**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA**

**(2020-2021)**

**SECOND** **REPORT**

**OF THE**

**COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS**

**IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER**

**OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

**COMMITTEES DIVISION**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE**

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

**BRICKDAM**

**GEORGETOWN**

**22ND February, 20201**

**2nd Report on the Local Government Commission**

**Introduction**

1. The Standing Committee on Appointments, established under the Constitution to address matters relating to the appointment of Members of the Commission, pursuant to article 78A of the Constitution and the Local Government Commission Act No. 18 of 2013, has agreed to the following as its Report:

**Members of the Committee**

1. At a meeting of the Committee of the Selection held on September 15, 2020, the following Members were nominated to the Committee on Appointments to address matters relating to the appointment of Members of the Commission:

**Members from the People’s Progressive Party Civic (PPP/C) (5):**

1. Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P.,
2. Hon. Dr. Vindhya V. H. Persaud, M.S., M.P.,
3. Hon. Warren Kwame E. McCoy, M.P.,
4. Mr. Alister S. Charlie, M.P.
5. Mrs. Yvonne Pearson-Fredericks, M.P.

**Members from the A Partnership for National Unity / Alliance for Change APNU/AFC (4):**

1. Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.
2. Dr. Nicolette O. Henry, M.P.
3. Ms. Tabitha J. Sarabo-Halley, M.P.
4. Ms. Annette N. Ferguson, M.P.

**3. Election of Chairperson**

3.1 The Committee at its first meeting held on December 28, 2020, elected Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance, Government Chief Whip as its Chairperson.

**4. Terms of Reference**

4.1 The Committee by Resolution No. 17 passed by the National Assembly on May 8, 2003, was entrusted to discharge the following functions in relation to the appointment of Members of the Commissions established under the Constitution-

“(a) identifies appropriate bodies for consultation in the appointment of the relevant members of the Commission, conduct the necessary consultations and, where necessary, receive nominations from appropriate bodies;

(b) make recommendations to the National Assembly:

(i) for a consensual mechanism for the Ethnic Relations Commission, the Women and Gender Equality Commission, the Indigenous Peoples’ Commission and the Commission on the Rights of the Child.

(ii) for the appointment of members of the Commissions with the exception of the Public Procurement Commission;

(iii) in connection with any other matter referred to it by the National Assembly from time to time.

(c) report to the National Assembly in relation to each Commission as soon as possible upon the discharge of its function in relation thereto.”

**3. Mandate**

* + 1. The Committee was mandated by the Local Government Commission Act No. 18 of 2013, Clause 4(1) (c) in relation to the Local Government Commission, to nominate:

*‘ one member, appointed by the President, after approval by the National Assembly upon a nomination by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Appointments from persons submitted by Trade Unions within the Local Government System.’*

1. **Meetings of the Committee** 
   1. The Committee held a total of three (3) Meetings.
2. **Local Government Commission- nomination process**

5.1 At the 2nd Meeting held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, the Committee commenced discussion regarding the appointment of the nominee to the Local Government Commission.

* + 1. The Committee noted that in keeping with the Local Government Commission Act, Section 4, Sub Section 1, the Commission had expired on October 22, 2020.
    2. The Committee agreed to write to the following Trade Unions requesting the submission of the names of their nominees. A deadline for submission of nominee was given as February 1, 2021:
* The Guyana Local Government Officers Union;
* Guyana Labour Union; and
* The Guyana Public Service Union.

5.1.3 On January 20, 2021, letters were dispatched, to the heads of the above-named organisations outlining the following:

* that the organization had been identified as an entity to be consulted to make nominations, in accordance with the Local Government Commission Act No 18 of 2013, Clause 4 (1) (c);
* the name of the nominee (s) to be appointed to the Local Government Commission should be submitted to the Committee for consideration; and
* that specific information on the nominee (s) should be submitted on the bio data form which was provided.

1. **Nominations Received**

6.1 At the 3rd Meeting held on Wednesday February 10, 2021, the Chairperson notified Members that the Committee had received responses from the Guyana Local Government Officers Union, Guyana Labour Union and the Guyana Public Service Union.

6.1.1 The following were the names of the nominees received by way of letters dated January 26 and 29, 2021, from the respective organisations:

* Guyana Labour Union - Mr. Carvil Duncan A.A.
* Guyana Local Government Officers Union - Ms. Sharon Smith
* Guyana Public Service Union - Mrs. Vera Naughton

6.1.2 The Members noted and seconded the nomination of Mr. Carvil Duncan, A.A. as the nominee for appointment to the Local Government Commission.

6.1.3 The Committee considered and adopted the Report and Motion virtually, and now, therefore, reports to the National Assembly that it has meaningfully consulted with the bodies that represent Trade Unions within the Local Government System.

* + 1. The Committee further recommends that Mr. Carvil Duncan A.A. be signified as the National Assembly’s choice to the President for appointment to the Local Government Commission.
    2. The Report is accordingly hereby submitted.

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**Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P.**

**Chairperson,**

**Committee on Appointments**

**February 19, 2021**