

NBA BRANCH ELECTIONS APPEAL COMMITTEE (EAST)

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The Chairman,
Nigerian Bar Association, Uyo Branch

Dear Sir,

THE DECISION OF THE NBA BRANCH ELECTIONS APPEAL COMMITTEE (EAST) ON THE PETITION OF OHAKA EGBURUWHUO FROM NBA, PORT HARCOURT BRANCH ON HIS DISQUALIFICATION BY THE NBA PORT HARCOURT BRANCH ELECTION COMMITTEE (ELECO)

THE COMPLAINT

The petition was brought by Ohaka Egburuwhuo (candidate for the office of the Secretary, NBA Port Harcourt Branch) challenging his disqualification by the Election Committee of NBA, Port Harcourt Branch on the sole reason that one of his sponsors/nominators, David Gbaimeza Uduru Esq., did not meet up with the requirements of Article 14 (2) of the Nigerian Bar Association Uniform Bye-Laws for Branches. Below is the ground for his petition: a) That the assertion that David Gbaimeza Uduru, Esq did not meet the required attendance is grossly false and can at best, be only a decision borne out of a decision made in a hurry without recourse to him or the said David Gbaimeza Uduru, Esq for better clarification on the issue.

OUR FINDINGS

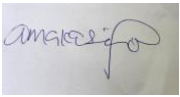
Our NBA Appeal Committee, East, met and considered the following issues: I) Whether David Gbaimeza Uduru, Esq met the requirements of Article 14 (2) (b) of the Uniform Bye-Laws? After a meticulous look at the Attendance Registers of the NBA Port Harcourt meetings for the months of April, May and October 2025, we discovered that the name, David Gbaimeza Uduru Esq appeared on the Attendance Registers for each of the months, which was disregarded by the Election Committee. II) The effect of the inconsistencies with respect to the Membership Number of David Gbaimeza Uduru Esq as seen on the Attendance Register for the months of April, May and October, 2025 - it is the observation of the committee that the Attendance Register/List of every month is part and parcel of the minutes of the subsequent meeting. It is a trite practice that in every meeting, minutes are always read, observations made and corrections effected before the adoption of the said minutes and once the said minutes are adopted, they become valid and form part of the working documents for the meeting. The aforesaid minutes of the meetings in contention as mentioned above having been adopted by members in the subsequent meetings, no one has the right to challenge any part of the said minutes for whatever reason.

After going through the said petition of Ohaka Egburuwhuo, Esq. and the reactions to the said petition by the Electoral Committee of NBA, Port Harcourt Branch and the Chairman of the

Branch, and by thorough reading of the provisions of **Article 14 (2)(b) of the Uniform Bye-Laws**, our NBA Appeal Committee, East unanimously held that David Gbaimeza Uduru, Esq, satisfied the requirements of **Article 14 (2)(b) of the Uniform Bye-Laws** and is eligible to vote and be voted for. He is also qualified to nominate the petitioner as a candidate for the position of the Secretary as in this case.

OUR RESOLUTION/DECISION

It is therefore our collective resolution/decision that the disqualification of the candidature of Ohaka Egburuwhuo, Esq. was wrongly done. We hereby direct the Election Committee of NBA Port Harcourt Branch to return the name of Ohaka Egburuwhuo, Esq. as qualified to contest the election for the office of Secretary.

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Amaka Ezeno, MCI Arb.

Secretary

CC:

1. The Chairman,
Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch Election Committee
2. Ohaka Egburuwhuo, Esq. (The Petitioner)