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## Parliament elects five remaining members of Steering Council of PBS

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The parliament elected five remaining members of Steering Council of public broadcaster RTSH during the plenary session of April 30. The new members of the Steering Council are: Saimir Kumbaro, well-known movie director, Robert Rakiplari, editor-in-chief of a daily newspaper, Altin Shegani, dean of the Justice Department at the public University of Tirana, Pashk Pervathi, painter, and Artan Peqini, dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts at the public University of Tirana.

The election of new members happened after the opposition MPs decided to participate in the shortlisting process, which took place on April 22. The first five members of the Steering Council were elected on December 4, 2014, only with ruling majority votes, as the opposition MPs were boycotting all parliamentary activities. The short listing process in the Parliamentary Commission on Media also was done only by the ruling majority MPs, after failed appeals to the opposition to come to the parliament and resolve the deadlock. After the election of the first five members, the Democratic Party submitted a request to file a lawsuit to the first level of Administrative Court on January 12, 2015. The Democratic Party lost the lawsuit in the first instance and decided to not pursue it further.

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