



NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, PORT HARCOURT BRANCH

CARETAKER COMMITTEE

COMMUNIQUE

ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING CONVENED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, MAZI AFAM OSIGWE, SAN, WITH THE CARETAKER COMMITTEE, CHAIRMEN OF BRANCHES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN RIVERS STATE, PAST CHAIRMEN OF PORT HARCOURT BRANCH, AND ASPIRANTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NBA PORT HARCOURT BRANCH, HELD AT THE NBA PORT HARCOURT HOUSE, ON SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2026.

PREAMBLE

Pursuant to the powers vested in the President of the Nigerian Bar Association and in furtherance of his commitment to ensuring free, fair, and transparent elections at all levels of the Associations, the President of the Nigerian Bar Association, Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN, convened a high-level stakeholder meeting on 25th July, 2026 at the NBA House in Port Harcourt, Rivers State

The meeting was attended by members of the NBA Port Harcourt Branch Caretaker Committee, Chairmen of all NBA Branches in Rivers State, Past Chairmen of NBA Port Harcourt Branch, and all aspirants contesting in the forthcoming NBA Port Harcourt Branch elections.

The meeting provided a platform for robust and constructive dialogue among all stakeholders. Concerns raised in the run-up to the elections were exhaustively deliberated upon, with a collective resolve to uphold the integrity and transparency in the conduct of the election to ensure the unity of the Branch.

RESOLUTIONS

After extensive deliberations, the following resolutions were reached at the meeting:

1. Recomposition of Electoral Committee

- An Electoral Committee is constituted with the 1st Vice President, leading a team comprising of Mr. Omubo Frank Briggs, a Former 3rd Vice President of the Nigerian Bar Association, Dr. Azubuike Friday and Dr. Hilda Desmond Iheakaire.
- Idris Abayomi Shehu shall continue to serve as Chairman of the Caretaker Committee but will not participate in the activities of Electoral Committee to allay concerns of members of the Branch.
- To ensure credibility and transparency of the electoral process, the Chairmen of the other eight NBA Branches in Rivers State shall supervise the conduct of the election.

3. Rescheduling of Election Date

- Consequently, the 2026 NBA Port Harcourt Branch Election is hereby rescheduled to hold on Wednesday, **5th August 2026** to enable members review the published voters register for the purpose of addressing any concern that may be raised regarding same.

All stakeholders present expressed their commitment to the resolutions adopted and pledged to work collectively towards a peaceful, credible, and acceptable electoral process that will produce a duly elected Executive Committee of the Branch.

CONCLUSION

The intervention by the NBA President reinforces the Association's unwavering dedication to democratic principles, the rule of law, and the fostering of unity among its members. The stakeholders express optimism that these resolutions will ensure the seamless conduct of the elections and further strengthen the unity of members of the Bar.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2026



Idris Abayomi Shehu

Chairman



Dr. Azubuike Friday

Secretary



Dr. Hilda Desmond Iheakaire

Member