



**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER**

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MOTIVATION

BY

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SAARA KUUGONGELWA-AMADHILA,

PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

ON THE

**RE-APPOINTMENT AND APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION**

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 02 MARCH 2021

Hon Speaker, Hon members,

1. I rise before you to motivate the re-appointment and nomination by His Excellency the President, in terms of Chapter 13, article 112 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia, the following persons for approval by the National Assembly to serve as members of the Public Service Commission;
 - 1.1. Ms. Batseba Katjiongua, re-appointment
 - 1.2. Mr. Gerson Hizembi Kamatuka and;
 - 1.3. Mr. Salmaan Dhameer Jacobs

2. Ms. Katjiongua has been a Member of the Public Service Commission since 17 February 2016. Her vast experience and knowledge of the Public Service would provide continuity in the work of the Public Service Commission.

3. Both Mr. Gerson Hizembi Kamatuka and Mr. Salmaan Dhameer Jacobs possess appropriate academic qualifications and wealth of experience in the public and private sectors respectively, where they held senior managerial positions as indicated in their CVs which were distributed to members on Thursday last week.

4. In terms of Article 112 (3) of the Namibia Constitution, read together with section 2 (2) of the Public Service Commission Act of 1990, “The Public Service Commission shall consists of a Chairperson and no fewer than three (3) and no more than six (6) other persons nominated by the President and appointed by the National Assembly by resolution”.

5. Currently, the Public Service Commission consists of the following members.
 - 5.1. Mr. Markus Kampungu, Chairperson
 - 5.2. Dr. Nashilongo Shivute,
 - 5.3. Ms. Florence Munyungano;

6. The Government is appreciative for the service of Mr. Steve Motinga who served the Commission for two terms (2011 to 2021) with dedication and commitment and retired on 31 January 2021. We wish him well.

7. Sadly, Ms. Magdalena Wilhelmina Deetlefs served the Commission since 01 November 2010 for almost two terms until her untimely passing on 13 August 2020. The Government shares in this tragic loss due to her death and once again, wishes the family strength. At the same time, Government is expressing appreciation for the dedication and commitment with which she serviced the Public Service of Namibia.

8. Due to the above vacancies that have occurred, I, request this August House to approve the appointments of:

- Ms. Batseba Katjiongua, re-appointment with effect from February 2021 to 2026,
- Mr. Gerson Hizembi Kamatuka as member of the Public Service Commission from March 2021 to 2026 and,
- Mr. Salmaan Dhameer Jacobs, as member of the Public Service Commission from March 2021 to 2026
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I move so, Honorable Speaker,