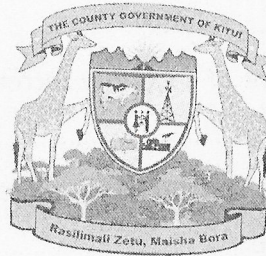


COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

(i) Mr. Speaker
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THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THIRD ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

REPORT ON VETTING OF
MS. AGNES KAWILA MULEWA
THE NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE
COUNTY SECRETARY, COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

Clerk's Chambers,
County Assembly Buildings,
Kitui, Kenya

JANUARY, 2026

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ABBREVIATIONS

CBA	Collective Bargaining Agreement
CHAKAMA	Chama Cha Kiswahili Africa Mashariki
CHAKITA	Chama Cha Kiswahili Cha Taifa
CHAUKIDU	Chama Cha Ukuzaji wa Kiswahili Duniani
CODESRIA	Council for the Development of Social Science in Africa
CPSB	County Public Service Board
CRB	Credit Reference Bureau
DCI	Directorate of Criminal Investigations
EACC	Ethics and Anti- Corruption Commission
H.E	His Excellency
HELB	Higher Education Loans Board
KNEC	Kenya National Examinations Council
KRA	Kenya Revenue Authority
PACAAA	Public Appointments (County Assemblies) Approval Act, 2017
SEKU	South Eastern Kenya University
SRC	Salaries and Remuneration Commission
ORPP	Office of the Registrar of Political Parties



CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

Section 15(2D) (b) of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020, requires the Governor to nominate and with the approval of the County Assembly appoint a County Secretary, County Government of Kitui.

Pursuant to the above legal provision, H.E the Governor Dr. Julius Makau Malombe forwarded to the County Assembly, vide a letter dated 5th August, 2026 and referenced CGKTI/OOG/ADM/23/62 the nominee for approval to serve the position of the County Secretary. Consequently, this message was conveyed to the Assembly by the Speaker on 6th August, 2026 pursuant to Section 7 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 (PACAA Act, 2017).

Upon committal of the nominee pursuant to Section 7 (1) of PACAA Act, 2017, the Committee on Appointments held its first sitting on 7th August, 2025.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 (4) of the PACAA Act, 2017, the Ag. Clerk of Assembly notified the nominee together with members of the public on the date, time and place of the approval hearing on 6th January, 2026 in the Daily Nation and Star newspapers. The adverts also required members of the public to submit statements on oath contesting the suitability of the nominee on or before 13th January, 2026.

On Monday 19th January, 2026, the Committee held approval hearing at the County Assembly Chambers to determine the suitability of the nominee for appointment to serve as a County Secretary.

During the vetting, the Committee was guided by Article 73(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 15 of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020 and Section 8 of PACAA Act, 2017 to examine the nominee against the following criteria, amongst others: -



- i. Academic qualifications;
- ii. Employment records and work experience;
- iii. Professional affiliations;
- iv. Potential conflict of interest;
- v. Knowledge of the relevant subject matter;
- vi. Relevant clearances certificates from;
 - a) Ethics and Anti- Corruption Commission (EACC);
 - b) Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA);
 - c) Credit Reference Bureau (CRB);
 - d) Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI);
 - e) Higher Education Loans Board (HELB); and
 - f) Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP).
- vii. Overall suitability for the position.



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Committee registers its appreciation to the Office of the Speaker, Office of the Clerk of Assembly and the Committee Secretariat for the logistical support extended during the vetting process.

Finally, the Committee appreciates the government agencies that provided references and background checks relating to the suitability of the nominee.

I acknowledge and appreciate Members of the Committee for their patience, sacrifice and commitment which enabled the Committee to complete the task within the required timelines.

On behalf of the Committee on Appointments, and pursuant to Section 15 of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020, Section 8 of PACAA Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 179(6) of the County Assembly of Kitui, it is my pleasant duty and pleasure to present the 9th Report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of the nominee for Appointment to the position of the County Secretary, County Government of Kitui for consideration by the House.

SIGNED: _____

HON. KEVIN KINENGO KATISYA, MCA
CHAIRPERSON,
COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI.

DATE: 25/01/2026_____

CHAPTER ONE

1.0 PREFACE

1.1 Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

1. The Committee on Appointments is established under Standing Order No. 184 of the County Assembly of Kitui and mandated to consider for approval by the County Assembly, appointments under Article 179(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and also persons nominated for approval pursuant to provisions of other laws.

1.2 Committee Membership

2. This is the Second Committee on Appointments established pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 184 (2) of the County Assembly of Kitui with current membership as follows: -

i.	Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya	Chairperson
ii.	Hon. Judith Wanza Kasyoka	Vice Chairperson
iii.	Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia	Member
iv.	Hon. Jeremiah Musee Mutua	"
v.	Hon. Gabriel Mutunga Munyao	"
vi.	Hon. Priscilla Martha Makumi	"

Committee Secretariat

3. During the report writing exercise, the Committee was served by the following Secretariate;

i.	Mr. Chris Mulundi Mwangangi	Ag. Clerk of Assembly
ii.	Mr. David Manzi Mwangangi	Principal Legal Counsel
iii.	Ms. Noryene Katheu Musyoka	Snr. Hansard Editor I
iv.	Mr. Andrew Mulandi Kavali	First Clerk Assistant
v.	Mr. John Kivui	Ag. Snr. Communications Officer I



1.3 Legal Framework on recruitment of a County Secretary

4. Section 44 (1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 establishes the Office of the County Secretary who shall be the Secretary to the County Executive Committee. A person to be appointed as a County Secretary shall be a Kenyan competitively sourced from amongst persons who holds degree from a recognized university with at least ten years' experience in administration and management.

5. Section 15(2D) of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020 provides that for purpose of recruitment of a County Secretary, the Governor shall constitute a selection panel under the provisions of Section 15(2A) & (2B) of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020.

6. A person competitively sourced by the said selection panel shall be nominated by the Governor and with the approval of the County Assembly appointed by the Governor, pursuant to the provisions of Section 15(2D) (b) of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020.

7. Section 15(2) of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020 sets out the qualifications for a person to be appointed as a County Secretary if person: -

- i. Is a citizen of Kenya;
- ii. Holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- iii. Has at least ten (10) years relevant professional experience;
- iv. Has at least five (5) years' experience in a leadership position at senior management level in a public service or private sector organization; and
- v. Meets the requirements of leadership and integrity as prescribed in Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.



1.4 Notification to the Assembly

8. Through a letter dated 5th August, 2025 referenced CGKTI/OOG/ADM/23/62 and pursuant to Section 15(2D) (b) of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2012 and Section 6(1) of the PACAA Act, 2017, His Excellency (H.E.) the Governor Dr. Julius Makau Malombe notified the County Assembly of the nomination of **Ms. Agnes Kawila Mulewa** for appointment as the County Secretary (**Annexure ii**).
9. In line with section 8 of the PACAA Act, 2017, H.E. the Governor through the Director Human Resource Management and the Head of Selection Panel Secretariat availed the criteria relied upon by the Panel, academic and other credentials for the nominee via a letter referenced CGKTI/CS/ADM/14/Vol. 7 (78) dated 11th August, 2025 (**Annexure iii**).

1.5 Notification to the County Assembly and Referral to the Committee on Appointments

10. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the PACAA Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 42 of the County Assembly of Kitui, the Speaker, through a Communication No. 43 of 2025 dated 6th August, 2025 informed the House of the Governor's nomination upon which the name of the nominee was committed to the Committee on Appointments for consideration (**Annexure iv**).

1.6 Notification to the nominee

11. Section 7(4) of the PACAA Act, 2017 requires the Clerk of Assembly to notify a candidate of the time and place for holding approval hearings by notice in two (2) newspapers of national circulation and by writing. The Ag. Clerk invited the nominee to appear for approval hearing on 19th January, 2026 in writing and through the print media via adverts which appeared in the Daily Nation and the Star Newspapers for 6th January, 2026 (**Annexure v**).



12. The notification indicated that the nominee for appointment as the County Secretary, County Government of Kitui was to be vetted on 19th January, 2026 in the County Assembly Chambers at 2.00 p.m.

1.7 Notification to the Public

13. Article 196(1)(b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 mandates the County Assembly to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative business and other business of the County Assembly and its Committees. Section 7(5) of the PACAA Act, 2017 requires that the public should be notified of the time and place for holding approval hearing at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.
14. In compliance with the above legal provisions, on 6th January, 2026, the Ag. Clerk of Assembly placed an advertisement in print media (**Annexure v**) informing the public of the approval hearing and further requesting them to submit written statements on oath contesting the suitability of the nominee. **The Committee did not receive any written statement(s) on oath from members of the public contesting the suitability of the nominee as at the date for approval hearing.**

1.8 Clearances and Compliance requirements

15. To ensure compliance with Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the County Assembly wrote to the below listed government agencies and institutions requesting them to issue reports on the nominee relating to the matters within the respective agencies' mandate:
- i. Ethics & Anti – Corruption Commission (EACC)**
16. The Commission responded through a letter referenced EACC.7/10/5/Vol. XXXIII (88) dated 19th August, 2025 (**Annexure vi**), stating that it had neither



undertaken any investigations nor recommended prosecution against the nominee pursuant to its mandate.

ii. Office of the Official Receiver

17. The Office of the Official Receiver through a letter referenced OR/COS/01/Vol. I dated 19th August, 2025 (**Annexure vii**) confirmed that the nominee had not been subjected to any insolvency/bankruptcy proceedings.

iii. Authentication of academic certificates from various institutions

18. Kenyatta University responded via email dated on 12th August, 2025 to the County Assembly confirming the authenticity of the nominee's academic certificates for both Degree in Bachelor of Education (Arts) and Master of Arts (**Annexures viii**).

iv. Kenya National Examination Council

19. The Council confirmed via a letter referenced KNEC/GEN/RQAP/QA&A/ARCH/RPT/GC/05/097 dated 19th August, 2025 that Certificate of Secondary School Education held by the nominee was authentic (**Annexure ix**).

v. Credit Reference Bureaus (CRB)

20. CREDITINFO confirmed that the nominee has no adverse listing and the certificate dated 15th July, 2025 submitted to the County Assembly was valid and authentic (**Annexure x**).

vi. Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)

21. The nominee was cleared by HELB through accreditation of her HELB certificate dated 17th July, 2025 submitted to the County Assembly (**Annexure xi**).

vii. Directorate of Criminal Investigations

22. The Certificate of Good Conduct held by the nominee dated 4th July, 2025 was confirmed to be valid and authentic (**Annexure xii**).

viii. Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)

23. The nominee's tax compliance certificate was verified through the KRA iTax verifier and confirmed to be authentic and valid until 16th June, 2026 (**Annexure xiii**).

ix. Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP)

24. In addition, the Registrar of Political Parties confirmed vide a letter dated 22nd August, 2025 that the nominee is not affiliated to any political party (**Annexure xiv**).



CHAPTER TWO

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Committee proceedings

25. Upon committal of the name, the Committee was required to conduct approval hearing and make determination on the nominee's suitability or otherwise within twenty-one (21) sitting days from the Committee's first sitting as provided in Section 9 of the PACAA Act, 2017.
26. The Committee held its first meeting to consider this subject matter on 7th August, 2025 and agreed on a framework for the approval hearing. It held further sittings within which it examined and reviewed the nominee's certificates and testimonials.
27. The nominee's suitability to the position and specifically as relates to whether her abilities, experience and qualities meet the set statutory requirements were assessed by scrutinizing her academic credentials, professional training and relevant experience, personal integrity, background and qualities as well as her performance during the approval hearing held on 19th January, 2026.
28. Thereafter, the Committee retreated from 20th to 25th January, 2026 to consider, evaluate the nominee's credentials and compile a report for adoption by the Assembly. The report of the Committee contains its recommendations based on the outcome of the vetting and approval hearing of the nominee.
29. Article 73(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 was paramount to the Committee during the execution of its mandate. The Article provides that the guiding principles of leadership and integrity as listed below should guide public appointments: -
- i) Selection on the basis of personal integrity, competence and suitability;



- ii) Objectivity and impartiality in decision making, and in ensuring that decisions are not influenced by nepotism, favoritism, other improper motives or corruption practices; and
- iii) Selfless service based solely on public interest, demonstrated by: -
 - a) honesty in the execution of public duties; and
 - b) the declaration of any personal interest that may conflict with public duties.

30. It is important to note that all members of the committee declared not to have any conflict of interest in vetting the nominee.



CHAPTER THREE

3.0 APPROVAL HEARING

31. The Committee held its approval hearing on 19th January, 2026 during which it examined the nominee against the criteria set out under Section 8 of the PACAA Act, 2017 as follows: -

- i) the procedure used to arrive at the nominee including the criteria for the shortlisting of the nominee;
- ii) any constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the office in question; and
- iii) the suitability of the nominee for the appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominee's credentials, abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the office to which the nomination is being made.

32. Guided by the above legal provision, the Committee interrogated the nominee on issues listed below among others to ascertain her suitability: -

- i) Academic qualifications;
- ii) Employment record and work experience;
- iii) Suitability for the position;
- iv) Professional affiliations
- v) Tax compliance;
- vi) Integrity; and
- vii) Understanding the roles of the County Secretary.

33. The nominee was competitively recruited by the Selection Panel for recruitment of suitable persons for appointment as the County Secretary and nominated by H.E. the Governor to the position of the County Secretary, pursuant Section 15(2D) (b) of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020.



34. The nominee appeared before the Committee on 19th January, 2026 and was vetted under oath during which the following was noted;

3.1 Date and place of birth

35. The nominee is a female Kenyan citizen born in 1980 and a resident of Kitui County, Kitui West Sub County.

3.2 Academic and professional qualifications

36. The nominee holds a Master of Arts degree from Kenyatta University awarded in 2018 and a Bachelor of Education (Arts) degree from the same institution awarded in 2004.

3.3 Work experience

37. The nominee has over fifteen (15) years of work experience spanning from 2007 when she started working as an Assistant Lecturer at South Eastern Kenya University (SEKU), Dean of Students Office (SEKU) and currently works as a Chief Officer, Public Service Management and General Administration as well as the Acting County Secretary, County Government of Kitui.

38. The nominee submitted that she is a member of the following professional bodies; Chama Cha Kiswahili Africa Mashariki (CHAKAMA), Chama Cha Kiswahili Cha Taifa (CHAKITA), Chama Cha Ukuzaji wa Kiswahili Duniani (CHAUKIDU), and Council for the Development of Social Science in Africa (CODESRIA).

3.4 Net worth

39. Her estimated net worth is Kenya shillings Seventy-Eight Million (Kshs. 78M).

3.5 Integrity

40. The nominee submitted that she has never been charged in any court of law or adversely mentioned in any investigatory or parliamentary report of inquiry.



41. She also stated that she does not have dual citizenship and she has never been subjected to bankruptcy proceedings.

42. Further, she submitted that she is not affiliated to any Political Party.

3.6 Original Documents

43. During the approval hearing, the nominee submitted the following original documents to the Committee for confirmation:

- i) Identification Card;
- ii) Academic and professional certificates; and
- iii) Clearances from: - KRA, HELB, EACC, DCI, CRB and ORPP.

3.7 SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO THE NOMINEE

44. The Committee posed several specific questions to the nominee to which she responded as follows: -

3.7.1. On how the nominee will address political pressure that may compromise her work ethics and professionalism;

45. The nominee submitted that while the office of the County Secretary may be political in nature, as a public officer, she will be guided by the law on Public Officers Ethics Act Cap 185B in performing her duties on matters public service. She further affirmed her commitment in executing the responsibilities of the County Secretary in line with the provisions of Section 44(3) of the County Governments Act, 2012.

3.7.2. On the mission and vision of the County Government of Kitui;

46. The nominee clearly stated the vision of the County Government of Kitui thus; to be a prosperous County with vibrant rural and urban economies whose people enjoy a highly quality life.

47. She further stated that the Mission of the County Government of Kitui is to provide effective services and an enabling environment for inclusive and sustainable social-economic development and improved livelihoods for all.

3.7.3. On sustaining a cordial working relationship between the County Assembly and the County Executive;

48. The nominee submitted that any dispute arising between the two arms of the County Government is likely to adversely affect service delivery to the people of Kitui. She stated that, in her capacity as County Secretary, she would address such matters by objectively examining the underlying causes of the dispute in order to make informed and lawful decisions on the appropriate course of action.

49. She further stated that she would actively promote dialogue, consultation and mutual respect between the County Assembly and the County Executive, with the aim of fostering a cordial and collaborative working relationship, for the smooth functioning of the two arms of county government and ultimately enhance efficient and effective service delivery to the public.

3.7.4. On the qualifications, work experience and roles of the County Secretary;

50. The nominee submitted that she has over fifteen (15) years of experience in the public service, having served in various senior and strategic capacities.

51. She stated that she served for approximately eight (8) years as a Chief Officer, during which time she was involved in policy implementation, coordination of county operations, and oversight of service delivery.

52. In addition, she indicated that she worked for seven (7) years as a lecturer and senior administrator at South Eastern Kenya University (SEKU), where she



acquired extensive experience in institutional management, governance, and human resource administration.

53. The nominee further submitted that she has served as the Acting County Secretary for a period of four (4) years, a role that has enabled her to gain firsthand experience in coordinating the County Executive Committee, managing the county public service, and overseeing administrative and devolution-related matters.

54. She emphasized that these roles have equipped her with the requisite skills, institutional knowledge, and leadership competencies necessary to effectively discharge the functions of the Office of County Secretary.

55. She committed that, upon approval by the Committee and subsequent appointment as the substantive County Secretary, she would relinquish her current position as a Chief Officer in order to fully assume the responsibilities of the office in compliance with the law.

3.7.5. On the ongoing Clinical Officers strike and other county staff legitimate grievances;

56. The nominee submitted that Clinical Officers across various counties have been on strike since 22nd December, 2025 due to the non-implementation of Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) approved salary adjustments, delays in the signing of their Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Ministry, and failure to pay agreed strenuous allowances.

57. She stated that her Office, together with Kitui County Public Service Board (KCPSB), the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, the County Solicitor and the Human Resource Department, has been engaging their union leadership at the national level to address the matter.



58. She further informed the Committee that this is a national issue which is being addressed by the Council of Governors through engaging the national government to facilitate counties with the necessary budgetary support to enable implementation of the SRC approved salary adjustments.

59. The nominee committed that, if approved by the committee, she would strengthen and enhance relations between her Office and workers' unions with the aim of promoting dialogue and preventing similar industrial actions in the future.

3.7.6. On workers career stagnation

60. The nominee stated that staff promotions in public service is a process which starts with staff appraisals, guided by scheme of service. She revealed that through her Office over one thousand five hundred (1500) county staff have been promoted through internal competitive interviews.

3.7.7. On key priorities the nominee intends to undertake upon assumption of Office as the County Secretary;

61. The nominee committed to undertake the following upon approval to the position; -

- i. Establish of a clear career progression framework for all job cadres and develop a proper staff promotion guideline.
- ii. Enhance employee motivation by ensuring that county staff are equipped with the necessary tools and resources to improve service delivery.
- iii. Involve the public in key decision-making processes through strengthened public participation.
- iv. Address pending bills owed to county service providers.
- v. Implement performance contracting mechanisms to ensure accountability so as to improve staff performance across the county public service.



3.7.8. On professionalism, discipline and ethical conduct within the County Public Service;

62. The nominee submitted that she intends to advocate for a positive change in the culture of the county public service, emphasizing adherence to the Public Service Code of Conduct, which guides the behavior and performance of all public employees.

63. She emphasized that, if appointed, her Office will continue to take decisive action against employees who violate established standards of professionalism and ethics, with the aim of fostering a culture of accountability, integrity, and high performance within the county public service.

3.7.9. On management of County records, Cabinet resolutions and Linkage between the County Assembly and the County Executive;

64. The nominee submitted that management of county records is vested in the Office of the County Secretary, supported by an established County Records Management Policy.

65. This framework will enable her to facilitate timely access to public information in compliance with the Access to Information Act, 2016.

66. She further demonstrated a clear understanding on the role of the County Secretary in ensuring efficient communication, including the responsibility of fast-tracking cabinet resolutions and conveying them to the relevant officers for implementation.

3.7.10. On the ballooning wage bill;

67. The nominee stated that the County Executive is in the process of implementing the SRC circular aimed at strengthening management of the wage bill. This includes verifying all employees' academic and professional credentials and



eliminating manual payroll as part of measures to identify and remove ghost workers.

3.7.11. On Accountability, and transparency in Public Service;

68. The nominee demonstrated knowledge on the topical issue as guided by article 232 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 on values and principles of public service, which mandates public officers to observe fairness, integrity, accountability, inclusiveness, efficiency, and transparency in their undertakings.

3.7.12. On the nominee's achievements as the acting County Secretary;

69. The nominee enumerated the following as her key achievements;

- i. Development of the authorized staff establishment,
- ii. Promotion of one thousand five hundred (1,500) staff members who had stagnated in their respective job groups; and
- iii. Development of human resource policy documents that have been approved by the County Executive Committee, strengthening institutional governance and enhancing the effectiveness of human resource management in the county public service.

3.7.13. On implementation of County Assembly resolutions;

70. The nominee stated that the Office of the County Secretary will be keen to ensure that all County Assembly resolutions are effectively communicated to the respective county departments for timely implementation.

71. She stated that if approved, she will establish a robust tracking and follow-up system for all communications from the County Assembly.



4.0. COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS ON SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

72. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaires, curriculum vitae and her oral submissions during the approval hearing made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as the County Secretary: -

- i. The nominee is eligible for appointment as a County Secretary, County Government of Kitui.
- ii. The nominee holds Master of Arts Degree (2008) and a Bachelor degree in Education (2004) both from Kenyatta University.
- iii. She is currently serving as a Chief Officer, County Department of Public Service Management and General Administration and the acting County Secretary, County Government of Kitui.
- iv. The nominee has extensive and relevant experience in public service and administration spanning over fifteen (15) years, during which she has served in senior leadership and management positions as required under Section 15(2) (d) of the County Government (Amendment) Act, 2020 as follows:
 - a) Currently working as a Chief Officer, Public Service Management and General Administration (2022 to date),
 - b) Currently Acting as the County Secretary, County Government of Kitui,
 - c) Acting County Secretary, County Government of Kitui in the period August 2021 to July 2022.
 - d) Chief Officer County Ministry Education, County Government of Kitui in the period April 2020 to October, 2020,



- e) Chief Officer in the Office of the Governor during the period 2018-2020,
 - f) Assistant Lecturer at SEKU (2011-2014), and
 - g) Dean of Students and Chairperson department of linguistics and communications SEKU (2015-2018).
- v. The nominee has demonstrated a distinguished career in the public sector and accordingly meets the requirements of Section 15(2) of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020.
 - vi. She has never been charged in a court of law nor adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of parliament or any Commission of Inquiry.
 - vii. She has fully complied with her tax obligations.
 - viii. The nominee meets the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 on leadership and integrity having been cleared by all statutory institutions.
 - ix. She demonstrated extensive understanding of the task ahead of her once approved and appointed as the County Secretary whose distinctive roles are outlined in Section 44(3) of the County Governments Act, 2012 to inter alia: -
 - i. Serve as the head of the county public service;
 - ii. Be responsible for arranging the business and keeping minutes of the County Executive Committee, subject to the directions of the Committee;
 - iii. Convey decisions of the County Executive Committee to the appropriate persons or authorities; and
 - iv. Perform any other functions as may be directed by the County Executive Committee.



- x. The Committee did not receive any written statement(s) on oath from members of the public contesting the suitability of the nominee as at the date for approval hearing.
- xi. The committee found the nominee **qualified**.




CHAPTER FIVE

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

73. Pursuant to the foregoing deliberations and resolutions on the nominee, and guided by Section 9(2) of the PACAA Act, 2017, the Committee unanimously recommends to the House as follows:-

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 15(2D) (b) of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020 and Standing Order No. 184 of the County Assembly of Kitui, this House do hereby **APPROVE Ms. Agnes Kawila Mulewa** for appointment as the **County Secretary**, County Government of Kitui.



6.0 CONCLUSION

74. Following conclusion of the vetting exercise, the Committee urges the House to adopt the Report by the Committee on Appointments on the approval of Ms. Agnes Kawila Mulewa for appointment as the County Secretary, County Government of Kitui.

75. On behalf of the Committee on Appointments, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 15(2D)(b) of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020 and Standing Order No. 179 (6) of the County Assembly of Kitui, it is my pleasant duty and pleasure to present the 9th report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Ms. Agnes Kawila Mulewa for Appointment as the County Secretary, County Government of Kitui for consideration by the Assembly.

SIGNED:  _____

HON. KEVIN KINENGO KATISYA, MCA
CHAIRPERSON,
COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI.

DATE: 25/01/2026 _____

ANNEX I

SIGNED LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMING THE LEGITIMACY OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE VETTING OF M/S. AGNES KAWILA MULEWA FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE COUNTY SECRETARY, COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

We, the Honourable members of the Committee on Appointments, do hereby affix our signatures to this report in affirming its accuracy, validity and authenticity; -

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya | Chairperson  |
| 2. Hon. Judith Wanza Kasyoka | Vice Chairperson  |
| 3. Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia | Member  |
| 4. Hon. Jeremiah Musee Mutua | Member  |
| 5. Hon. Gabriel Mutunga Munyao | Member  |
| 6. Hon. Priscilla Martha Makumi | Member  |

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THIRD ASSEMBLY- FOURTH SESSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS MEETING HELD ON 25TH
JANUARY, 2026 AT WESTON HOTEL NAIROBI STARTING AT 5.30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Judith Wanza Kasyoka | V/Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia | Member |
| 4. Hon. Jeremaih Musee Mutua | " |
| 5. Hon. Gabriel Mutunga Munyao | " |
| 6. Hon. Priscilla Martha Makumi | " |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Chris Mulundi Mwangangi | Ag. Clerk of Assembly |
| 2. David Manzi Mwangangi | Principal Legal Counsel |
| 3. Noryene Katheu Musyoka | Snr. Hansard Editor I |
| 4. Andrew Mulandi Kavali | First Clerk Assistant |
| 5. John Kivui | Ag. Snr. Communications Officer I |

AGENDA

PRAYERS

1. Apologies (if Any)
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Adoption of the Committee's reports on vetting exercise for persons nominated for appointment as;
 - i. The Secretary to the Kitui County Public Service Board – **Mr. Christopher Okumu Ombunya**
 - ii. The County attorney, County Government of Kitui – **Mr. Timothy Kyalo Mwange**, and

- iii. The County Secretary, County Government of Kitui – **Ms. Anges Kawila Mulewa**

PRAYER

The meeting began with a prayer said by the Chairperson at 5.30 P.M.

MIN (KCAAC) 13/2026: COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairperson briefed the Committee on the conclusion of the vetting exercise, noting that the process was conducted in strict compliance with the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the County Governments Act, 2012, County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020, the Office of the County Attorney Act, 2020, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the Standing Orders of County Assembly of Kitui. He reiterated to the Members that the Committee had exhaustively considered all documentation submitted by the nominees, the oral submissions made during the approval hearings, and any issues arising therefrom. The Chairperson further highlighted the key observations, findings, and recommendations contained in the draft Vetting Report prepared by the Secretariat. He then called for the adoption of the report pursuant to Standing Order 179(4).

MIN (KCAAC) 14/2026: ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR VETTING FOR APPOINTMENT OF MR. CHRISTOPHER OKUMU OMBUNYA AS THE SECRETARY TO THE KITUI COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD, MR. TIMOTHY KYALO MWANGE AS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND, MS. ANGES KAWILA MULEWA AS THE COUNTY SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF KITUI.

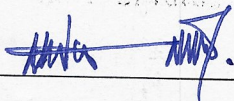
The Chairperson guided the Committee through the draft Vetting Report clause by clause and invited Members to deliberate on its contents. Following deliberations and consensus by Members, the Committee amended the draft reports and unanimously adopted them pursuant to Standing Order 179(4) as the final Reports of the Committee for tabling before the House for consideration and adoption as follows:

- i. The Report by the Committee on Appointments on vetting of the Mr. Christopher Okumu Ombunya for appointment as the Secretary to the Kitui County Public Service Board;


- ii. The Report by the Committee on Appointments on vetting of Mr. Timothy Kyalo Mwange for appointment as the County Attorney, County Government of Kitui; and
- iii. The Report by the committee on Appointments on vetting of Ms. Agnes Kawila Mulewa for appointment as the County Secretary, County Government of Kitui.

MIN (KCAAC) 15/2026:

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.



**CHRIS M. MWANGANGI
AG. CLERK OF ASSEMBLY
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI,**

CONFIRMED: 

DATE: 25/01/2026

**HON. KEVIN KINENGO KATISYA,
CHAIRPERSON,
COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS,
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI.**

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