dr. Wusu Sannoh said "Monitoring and evaluation are key to ensure government programmes are implemented within the expected time frame. As Chairman if approved, I will draw a holistic blueprint to monitor all government programmes. I am also planning to work with the management to provide expertise in areas where they lack and proffer advice to Ministries, Department and Agencies to expedite the NAMED programmes. He concluded.

#### **14 Mr. Joseph Jonathan Ndanema: : Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Water Company (SALWACO)**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr. Joseph Jonathan Ndanema has more than 40 years' experience in development programme planning, implementation, advocacy in poverty eradication. He is a strong campaigner for policy, knowledge, attitude and practice change to help the poorest of the poor. He is a value chain analyst, food security and poverty alleviation

expert, researcher and project cycle management expert who has contributed to several organizational development and planning processes.

Mr. Joseph Ndanema enrolled in Njala University College in 1976 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture General in 1980. He later obtained a Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics and Sociology with strong Rural Development electives from the University of Giessen, Germany in 1991.

From 2019 to date, he is Chief Executive Officer, Investment Forum for Community Development and in April 2018 – 2019,: Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of Sierra Leone, where he supervised multilateral funded programmes including World Bank, IFAD, Islamic Development Bank, African Development Bank etc.

Responding to the concerns of the Committee on the perennial water crisis especially in the city of Freetown and how he'll address this, the former Minister pledged his commitment to restoring the past glory of SALWACO.

The Committee advised the Nominee to expedite opening of the Company in all major towns in the Country. He was further admonished to provide policy guidelines to ensure there is clean, affordable and accessible water supply to the general public.

#### **15 Mr. Alusine Kargbo: Proposed Commissioner, Northern Region- Local Government Service Commission**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr. Alusine Kargbo is a distinguished personality who has served in various facets of developments including education, mass communication and disaster management. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and English from Fourah Bay College. At NERCOVERC, he served as media analyst, providing regular factual and credible information to the public. At the then

National Telecommunication Commission, now NATCA, he served as general service officer. From 2022 to date, he is senior disaster officer at the National Disaster Management Agency.

Mr.Kargbo was admonished to work collaboratively with the Chairman to review the transfer of Council Staff. The Committee unanimously recommended that for every transfer the Staff should have taken at least three years in his previous location.

**16. .Ing Kenelm Walter Hughes-Proposed Board Member-Electricity Generation and Transmission Company**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members Ing. Kenelm Walter Hughes is a Mining Engineer with over twenty years' experience in processing plant operations, Engineering, Administration, training , development and leadership skills. Ing. Kenelm Walter Hughes is a holder of a Bachelor Degree in Engineering with Honours in Electrical Engineering and a Master's Degree from the Walden University in Management from the United States of America.

The Nominee is currently serving as the Vice-President of the Sierra Leone Institution of Engineers. Prior to this appointment Ing.Hughes served as the Mining Manager of the Sierra Rutile Limited –SL responsible for the daily management of shifts and of all operational activities at the wet concentrator plant .This role includes communicating and ensuring that key safety and operational targets are met, while also supporting achievement of quality and recovery targets in collaboration with the metallurgy department.

The Committee admonished the Nominee to work collaboratively with Chairman and other board members to address the existing challenges faced by the Energy sector by developing sustainable energy solution blueprint for the Management and the Ministry.

**17. Dr. John David Cooper-Proposed Member Electricity Generation and Transmission Company**

Mr.Speaker, and Honourable Members ,Mr. John Cooper is a performance –driven professional with over ten years' experience in industrial , research , systems and network engineering, with proven interests in communication and information technology, management, mining policy, and geographic information systems. He is adept in preparing and presenting technical documentations.

Mr. Cooper holds a Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, a Master's Degree from the University Agder from Norway and a Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration from the Trident International University, California, United States of America.

Dr .Cooper is serving as Director of Policy and Research at the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources responsible to supervise three units within the Ministry; investment promotion office, mineral policy office and the mineral contracting and licensing office.

Commenting on the value he would add to the board, Dr .Cooper said" The President is determined to provide reliable, sustainable and affordable energy to the people of Sierra Leone. This can only be done by developing an energy transition plan, we must also strengthen and rebuild our existing energy facilities. To have a sustainable and uninterrupted power supply for electricity generation, we must have the required megawatts and the supply chains must be enough to reach every town ,village and city within Sierra Leone. As a board we must provide policy guidelines to empower the management with enough revenue to fund generation and supply projects" He concluded.

#### **18. Honourable Mrs Helen Kuyumbeh-Proposed Chairman-Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA)**

Mr. Speaker Honourable Mrs. Helen Kuyembeh is a Politician, Administrator, and Consultant of high pedigree .She started her career as an Administrative Assistant at the Ministry of Finance in 1985 and rose through the ranks of Senior Administrative Assistant in 1996. She then transitioned to the Gambia, and the United States of America where she held top high level positions at the United Nations and the Human Services Department in the United States of America.

She was a Member of Parliament for Constituency 078 from 2012-2018 in the Bo District and served on several Parliamentary Committees including the Public Accounts and also represented the Parliament of Sierra Leone on International Parliamentary fora.

The Nominee is holder of Bachelor of International Development Studies from the Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone and Master's Degree in International Development Studies and a Master Degree from the University Phoenix in Organization development from the United States.

Prior to her appointment Honourable Kuyembeh served as a Consultant for the European Union Governance project responsible to fund good governance programmes and projects .Her role included providing oversight and funding capacity building programmes for Members of Parliament and Staffers .

Responding to probing questions on her role on expediting the rehabilitation of minor and trunk roads around the Country, Honourable Helen Kuyembeh said" my role will include as stated by the Act of Parliament to develop policy guidelines , strategies, and approve funding for the Management to construct major roads across the country .I have taken note of all major roads that need urgent rehabilitation and maintenance; if approved by this Honourable House I will work with the Director-General and other stakeholders to ensure these are quickly fixed. She concluded.

**19 . Madam Khaday Mamie Zorokong-Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Sierra Leone Housing Corporation**

Mr.Speaker, and Honourable Members, Madam Khaday Zorokong is a visionary leader with a proven track record in governance, strategic planning, and organizational development. She is dedicated to promoting and empowering the rights of women and girls. Madam Zorokong is also passionate about advancing sustainable housing initiatives that enhance living standards and foster socio-economic growth.

Prior to her appointment, Madam Zorokong has been serving as the Chairman, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation and her main task included making strategic decisions and providing policy guidelines for the Management of the Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation and aligning them to the new direction agenda.

Answering to probing questions, on revamping the value chain in the Housing Sector Madam Zorokong said "The Housing sector is very important to develop the economy, therefore if approved by this Honourable House, I work collaboratively with the required stakeholders and colleague board members to develop a national housing strategy to ameliorate the challenges in the sector." She concluded.

**ADDENDUM**

**IV FIFTH Sitting of the Committee on Tuesday 17th December, 2024**

**20 Ambassador Sheikh Mohamed Sowa , Proposed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Washington DC,United States of America.**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Ambassador Amara Sheikh Mohamed Sowa is the current deputy Permanent Representative for Political Affairs in the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, a position he has held since November 2022. In 2023, he was re-appointed Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, where he serves as the Alternate Permanent Representative on the Security Council. He holds a Master of Science in Development studies from Njala University. Before this appointment, he served as National Programme Coordinator of the Government's flagship programme, the Free Quality School Education Programme from 2018 – 2022.

The nominee in response to the Committee said he will work collaboratively with colleagues at the United Nations to strengthen Sierra Leone development positions globally.

**21 .PC Foday Musa ,Proposed Board Member,Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion .**

Paramount Chief Foday Musa is a well-known personality ,an educationist and a former public sector worker with a plethora of experience as follows: 2015-2024 Chairman ,Board of Directors ,National Commission for Social Action(NaCSA), 2016- date National Vice Chairman ,YMCA ,Sierra Leone, Teacher ,Nongoma Progressive and Ansarul Islamic Secondary Schools, Kenema(1981-1983). He is a fine politician and current Paramount Chief of the de amalgamated **Ngaama Jahn Chiefdom**, Kailahun District.

Responding to the Committee, the nominee promised to work collaboratively with other colleagues to propagate peace and cohesion nationwide.

**22 Mr. Ibrahim Njai Amara, Proposed Member, Board of Directors ,Sierra Leone Maritime Administration (SLMA)**

Mr. Ibrahim Njai is a seasoned management professional with more than thirty years' experience in the transport sector with specific focus on fleet and people's management, communication and finance. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Geography and Linguistics from Njala University(1996) . He is a calm and diligent worker that provides quality leadership at all times.

Mr Njai promised to work with colleagues members to guide the operations of the SLMA within the remits of the Maritime Act.

**23 Mrs Olayinka Winifred Laggah, Proposed Member,Board of Directors, Bank of Sierra Leone.**

Mrs. Olayinka Laggah holds a Masters' degree in Human service Management and Policy from Charles Sturt University, Australia. From January 2002 to date, she has served as Operations Manager at the Judiciary of Sierra Leone. She also worked at the National Commission for Children as Commissioner from July 2014 to September 2019 and from February 2009 to 2014, she was Programme Support Coordinator, Justice Sector Coordination Office. She is a diligent and result oriented executive.

Responding to the Committee, she promised to advise the Board ( in relation to the Board's Act) on Monetary and fiscal policies that would empower the bank to run a sound and resilient economy.

**24 PC Sadiq Mahmoud Kapuwa ,proposed Chairman National Insurance Company(SLICO)**

Paramount Chief Sadiq Kapuwa is an administrator with strong management and leadership background .The Nominee successfully served in senior management positions at the following Ministries: Transport and Communication, Fisheries and Marine Resources, Trade and Industry, Defence, Health and Sanitation and the Office of the Vice President. The Nominee holds a Bachelor Degree in Arts from the Fourah Bay College ,University of Sierra Leone and a Master Degree in General Maritime Administration and Economics from the World Maritime University Malmo ,Sweden . In addition to these, he is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Transport and Chartered Institute of Shipping.

Prior to his appointment, the Nominee served as Senior Assistant Secretary in the Vice President Office before being crowned as Paramount Chief of Nongowa Chiefdom.

Responding to probing questions on the desired competitive edge for the Insurance Commission, the Nominee said "The Sierra Leone Insurance Commission is the parent body of all insurance companies and if approved, I will ensure that all government vehicles are licensed through the Commission to boost revenue".

The Nominee was admonished by the Committee to use his experience as seasoned Civil Servant to provide policy guidelines for the management.

## **25 Rtd AIG Morie Lengor Esq-Proposed Minister,Ministry of Internal Affairs.**

Mr.Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr.Morie Lengor Esq is a distinguished retired police officer with close to forty years of diligent and dedicated service to the Republic of Sierra Leone Police Force .The Nominee was recruited in the Police Force on 25<sup>th</sup> August ,1981 and went on to graduate as the best recruit and was posted to the Criminal Investigations Department where he rose through the ranks to serve as Acting Inspector General of Police before his retirement on the 31<sup>st</sup> MAY,2018 .

Mr. Morie Lengor is a holder of a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Law Degrees all from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone .In addition he holds several certificates including but not limited to Narcotics, Budget Preparation, and Strategic

Leadership. He is also a recipient of the Order of the Rokel, a prestigious national Award (2012).

Prior to his appointment, this fine citizen served as Chairman of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency; the position he performed creditably.

Answering to inquiry questions from the Committee on his honest assessment of the current security situation and ways of making it better Mr.Lengor said, "I would not want to comment on the current situation until I get to the office and have firsthand information .Based on professional assessment, I will take appropriate steps and strategies to improve on issues of bike riders, professional standards in the force, and other security anomalies. The Security situation is calm for now but would require some improvements"

The Nominee promised to draw on his expertise as a distinguished former Police Officer to restore sanity, law and order within the metropolis and border areas of Sierra Leone.

## **26 Mr. Emmanuel Koivaya Amara, Proposed Chairman Political Parties Regulatory Commission**

Mr. Speaker,Honourable Members, Mr. Emmanuel Koivaya Amara is an enthusiastic, talented and experienced legal professional with passion for justice and commitment to protect rights of citizens .He is skilled in prosecuting criminal cases, providing sound legal advice, and delivering successful outcomes both at national and international levels. Mr.Koivaya possess over twelve years' experience in high-stake litigation ,including criminal prosecutions and lawsuits at the Anti-Corruption Commission

He is a holder of a Bachelor' Degree in Law from Fourah Bay College ,University of Sierra Leone and was called to the Bar in 2012.

Prior to his appointment Mr. Amara served as the Coordinator of Operations Sierra Leone Anti-Corruption Commission responsible to develop, review, negotiate contracts and other legal documents. He was also responsible to provide legal advice and counsel to management investigators, and researchers within the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The Committee admonished the Nominee to discharge his duties without fear or favour in relation to the PPRC Act and consult colleagues before making decisions.

## **V .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. Philip Bob Jusu-Proposed Ambassador Sierra Leone Embassy ,Brussels Belgium
- ii. Lieutenant General Rtd Peter Kakowou Lavahun-Proposed High Commissioner to the Republic of Kenya
- iii. Dr. Mohamed Kanja Sesay: Proposed Ambassador, Sierra Leone Embassy, Paris, France
- iv. Retired Major General David Fred Alpha: Proposed Deputy High Commissioner, Sierra Leone High Commission, Abuja, Nigeria
- v. Madam Mamadi Gobeh Kamara –Proposed Deputy Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary-Paris, France
- vi. Mr. Kalilu Ibrahim Totangi ,Proposed Deputy Permanent Representative (Political),United Nations
- vii. Mr. John Abu –Proposed Resident Minister Southern Region
- viii. Mr Raymond Katta-Proposed Chairman- Produce Monitoring Board
- ix. Mr. Moses Lloyd Jonathan Williams ,Proposed Chairman Statistics Sierra Leone Council
- x. Mr. Joseph Munda Bindi –Proposed Chairman –National Council for Civic Education and Democracy (NaCCED)
- xi. Mrs Lettitia Jah Mensurah, Proposed Member Sierra Leone Commercial *Bank*
- xii. Mr. Joseph Jonathan Ndanema: : Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Water Company (SALWACO)
- xiii. Dr. Wusu Sannoh –Proposed Chairman ,National Monitoring and Evaluation Agency(NAMED)
- xiv. Mr. Alusine Kargbo: Proposed Commissioner, Northern Region- Local Government Service Commission
- xv. Ing Kenelm Walter Hughes-Proposed Board Member-Electricity Generation and Transmission Company

- xvi. Dr. John David Cooper-Proposed Member Electricity Generation and Transmission Company
- xvii. Honourable Mrs Helen Kuyumbeh-Proposed Chairman-Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA)
- xviii. Madam Khaday Mamie Zorokong-Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation
- xix. Ambassador Sheikh Mohamed Sowa , Proposed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Washington DC,United States of America.
- xx. PC Foday Musa, Proposed, Board Member, Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion.
- xxi. Mr. Ibrahim Njai Amara, Proposed Member,Board of Directors ,Sierra Leone Maritime Administration (SLMA)
- xxii. Mrs Olayinka Winifred Laggah, Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Bank of Sierra Leone.
- xxiii. PC Sadiq Mahmoud Kapuwa ,proposed Chairman National Insurance Company(SLICO)
- xxiv. Rtd AIG Morie Lengor Esq-Proposed Minister,Ministry of Internal Affairs
- xxv.Mr. Emmanuel Koivaya Amara, Proposed Chairman Political Parties Regulatory Commission

## 5. Conclusion

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the **Fourth Report** reflects the **unanimous** view of the Committee. I therefore move that the **Fourth 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.

Honourable,Mathew Sahr Nyuma,JP

The Leader of Government Business

