



POLITICAL PARTIES REGULATION COMMISSION



RULING ON OBJECTIONS: INTERNAL ELECTIONS RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ALL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (APC) PARTY

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OBJECTIONS ON THE APC INTERNAL ELECTIONS RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

The Political Parties Regulation Commission (PPRC) received objections concerning the gazette Internal Elections Rules and Regulations of the All Peoples Congress (APC); Vol. CLXVI, No. 67 from the following petitioners on the respective dates stated:

1. Mr. Brima Michael Turay – 4th September, 2025
2. Hon. Alimamy Coleson Turay – 30th August, 2025
3. Mr. Musa Beretay Esq. – 20th August, 2025 (*withdrawn after accepting the Party's response*)
4. Mr. Emmanuel Sahr Suma – 30th September, 2025
5. Mr. Ibrahim Bai Tarawallie – 9th September, 2025
6. Mr. Sahr Philip Mani – 15th August, 2025
7. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu – 10th September, 2025
8. Hon. Paul Mohamed Kamara – 5th September, 2025
9. Mr. Mohamed Kamara – 30th August, 2025

On 8th October, 2025, the Commission received the Respondent's written responses, which were duly forwarded to the respective petitioners.

The Commission convened hearings on 20th November, 2025, heard submissions from all parties, and upon due consideration, now delivers its Directives pursuant to its mandate under Section 12(1) and (2) of the Political Parties Act, No. 25 of 2022.

II. THE HEARINGS

FIRST OBJECTOR – HON. IBRAHIM BUNDU

The hearings commenced with Hon. Ibrahim Bundu, who informed the Commission that he is a senior member of the APC, having served in several capacities including Organising Secretary, Member of Parliament (Majority Leader), Deputy Regional Chairman (North), and Chairman of Port Loko District. He further stated that he currently runs a non-governmental organisation focused on drug abuse rehabilitation.

Objections Raised

Hon. Bundu requested the following:

- The 2023 National Delegates Convention (NDC) Report and Financial Statements;
- A Report and Financial Account relating to a delegation's visit to the former Party Leader; and



- A Status Report on the implementation of the Justice Adrian Fisher Forensic Audit Recommendations.

He submitted that certain issues scheduled for consideration at the 2023 NDC were not addressed.

Upon inquiry by the Chairman of the PPRC, the Objector admitted that he had not formally requested these documents from the APC National Secretariat. He further stated that no reports were read at the NDC.

In response, Counsel for the Respondent, Afrikanus Sorie Sesay Esq., submitted that the 2023 NDC was conducted by the Transitional Interim Independent Elections Management Committee (TIEMC) and not the current Executive, and that the report was read by Ibrahim Sorie Esq.

The National Secretary General of the APC, Lansana Dumbuya Esq., informed the Commission that all reports had been duly submitted and that any NDC report must first be tabled at an NDC before being made public.

Hon. Bundu also raised concerns regarding the payment of NLe148 for membership renewal. The National Secretary General clarified that the registration process is transparent and conducted through recognised channels, including Orange Money and bank payments.

Upon clarification, the Petitioner stated that he specifically sought information on who funded the delegation's visit to the former President in Nigeria. Counsel for the Respondent submitted that the trip was self-funded by the participants.

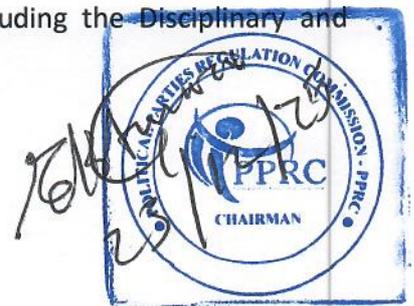
The Chairman of the PPRC directed Hon. Bundu to formally write to the APC Secretariat on or before 25th November, 2025, requesting the documents, with a copy of such request sent to the Commission. The APC Secretariat was directed to respond by 30th November, 2025, copying the Commission.

Findings

1. The Commission observes a recurring tendency by party members to bypass internal party mechanisms and approach the Commission directly;
2. The Commission emphasises the need for effective utilisation of internal party organs before external intervention.

DIRECTIVES

1. The Petitioner is directed to formally request the documents from the APC National Secretariat;
2. The APC is advised to strengthen its internal organs, including the Disciplinary and Grievance Handling Committee.



SECOND OBJECTOR – HON. ALIMAMY COLESON TURAY

Hon. Turay submitted that Section 16(1) and (2) of the APC Internal Elections Rules and Regulations, 2025, is discriminatory and intended to disenfranchise potential flag bearer aspirants at the 2026 NDC.

It was agreed during the hearing that Section 16(1) is purely administrative and was accordingly withdrawn.

Regarding Section 16(2), Hon. Turay argued that the nomination fee of NLe 100,000 was excessive given prevailing economic conditions.

The Acting National Chairman, Amb. Alhaji Foday Osman Yansaneh, informed the Commission that NLe 30,000 is paid to ECSL by presidential candidates. The National Secretary General clarified that unlike ECSL fees, party administration is not state-funded.

After deliberations, the Chairman informed Hon. Turay that the Commission would review the matter and communicate its decision.

Findings

1. The Commission finds that the nomination fee is not inconsistent with fees paid in 2023.
2. The Commission further finds that in 2017, no nomination fees were paid by candidates but those fees were paid by the Party.

DIRECTIVE

The petition is refused, and Section 16(2) of the APC Internal Elections Rules and Regulations remains valid.

THIRD OBJECTOR – BRIMA MICHAEL TURAY

Mr. Turay challenged several provisions of the APC Internal Elections Rules and Regulations, including:

- Section 1 Rule 7 – Two-signature and membership card requirement;
- Section 2 – Selection of constituency venues;
- Alleged illegitimacy of the 2022 APC Constitution and misrepresentation of Justice Fisher's judgment;
- Section 14(2) – Five-year membership requirement.



After extensive deliberations and submissions from both parties, including legal authorities cited by Counsel for the Respondent, the Commission found the impugned provisions to be lawful and consistent with constitutional requirements.

Findings

1. The relevant provisions are restrictive but not discriminatory;
2. The challenged provisions are not inconsistent with the Constitution of Sierra Leone.

DIRECTIVES

1. Section 1 Rule 7 stands;
2. Section 2 stands, subject to amendment of notice period from seven (7) to ten (10) days;
3. Allegations of illegitimacy and misrepresentation are dismissed;
4. The constitutional challenge is refused.

FOURTH OBJECTOR – SAHR PHILIP MANI

The objection mirrored the submissions of the Third Petitioner regarding Section 14(2) and the alleged illegitimacy of the APC Executive.

The Commission reaffirmed that the Ex Parte Order of Justice Hannah Bonnie dated 17th February, 2023 terminated the ITGC and vested authority in the TIEMC to conduct the 2023 NDC.

FINDINGS

1. The five-year membership requirement is lawful.
2. The ITGC ceased to exist following the Ex Parte Order.

DIRECTIVE

The petition is refused on all grounds.

FIFTH AND SIXTH OBJECTOR - IBRAHIM BAI TARAWALLIE & EMMANUEL SAHR SUMA

Both Objectors objected to Section 7 paragraphs 3–6 of the APC Internal Elections Rules and Regulations, 2025.

Following deliberations, all outstanding issues were resolved by consensus.

FINDINGS

1. Issues under paragraphs 3–5 were resolved prior to the hearing;
2. Paragraph 6 was resolved during the hearing.



DIRECTIVE

The agreement that the additional five (5) student delegates shall serve as Deputies of the five (5) regions is hereby affirmed and shall be implemented.

SEVENTH PETITIONERS - MUSA BERETAY ESQ

The Objector withdrew his objection after receipt of the Party's response regarding same through a letter written to the Commission dated 22nd December, 2025.

DIRECTIVES DATED THIS 23RD DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

