

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2020-2021)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 141

**Member Giving Notice: Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance
(Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments)**

MOTION

**APPROVAL OF LIST OF ENTITIES TO NOMINATE MEMBERS TO THE ETHNIC
RELATIONS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, article 212A of the Constitution provides for the establishment of an Ethnic Relations Commission;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with article 212 B (1) of the Constitution, the Ethnic Relations Commission shall consist of –

- (a) *“not less than five nor more than fifteen members, nominated by entities, by a consensual mechanism determined by the National Assembly, including entities, representative of religious bodies, the labour movement, the private business sector, youth and women, after the entities are determined by the votes not less than twothirds of all elected members of the National Assembly;*
- (b) *a member who shall be a nominee, without the right to vote, chosen by and from each of the following commissions to be established under this Constitution, Indigenous Peoples’ Commission, Women and Gender Equality Commission, Commission for the Rights of the Child and Human Rights Commission.”*

AND WHEREAS, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Appointments (COA) examined the list of entities to nominate members to the Ethnic Relations Commission in accordance with article 212 B (1)(a) of the Constitution, Resolution No. 62 of 2000, and Resolution No. 68 of 2014 which increased the composition from 7 to 10 with regard to the number of members on the said Commission;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the list of entities on the attached First Schedule in accordance with article 212 (B)(1)(a);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves that the number of nominees for each group of entities be as follows: -

Groups of Entities	Number of Members
Christian Religion	One Member
Hindu Religion	One Member
Muslim Religion	One Member
Labour Movement	One Member
Private Sector Organisations	One Member
Youth Organisations	One Member
Women Organisations	One Member
Cultural/Ethnic Organisations	
- Indo-Guyanese	One Member
- Afro-Guyanese	One Member
- Indigenous/Amerindian	One Member

3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the consensual mechanism for the nomination of the members by the entities as set out in the Second Schedule attached.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

Groups and Entities within each Group to Nominate Members of the Ethnic Relations Commission

RELIGIOUS BODIES: -

Islamic Bodies

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat
Anjuman Ilifazutal Islam
Essequibo Ahmadiyya Organisation Lahore
Guyana Islamic Forum
Guyana Islamic Trust
Guyana United Sadr Islamic Anjuman
Hijatul Ulamaa
The Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana

Hindu Bodies

Brahma Kumaris
Gandhi Youth Organisation
Guyana Central Arya Samaj
Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha
Guyana Maha Kali All Religious Organisation
Guyana Pandits Council
Guyana Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha
Guyana Sevashram Sangha, Cove and John Ashram
Hare Krishna Iskcon Movement Guyana
Sri Sathya Sai Baba Organisation of Guyana
Viraat Sabha

Christian Bodies

Ambassadors for Christ
Church of Christ
District of the Nazarene Church of Guyana
Family Federation for World Peace & Unification
Freedom Life Ministries Inc.
Georgetown Ministers Fellowship (Umbrella Body - See Appendix for details)
Guyana Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist
Guyana Congregational Union
Guyana Council of Churches (GCC) (Umbrella Body - See Appendix for details)
Guyana Evangelical Fellowship (Umbrella Body - See Appendix for details)

Lifespring Ministries
The Wesleyan Church
The Church of God
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
The Guyana United Apostolic Mystical Council
The Hareyuya Church aka The Alleluias Church
The New Amsterdam/ Canje Christian Council
Zadok Ministers Fellowship (Umbrella Body - See Appendix for details)

THE LABOUR MOVEMENT BODIES

Amalgamated Transport and General Workers Union (AT&GWU)
Clerical & Commercial Workers Union (CCWU)
General Workers Union (GWU)
Guyana Agricultural & General Workers' Union (GAWU)
Guyana Bauxite and General Workers Union (GBSU)
Guyana Labour Union (GLU)
Guyana Local Government Officers' Union (GLGOU)
Guyana Postal and Telecommunication Workers' Union (GP&TWU)
Guyana Public Service Union (GPSU)
Guyana Taxis Service Association
Guyana Teachers Union (GTU)
National Association of Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Employees (NAACIE)
National Mine Workers' Union of Guyana
National Union of Public Service Employees (NUPSE)
Printing Industry and Allied Workers' Union (PIAWU)
The People United and General Workers Union (TPU&GWU)
Union of Agricultural & Allied Workers (UAAW)
United Minibus Union
University of Guyana Senior Staff Association (UGSSA)
University of Guyana Workers Union (UGWU)

PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR BODIES

Bankers' Association of Guyana
Bartica Chamber of Commerce and Development Association
Berbice Chamber of Commerce and Development Association (BCCDA)
Central Corentyne Chamber of Commerce (CCCC)
Consultative Association of Guyanese Industry (CAGI)
Essequibo Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI)
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI)

Guycraft Producers Association Inc.
Guyana Forest Products Association
Guyana Gold & Diamond Miners Association
Guyana Manufacturers and Services Association
Guyana Private Sector Commission
Guyana Rice Millers and Exporters Development Association
Guyana Rice Producers Association
Guyana Trawlers and Seafood Processors Association
Linden Chamber of Industry, Commerce and Development (LCICD)
Private Aircraft Owners Association of Guyana
Rupununi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI)
Shipping Association of Guyana
The Tourism and Hospitality Association of Guyana
Upper Corentyne Chamber of Commerce (UCCI)
Region 5 Chamber of Industry and Commerce
West Demerara/East Bank Essequibo & Islands' Chamber of Commerce
and Industry, Inc. (WD/EBE)/I)

YOUTH BODIES

Central Baptist Youth Fellowship
Church of Christ Youth Group
Diocese of Georgetown (Roman Catholic Youth Office)
Dharmic Naujawan (Dharmic Youth)
Empowering Queers Using Artistic Learning (EQUAL)
Full Gospel Youth Fellowship
Generation Next
Golden Om Dharmic Youth Organisation
Guyana Girl Guides Association
Guyana Central Arya Samaj -Youth Organisation
Guyana Congregational Young People's Union
Guyana Scouts Association
Guyana Youth and Student Movement
Guyana Youth Development Association
Indian Action Committee Youth Group
Joshua Generation
Junior Chamber International Guyana (JCI Guyana)
Leo Association of Guyana
Methodist Youth Club
Muslim Youth League of Guyana
Muslim Youth Organisation

National Youth Council
Outreach Ministries International -Youth Arm
Presbytery of Guyana Youth Council
Progressive Youth Organisation
Rotaract Clubs of Guyana
President's Youth Award: Republic of Guyana, MS
The Youth Ministries Department of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist
The Moravian Church in Guyana, Youth Fellowship
University of Guyana Student Society
Volunteer Youth Corps
Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)
Youth Advocacy Movement (YAM)
Youths for Change (YFC)
Youth Ministries Department of the Assemblies of God

WOMEN'S BODIES

Assemblies of God Women's Ministry
Association of Women Entrepreneurs
Guyana Association of Women's Artists
Guyana Association of Women's Lawyers
Guyana District Conference Women's Work Committee (Methodist)
Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha Mahila Mandalee
Guyana Nurses Association
Guyana Women's Miners Association
Guyanese Women in Development (GUY WID)
Lutheran Church Women
National Congress of Women
Outreach Ministries International Women's Group
Red Thread Women's Development Project
Salvation Army Home League
The Mother's Union Diocese of Guyana
The National Committee of Sisters Affairs (NACOSA)
The Women's Ministries Department of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist
Women's Advisory Council (WAC)
Women Across Differences
Women for Change (AFC Women Arm)
Women's Progressive Organisation
Young Women's Christian Association of Guyana (YWCA)

CULTURAL /ETHNIC

Indigenous/Amerindian Bodies

Amerindian People's Association
Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous Peoples'
National Amerindian Development Foundation
National Toshias Council
The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana

Afro-Guyanese Bodies

African Cultural and Development Association (ACDA)
All African Guyanese Council
Forum for the Temples of Kamaatic Spirituality
Guyana Rastafarian Council
House of NyahBinghi
International Decade for People of African Descent Assembly - Guyana (IDPADA-G)
Pan African Movement (Guyana Branch)

Indo-Guyanese Bodies

Indian Action Committee
Indian Commemoration Trust

Parliament Office

Public Buildings

Brickdam

Georgetown

November 30, 2021

Appendix

Guyana Council of Churches:

1. AME Church (St. Peter's)
2. AME Zion Church
3. Anglican Diocese
4. Catholic Diocese
5. Church of God
6. Church of the Nazarene
7. Congregational Union
8. Ethiopian Orthodox
9. Evangelical Lutheran
10. Methodist Church
11. Moravian Church
12. Outreach Ministries
13. Presbyterian Church (Burns Memorial)
14. Presbyterian Church (St. Andrews Kirk)
15. Salvation Army
16. Guyana Missionary Baptist Church

Guyana Evangelical Fellowship:

1. Assemblies of God
2. Full Gospel Fellowship
3. Elim Pentecostal Fellowship
4. Christian Brethren Assemblies
5. Wesleyan Church
6. New Testament Church of God
7. Christian Mission
8. Church of God of Prophecy
9. Faith Miracles Ministries
10. Word of Faith
11. First Century Gospel Mission Assembly
12. Intersity Fellowship (IS/IVF)
13. Every Home Crusade
14. EPAS (Early Pregnancy)

Georgetown Ministers' Fellowship Churches:

1. Agape Assembly of God
2. Bethlehem New Testament
3. Bladen Hall Assembly of God
4. Bethel Gospel Hall
5. Christian Mission Gospel Tabernacle
6. Church of God of Prophecy
7. Covent Garden Assembly of God
8. Deliverance Tabernacle Assembly of God
9. Ruimveldt Life Improvement Centre AOG
10. Ebenezer Full Gospel Fellowship
11. Elim Pentecostal Church
12. Emmanuel's Tabernacle Kitty Assembly of God
13. First Assembly of God Wortmanville
14. From the Heart Church Ministries
15. Holy Spirit Empowered Church of Lord Jesus Christ
16. House of Prayer Tucville Assembly
17. Kingston Assembly of God
18. Love & Faith World Outreach Ministries
19. New Life Assembly of God
20. Newton Assembly of God
21. Queenstown Moravian
22. Streams of Power Ministries
23. South Road Full Gospel Fellowship
24. Success Assembly of God
25. Sure Foundation Ministries
26. Tuschen Assembly of God
27. Vreed-en-Hoop Wesleyan Church

Zadok Ministries Fellowship:

1. Outreach Ministries International
2. Ambassadors of Christ Ministries
3. Grace Pentecostal Fellowship
4. Praise Shekinah Worship Centre
5. Jesus Home of Prayer and Deliverance
6. Jesus Highs Healing and Deliverance Ministry
7. Restoreth Ministry Inc.
8. Pentecostal Family Ministry
9. Word of Life Center

SECOND SCHEDULE

Consensual Mechanism for the Nomination by Entities for Members of the Ethnic Relations Commission

All the Entities in each Group, immediately on the passage of this motion, should be written to by the Clerk of the National Assembly inviting them to meet as a group, to select their nominees and to send a representative/s on an appointed day/date, time to appear before the Parliamentary Standing Committee to Appoint Members of the Commissions, at the Parliament Buildings to present the name/s of their nominee/s for Membership on the Ethnic Relations Commission.

A deadline shall be set by the Clerk of the National Assembly on advice by the Standing Committee, by which time it would be formally notified of the names and other requested particulars of the Nominee/s, the process used for the selection of the Nominee/s by the entity, and a statement to the effect that the Nominee/s is/are supported and accepted by that entity.

The Nominee/s chosen to represent the Group must be a person/s who is competent to contribute positively to the work of the Commission and who are committed to ensuring that it discharges all of its functions. They should have earned public respect and be of unquestionable honesty and integrity.

The process used must be demonstrated to be unbiased and transparent. It is important that the Nominee/s obtain the unquestioned support and acceptance of the Entity nominating them as well as the Entities within the Group.

Where there is a recognized “*umbrella organization*” in the list of entities for that Group, the Clerk shall write to that organization and copy his letter to each of the “*constituent entities*” within the Group.