

THE REPORT OF THE WESTERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON VETTING OF PARLIAMENTARY ASPIRANTS HELD ON APRIL 3-4, 2023 AT THE REGIONAL PARTY SECRETARIAT

INTRODUCTION

Under the Guidelines for the election of Parliamentary Candidates on May 13, 2023, the under listed Committee was mandated to perform the vetting exercise.

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| 1. Kakra Essamuah | Chairman |
| 2. Osman Ayariga | Member |
| 3. Ben Wireko | Member |
| 4. Nana Kojo Toku/Charles Kojo Adu-Fordjour | Member |
| 5. Joe Nelson | Member |

Papa Assan

Regional Election Director, in attendance

MANDATE

The Vetting Committee was constituted and sat on Monday April 2 and Tuesday April 3, 2023 at the Regional secretariat, Sekondi.

The Committee determined the eligibility or otherwise as stipulated in the Guidelines.

In all, 30 Aspirants went through the exercise which was free, fair and conducted under a conducive environment. Eligibility and competence were also used in assessing the Aspirants.

THE VETTING PROCESS

In conducting the vetting exercise, the Committee was guided by the Party's constitution, and the Guidelines on Parliamentary vetting of 2023 and the Aspirants own documents as submitted.

OUTPUT

Kindly find attached summary of the output of the exercise.

The underlisted failed to meet the Committee's marking scheme with the following reasons.

1. GEORGE DADZIE JUNIOR

The Committee upheld the findings as submitted by the constituency elections committee which included non-payment of dues by some endorsers, non-Branch executive endorsing the form and some endorsing for another

Aspirant the issues. When given the chance to pay for those not in good standing, the Aspirant refused to adhere to the Chairman's advice.

FRANK KWOFIE PINTO

2. Petitions from some members led to the disqualification. Membership was not up to the requirement as stated in the Guidelines based on the fact that one's membership must not be less than four years as stipulated in the Guidelines. Also, he participated in the Shama constituency elections of the NPP as a Nasara coordinator in 2018. Some individuals including a contestant in the 2018 Nasara elections in Shama constituency also came to testify to that effect.

3. MAVIS KUUKUA BISSUE

Madam Bissue admitted that she joined in the UK (Milton Keyes Branch) in 2022. Her claim that she registered in 2018 in Ahanta West was challenged by the Executive of Ahanta West according to the records provided.

This case was referred to Accra for advice.

4. JOANA GYAN CUDJOE

Joana Gyan Cudjoe's double membership (Bantama-Ashanti region and Amenfi Central-Western region) became a strong issue on the floor.

She also has two different Voter ID Numbers. 67610125841 and 67610125891. However, the Voter ID NO. 67610125841 is the number in the Registration book.

The voter ID number given to Joana Gyan Cudjoe is the voter ID for one SIEDU BALA 6761012589 and one digit was added to the number (1)

Her Voter ID is an eleven-digit number as against ten digits for every voter in Ghana.

She has NDC Membership in Amenfi Central which bears the Branch name Methodist JHS Manso Amenfi but the code or number in a different Branch at Juabo.

One Sherita Mensah's party membership ID number E170660011 which was in the original Registration Green book was given to Joana Gyan Cudjoe to register her (Joana) in the Branch Membership Register for Bronikrom Presby Church B.

Also, portion of the sheet that originally had Sherita's name in the register had been torn from the register but the complementary sheet remains intact in the register.

In addition, the membership register which originally contained 13 registered members of that Branch conspicuously increased to 14 names in the NDC memberships Register for Bantama constituency.

It was established that Joana Gyan Cudjoe's name is not in any of the voter register in 2008, 2012, 2016 or 2020 register by the Electoral commission of Ghana in Bantama Constituency after testifying before the vetting Committee that she started voting in 2008.

She only registered in 2020 in Amenfi Central which is far below the four (4) year mandatory period of time for aspirants wishing to contest as MP.

The suspicion heightened when the Chairman of Bantama came to testify against the Aspirant that she was not a member of the Branch.

It also came to light that the actual Branch register is now under the custody of the Ashanti regional Chairman.

The Committee requested through the General Secretary for the original Register of Bronikrom Presby Church which is in the custody of the Ashanti regional chairman for authentication.

The Committee decided to refer the matter to Accra for further deliberation and advice.