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The House met at 9:43 a.m. in the County Assembly Chambers

[The Speaker (Hon. Kevin K. Katisya)] in the Chair

PRAYERS

MOTIONS

MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS ON THE VETTING OF THE NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO
THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TRAINING & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.

(Designated Member, Committee on Appointments)

The Speaker: Can we have the designated member, Committee on Appointments.

Hon. H. Maluki: Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move: -

THAT, Pursuant to the provisions of Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution 2010 as read together with Standing Order No. 184(4), this Assembly hereby adopts the Report by the Committee on Appointments on the Vetting of the Nominee for Appointment to the Position of County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for the Ministry of Education, Training and Skills Development, laid on the table of the Assembly Monday, 6th February, 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am aware that we all have a copy of this report therefore I will just touch on a few issues briefly.

On page three, Pursuant to Articles 179(2) of the Kenya Constitution 2010 and section 4 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, no 5 of 2017, His Excellency the Governor nominated Ms. Joyce Titus for appointment as County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for the Ministry of Education, Training and Skills Development.

This nomination was conveyed to the Speaker of the County Assembly through letter Ref. No. CGKTI/00G/ADM/23/42) dated 10TH January 2023. The nominee's curriculum vitae and testimonials were enclosed in the letter.

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On Monday, 16th January 2023 and pursuant to Standing Order 42(2), the Speaker of the County Assembly read the Message from His Excellency the Governor communicating the name of the nominee to the House for the position of County Executive Committee Member (CECM). Pursuant to Article 179(2)(b) and Standing Order 42 (1), the name of the nominee was referred to the Committee on Appointments for vetting and reporting to the House within twenty-one (21) days.

Consequently, and in accordance with Section 6(2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Clerk of the Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Monday, 23rd January, 2023, inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavit) on the suitability of the nominee in accordance with the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. The advertisement indicated that the submissions were to be received by Friday, 27th January 2023 at 5.00 pm. By close of the submission deadline, the Committee had not received any memorandum touching on the suitability of the nominee.

The nominee appeared before the Committee as scheduled for the approval hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly Standing Orders on her suitability or otherwise for appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Ministry of Education, Training and Skills Development.

Pursuant to section 9 (2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Committee observed that the nominee met the integrity threshold; demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the portfolio to which she had been nominated; and had the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience to be approved for appointment as a County Executive Committee Member (CECM).

Having conducted the approval hearing for the nominee pursuant to Article 179(2) of the Kenya Constitution, sections 4 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 42(4), the Committee recommends that this House, APPROVES the nomination of Ms. Joyce Titus, for appointment as County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Ministry of Education, Training and Skills Development by His Excellency the Governor, County Government of Kitui.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions and time during the approval hearing and deliberations during the writing of the report. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk of the Assembly for the technical support accorded to her during the exercise.

On behalf of the Committee on Appointments and pursuant to Article 179(b) of the Kenya Constitution 2010, section 9(2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and the provisions of Standing Order 42(4), it is now my pleasant duty and privilege to present to the House, the Second report of the Committee on Appointments on the approval hearing of Ms. Joyce Titus for appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Ministry of Education, Training and Skills Development.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on page five of the report, we have the Committee membership and the background. Allow me move straight to the Committee observations on the suitability of the nominee, on page 13.

The Committee, having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire, her curriculum vitae and her oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on

her suitability for appointment as the CECM, Education, Training and Skills Development, THAT: -

In accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to a state office as she is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship.

The nominee meets the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by all relevant government agencies.

The nominee holds a Bachelor of Education (*Early Childhood Development and Education*) from South Eastern Kenya University and a Diploma in Early Childhood Development and Education and is currently working as an ECDE Teacher at Thua Primary School.

The nominee has over twenty-five years' work experience most of which is gained from working as an untrained teacher at Zombe Girls Secondary School and St. John's Malivani Secondary School in Makueni.

The nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the County ministry and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience to serve as a CECM in the county department to which she has been nominated.

We the members of the Committee on Appointments have adopted this report and you can see the members who have appended their signatures on the same.

The Speaker: For the record you can read the names of the members of the Committee who signed the report.

Hon. H. Maluki: We members of the Committee on Appointments have adopted this report and hereby affix our signatures to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity. Mr. Speaker Sir, the following members of the Committee appended their signature to this report; Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya, the Speaker and also the chairperson of the Committee, Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia, leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Mathew Ngovi Vuthi, a member of the Committee and Hon. Judith Kasyoka Wanza who is also a member.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I take this opportunity.....

The Speaker: Mheshimiwa you need to read the Committee recommendations which is in page 14.

Hon. H. Maluki: Mr. Speaker Sir, let me share with this House the Committee recommendations.

THAT, having conducted the approval hearings for the nominee pursuant to Article 179 (2) of the Constitution, section 35 of the CGA, section 9 of the Act and Standing Order 184 the Committee recommends that this House: - APPROVES the nomination of Mrs. Joyce Titus for appointment as the County Executive Committee Member for Education, Training & Skills Development by H.E the Governor, Kitui County.

Further, the Committee advises H.E the Governor, Kitui County Dr. Julius Makau Malombe to receive confirmation from the nominee of her resignation from public service or leave of absence prior to appointing her to the docket nominated and approved to.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I take this opportunity as a member of the Committee on Appointments and request this House to adopt the recommendations of the Committee and approve Ms. Joyce Titus as a CECM for the Ministry of Education, Training and Skills Development.

I also wish to thank the Committee on Appointments, for the tireless effort they have put and also thank the members of staff who helped us in preparation of this report.

Mr. Speaker Sir, with those few remarks, I beg to move the motion and request Hon. Judith Wanza to second the motion.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Maluki. Hon. Judith your microphone is not on, please turn it on.

Hon. Judith: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, I second the motion.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Judith Wanza. Hon. Members allow me now to propose the question.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members I now allow a few of you to give your input before I put the question. Hon. Mathew Ngovi Vuthi.

Hon. Vuthi: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. I take this opportunity to thank the Committee on Appointments for the good Job they did in vetting and recommending this nominee for appointment. Mr. Speaker Sir, I kindly request you to put the question.

The Speaker: Hon. Members since there seems to be no other member who wants to contribute, allow me now to put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order.

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND
ECONOMIC PLANNING ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS
CHIEF OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC
PLANNING & REVENUE MANAGEMENT

*(Chairperson Committee on Finance
and Economic Planning)*

The Speaker: Can we have the Chairperson Committee on Finance and Economic Planning to move that motion. Welcome Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi, Member for Kyuso Ward and kindly take the shortest time possible.

Hon. Mwinzi: Thank You Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move: -
THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order No. 190(5)(f) this Assembly hereby Approves the Report by the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the Vetting of:

1. Mr. Patrick Masila Munuve, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer- Department of Economic Planning and Budgeting; and
2. Mr. John Makau Kimwele, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer- Department of Finance, Revenue Management and Accounting.

Laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Monday 6th February 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I will be very brief due to the interest of time. I believe that Hon. Members have copies of the report. Kindly let us move to page five of the report.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Section 45(1) of the County Governments Act, 2012, provides that the Governor shall nominate qualified and experienced County Chief Officers from among persons

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competitively sourced and recommended by the County Public Service Board; and with the approval of the County Assembly, appoint County Chief Officers. The nomination list was conveyed to the Speaker of the County Assembly on 19th December 2022.

During a special sitting held on 16th January, 2023, the Speaker pursuant to Standing Order No. 39, delivered a message to the Assembly, that H.E. the Governor Dr. Julius Makau Malombe, had nominated the following to the positions of Chief Officers: -

- i. Mr. Patrick Masila Munuve - Nominee to the Position of Chief Officer in the County Department of Economic Planning and Budgeting.
- ii. Mr. John Makau Kimwele- Nominee to the Position of Chief Officer in the County Department of Finance, Revenue Management and Accounting

The names of the nominees and their curriculum vitae were thereafter committed to the Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning for consideration.

The Speaker of the County Assembly, aware that the House was on recess, directed that the Assembly Committees commence preparations for the vetting exercise on 16th January, 2023 and during the week of 23rd - 28th January 2023 and thereafter conduct the actual vetting/approval hearings on 30th January 2023.

Pursuant to Section 7(4 & 5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, the Assembly placed an advertisement in the Standard Newspaper dated 23rd January 2023, inviting the nominees for vetting before the Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning, on Monday 30th January 2023 from 9.00 A.M to 11.00 A.M at the Assembly Precincts and further requesting for memoranda for or against the nominees on or before Friday 27th January 2023 as guided by Section 7(10) of the same Act.

However, by the set deadline of 27th January, 2023, no memorandum was received from the public on the two nominees.

The two nominees appeared before the Committee on 30th January 2023 for the approval hearings at the Kitui Assembly precincts.

Mr. Speaker the Committee considered the nomination of the following nominees as guided by Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and prepared its report:

- i. Mr. Patrick Masila Munuve to the position of Chief Officer – Department of Economic Planning and Budgeting,
- ii. Mr. John Makau Kimwele to the position of Chief Officer- Department of Finance, Revenue management and Accounting.

In its report, the Committee has made the following observations: - THAT;

1. Mr. Patrick Masila Munuve, the Chief Officer Nominee to the Department of Economic Planning and Budgeting, is academically and professionally qualified for the position. He has all the required clearances as per chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. The nominee demonstrated knowledge and experience in economic planning and budgeting matters.

The nominee clearly exhibited an understanding of the roles of a Chief Officer.

2. Mr. John Makau Kimwele, the Chief Officer Nominee to the Department of Finance, Revenue Management and Accounting, is academically and professionally qualified for the position. He has all the required clearances as per chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

The nominee demonstrated knowledge and experience in finance, revenue management and accounting matters.

That the nominee clearly exhibited an understanding of the roles of a Chief Officer.

Mr. Speaker I believe the membership of the Committee is known, allow me therefore to go to acknowledgements.

The Speaker: Mheshimiwa just go the committee observations and recommendations. We have read the acknowledgements.

Hon. Mwinzi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Committee having considered the nominee's Bio-data, filled questionnaire, his curriculum-vitae and his oral submissions during the approval hearing, the Committee made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as the Chief Officer department of Finance, Revenue Management and Accounting, THAT: -

1. Mr. John Makau Kimwele, the Chief Officer Nominee to the Department of Finance, Revenue Management and Accounting, is academically and professionally qualified for the position. He further has all the required clearances as per chapter six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and does not hold dual citizenship.

That the nominee clearly exhibited an understanding of the roles of a Chief Officer.

The nominee demonstrated knowledge and experience in Finance, Revenue Management and Accounting as stipulated in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

2. The nominee submitted that he is still an employee at the National Council for Population and Development (NCPD).

Committee Recommendations

Mr. Speaker Sir, having considered the suitability of the nominee pursuant to section 45 of the County Governments Act, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f), the Committee recommends that this Honourable House;

1. Approves the nomination and subsequent appointment by H.E. the Governor, of Mr. Patrick Masila Munuve, as the Chief Officer for the department of Economic Planning and Budgeting.
2. Approves the nomination and subsequent appointment by H.E. the Governor, of Mr. John Makau Kimwele, as the Chief Officer – Finance, Revenue Management and Accounting.
3. That H.E the Governor, Dr. Julius Makau Malombe, should not swear-inn Mr. John Makau Kimwele, Chief Officer nominee for the Department of Finance, Revenue and Accounting before he provides evidence on secondment or resignation from the previous public office.

The Committee further recommends that the Chief Officers sign a performance contract to facilitate regular performance review.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the following members of the Committee adopted the report by appending their signatures; Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi, the Committee Chairperson, Hon. Waziri Bakari, Hon. Mary Ndumbu, Hon. Sammy Munyithya, Hon. Paul Maluki, Hon. Peter Kitonyo Mwanza and Hon. Munira Mohammed.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I believe that everyone understands that this County is on a standstill waiting for the approval of these members and therefore I will not waste a lot of time, I will urge Hon. Members to adopt the report.

With those remarks I beg to move and ask Hon. Waziri to second the motion.

The Speaker: Thank you Chairperson, Committee on Finance and Economic Planning, Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi. Hon. Waziri Bakari.

Hon. Waziri: Thank You. Mr. Speaker let me once again congratulate the members of the Committee for the good job they have done. I know it has been a heavy duty that was before us but as a committee we made sure that we did our work well and I stand to second. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Waziri. Hon. Members allow me now to propose the question on the motion.

(Question Proposed)

The Speaker: Hon. Members I now allow a few of you to give your input before I put the question. Yes Hon. Paul Maluki.

Hon. P. Maluki: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support the motion and urge the Members of this Assembly to adopt the report as it is. The nominees for the governor were well qualified and they presented themselves well. But Mr. Speaker yesterday, we received complaints from members of the public especially the casuals who were revenue collectors. The contracts were terminated and we will urge the new Chief Officer, since we are thinking on how we can improve our own revenue collection, to make sure they are reinstated for the sake of their families.

Having said that Mr. Speaker Sir, I urge you to put the question so that we can move on to the other nominees.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Maluki. Before I put the question, I can see Hon. Jeremiah has a comment. Please Mheshimiwa give your input.

Hon. Jeremiah: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to congratulate the Committee for doing a wonderful job. As Hon. Member for Kwa Mutonga has said, the public outcry on the issue of revenue collection and officers who are involved and having gone through the report and the nominees, they are highly qualified and experienced. I suppose we approve these nominees very fast so that they sort the issues. Hon. Speaker I support the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members allow me now to put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order!

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON LANDS,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ON THE VETTING OF
NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY
MINISTRY OF LANDS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

*(Chairperson, Committee on Lands,
Infrastructure and Urban
Development)*

The Speaker: Thank You. Can we have Hon. Sammy Munyithya and please take the shortest time possible.

Hon. Munyithya: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to move a motion: -

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order No. 190(5)(f) this Assembly hereby Approves the Report by the Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development on the Vetting of:

1. Mr. Peter Ketonya Musya, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer- County Department of Transport and Boda Boda Sector;
2. Mr. Evans Mutemi Mutua, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer- County Department of Urban Development;
3. Mr. Michael Mutisya Kalii, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer- County Department of Lands and Housing;
4. Mr. Benjamin Kithee Chamia, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer- County Department of Roads and Public Works.

Laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Monday, 6th February, 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this report contains proceedings of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development during the vetting of Mr, Peter Ketonya Musya nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, Department for Transport and Boda Boda Sector, Mr. Evans Mutemi Mutua nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, department of Urban Development, Mr. Michael Mutisya Kalii nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, department of Land and Housing and Mr. Benjamin Kithee Chamia nominee for appointment as Chief officer, department of Roads and Public Works as submitted by H.E. the Governor.

Hon Speaker vide a communication made on Monday, 16th January 2023 during a special sitting, conveyed to the House the Message from H.E. the Governor and subsequently referred the names of the nominees' curriculum vitae, and the report of the County Public Service Board on the criteria of nomination to the Sectoral Committee for approval hearings.

While referring the matter to the Committee, the Speaker directed that the Committee undertakes the vetting exercise within twenty-one (21) days pursuant to Section 7, 8 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017. The Clerk of the County Assembly notified the nominees and the general public by placing adverts in two newspapers of nationwide circulation and the Assembly Website of the time and place of holding the approval hearings on Monday, 23rd January 2023.

The Speaker: Thank you Mheshimiwa, kindly go straight to the Committee observations and recommendations.

Hon. Munyithya: Thank You. We can move to page 35 of the report.

Mr. Speaker Sir, having conducted the approval hearings for the nominees pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, and Standing Order 190 (5)(f) the Committee recommends that this House;

1. Approves the nomination of Mr. Peter Ketonya Musya for appointment as the Chief Officer – Transport and Boda Boda Sector by H.E the Governor, Kitui County.
2. Approves the nomination of Mr. Evans Mutemi Mutua, for appointment as the Chief Officer – Urban Development by H.E Governor, Kitui County.
3. Approves the nomination of Mr. Michael Mutisya Kalii, for appointment as the Chief Officer – Land and Housing by H.E the Governor, Kitui County.
4. Approves the nomination of Mr. Benjamin Kithee Chamia, for appointment as the Chief Officer – Roads and Public Works by H.E the Governor, Kitui County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as you can see, the following members of the Committee have appended their signatures to affirm their approval, confirmation, accuracy, validity and authenticity of the report; Hon. Sammy Muniyithya who is the Chairperson, Hon. Mark Ndingo, Hon. Kyalo Kimuli, Hon. Bernard Mwangangi Munyasya, Hon. Muthama Kieti, Hon. Priscilla Martha Makumi, Hon. Aaorn Kasele, Hon. Mathew Ngovi and Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would urge this Hon. House to adopt this report. We have reached a moment where the County has to move forward. Things have been on standstill since we got elected about six months ago. It is of great importance if the House adopts this report today so that we have our Chief officers get to work.

With those remarks, I move the motion and request Hon. Martha Makumi to second the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Sammy Musili Muniyithya, member for Kivou Ward and the chair of the Committee. Hon. Priscilla Martha Makumi, the floor is yours.

Hon. (Ms.) Makumi: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to second.

(Question Proposed)

The Speaker: Hon. Members, I will give a few of you a chance to give your input on this motion before I can put the question. Hon. Kasinga what is your concern.

Hon. Kasinga: Sorry Mr. Speaker I know we are short of time but could we find ourselves in a difficult situation if we were to be asked, who actually seconded that report, the name of the person. The Hon. Chair referred to the seconder as Martha Makumi. Do we have a Martha Makumi in this House Hon. Speaker? I think the name is Priscilla Makumi. Or Martha is also her name?

The Speaker: Hon. Kasinga I know all my members. Her full name is Priscilla Martha Makumi.

Hon. Kasinga: Sorry Hon. Speaker, my colleagues had also raised the same concern with me and that is why I thought it was important.

The Speaker: oh okay. Did you mean Hon. Zacchaeus Ivutha Syengo?

Hon. Kasinga: I apologize to the Chair also for the Committee. Thank You.

The Speaker: Thank You Hon. Titus Muniyoki Kasinga. I know all the three names for all of you, apart from Hon. Muniyoki Mwinzi who has only two names. I know my flock very well. Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara, member for Tharaka Ward and the deputy Majority Whip, please take the floor.

Hon. Ngagara: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. Our roads and urban centres are in devastating state and we need these officers as early as yesterday. Without mincing words and wasting a lot of time, I kindly request that you put the question. Otherwise, I do support the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank You Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara. Hon. Members since I see no other member with an input, allow me now to put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order!

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND
SANITATION ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF
OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION

*(Chairperson, Committee on Health
and Sanitation)*

The Speaker: Hon. Bernard Mwangangi Munyasya please take the floor. Kindly switch on your Microphone then just summarise the chairpersons forward and go straight to the Committee observations and recommendations.

Hon. Munyasya: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand to move the following motion: - THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order No. 190(5)(f) this Assembly hereby Approves the Report by the Committee on Health and Sanitation on the Vetting of:

1. Miss. Lynn Kitwan, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer, County Department of Public Health and Sanitation;
2. Dr. Musyoka Benson Wambua, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer, County Department of Medical Services; and
3. Mr. Aggrey Kinyalili Kamba, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer, County Department of Drugs and Medical Supplies;

Laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Monday 6th February, 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, if you allow me, I will request members to read the Chairman's foreward on pages five, six and seven of the report, then allow me to read the Committee recommendations on page 35.

The Speaker: Thank you Chair. I believe the other chairpersons can do the same. Please go ahead.

Hon. Munyasya: Mr. Speaker Sir, having conducted the approval hearings of the nominees pursuant to section 45 of the County Governments Act, section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f), the Committee recommends that this House:

1. Approves the nomination of Miss. Lynn Kitwan for appointment as the County Chief Officer, Department of Public Health and Sanitation by H.E. the Governor, Kitui County.
2. Approves the nomination of Dr. Musyoka Benson Wambua for appointment as the County Chief Officer, Department of Medical Services by H.E. the Governor, Kitui County. This nominee should be appointed upon his resignation or transfer of service from the current public office held in the County Government of Turkana.
3. Approves the nomination of Mr. Aggrey Kinyalili Kamba for appointment as the County Chief Officer, Department of Drugs and Medical Supplies by H.E. the Governor, Kitui County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, without much ado, I want to confirm that all the Committee members signed the report, led by myself as the Chairman, Hon. Kyalo Kimuli, the vice Chairman, Hon. Malinga Munyao, Hon. Munira Mohammed, Hon. Hon. Hussein Mwandia, Hon. Erastus Mbuno, Hon. Ngovi Vuthi, Hon. Titus Kasinga and Hon. Joseph Kasungi. It is only two members who haven't signed but they were present, that is, Hon. Daniel Muange and Hon. Mwendu Salu.

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In addition, Mr. Speaker Sir, as I urge this Hon. House to adopt this report, I applaud the Governor for recommending three qualified nominees in this department.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is also important to note that out of the three nominees, two of them are youths aged below 35 years. This demonstrates the Governor's will to mentor our youth and also to reduce unemployment rate in our County.

Further, the nominees are well educated and experienced in this sector. I therefore urge Hon. Members to adopt the report so that service delivery can begin. I now beg to move and request my vice chair, Hon. Kimuli to second. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank You Mheshimiwa Bernard Mwangangi Munyasya. Hon. Kyalo Kimuli please go ahead.

Hon. Kimuli: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to second the motion.

(Question Proposed)

The Speaker: Hon. Members, I will give a few of you a chance to give your input on this motion before I can put the question. Yes Hon. Titus Munyoki Kasinga.

Hon. Kasinga: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to support the motion on approval of the report by the Committee on Health and Sanitation as moved the chairperson, Hon. Sila.

Hon. Speaker, the Chairman has been as eloquent as anyone would expect for a chair of a Committee moving an important motion on a report that the Committee on Health and Sanitation took time to prepare. I am a member of that Committee and I do agree with the report that the Chair has moved. The three nominees are qualified with impeccable credentials, right exposure, experience and have been able to work in other places successfully. One of them, Mr. Kamba the nominee for the department of Drugs and Supplies, is a man with 21 years wealth of experience. Dr. Benson Musyoka has an experience of seven years. Lynn Kitwan who is a young lady babbling to work has five years of experience and we are sure since we did not receive anything on the side of integrity, we are sure they are capable. We thank the Governor, he has the right team. If these three nominees are approved by this Assembly, they will join an equally capable and qualified lady, one Ruth Koki who is the nominee for CECM health and I believe they will deliver services to the people of Kitui.

Hon. Speaker as I conclude, we have issues that are so pressing. The issues of the health sector that needs a facelift if not renovation and we expect them to deliver. With those few remarks, I support the motion, thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Titus Kasinga. Yes Hon. (Dr.) Erastus Musyoka Mbuno, one minute please, the floor is yours.

Hon. Mbuno: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support the motion by my Chairman, Health and Sanitation. I first want to congratulate the Speaker for giving us due diligence report on time. It really helped the Committee while doing the report writing. I also wish to thank our Governor for giving us a good team because after perusing their papers, the nominees were all qualified and they exhibited good knowledge in the health sector. I would wish and request the House to support the Committee's report and approve the nominees. Thank you so much and I wish them the very best.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members. Hon. Katana you want to say something? I can give you one minute.

Hon. Katana: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. I went through the document, the qualification of the nominees and I thank the Committee for the report that they compiled. I don't belong to the Committee but being a medical student for almost six years, I fully understand the language of the documents which were presented. I support the report and the documents and I want to put across that although not a member of the Committee, we will not sit at the backbench to allow the medical terms be misused in the County Assembly floor. So be very proactive and we assure the people of Kitui County that we are going to support the executive and the members which have been nominated to serve the people of Kitui. It has been said that the health sector is in the ICU and we expect the Governor to start offering services to the people of Kitui. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the motion.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Katana. Hon. Members, allow me now to put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order!

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE,
YOUTH, SPORTS, GENDER AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE VETTING OF
NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY
MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER, YOUTH, ICT, SPORTS & SOCIAL
SERVICES.

*(Chairperson, Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports,
Gender and Social Service)*

The Speaker: Hon. Judith Wanza, take the floor and move the motion.

Hon. (Ms.) Judith: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion; THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order No. 190(5)(f), this Assembly hereby Approves the Report by the Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Service on the Vetting of:

1. Ms. Bretta Mwikali Mwangangi, the Nominee for Appointment to the Position of County Chief Officer for Gender, Culture and Social Services; and

2. Mr. Nason Kang'alya Kilonzo, the Nominee for Appointment to the Position of County Chief Officer for Youth, Sports, Gender, ICT and Innovation.

Laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Monday, 6th February 2023.

Hon. Members I believe you all have the document and I would request we turn to page five of the report.

The Speaker: Madam Chair kindly go straight to the committee recommendations.

Hon. (Ms.) Judith: okay. Let's turn to page 28 of the report.

Mr. Speaker Sir, pursuant to section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 as read together with section 9 (2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f), the Committee recommends that;

1. This House approves the nomination of Ms. Bretta Mwikali Mwangangi, for appointment as Chief Officer, department of Culture, Gender and Social Services, subject to the nominee providing either a proof of resignation or transfer of services or leave of absence as per the public service commission regulations of 2020. The Committee also advises the Governor to

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take note of the case filed in court restraining appointment of this nominee as per the Governor's letter dated 19th December 2022, referenced CGKTI/00G/ADMIN23/40.

2. This House approves the nomination of Mr. Nason Kang'alya Kilonzo for appointment as the Chief Officer for the County department of Youth, Sports, ICT and Innovation. The Committee also advises the Governor to take note of the case filed in court restraining appointment of this nominee as per the Governor's letter dated 19th December 2022, referenced CGKTI/00G/ADMIN23/40.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to read the names of Hon. Members of the Committee who agreed with the contents of the report by appending their signatures. Hon. Judith Wanza Kasyoka, the Chairperson, Hon. Emmaculate Wanza John, the vice chairperson, Hon. Frida Maua Mutinda, Hon. Jacinta Mary Mwoni, Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi, Hon. Erastus Musyoka Mbuno, Hon. Muthama Musyoka Kieti, Hon. Jeremiah Mutua and Hon. Zachaeus Syengo. Only two members, Hon. Benjamin Mulandi and Hon. Ndagara Muthengi, who didn't sign but they submitted their apologies for being absent during the adoption of the report.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I thank every member for their participation in the exercise. After checking the suitability of the nominees, we saw them able to hold the office and thus request this House to approve them so that works can start immediately.

With those few remarks Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move and request Hon. Frida Maua to second the motion.

The Speaker: Thank You Hon. Judith Wanza Kasyoka for moving the motion. Hon. Frida Maua Mutinda please go ahead.

Hon. (Ms.) Maua: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. I first take this opportunity to thank the Committee for job well done. I stand to second the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: Hon. Members, allow me now to propose the question.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Members I will give a few of you to give your input before I put the question. Yes Hon. Benjamin Mulandi.

Hon. B.N Mulandi: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir for giving me an opportunity to contribute to this motion. First want to thank the members of the Committee led by our chairlady, Hon. Judith Wanza for the Job well done. I also wish to appreciate the secretariat for assisting in preparation of the report.

Secondly Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to correct the naming of Hon. Member for Mutonguni Ward. The people of Mutonguni Ward went to the ballot to elect Benjamin Ndambu Mulandi and not Benjamin Musee Mulandi. I hope that this mistake won't be repeated, this is the second time I am rising on the floor of this House to address the same. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Benjamin Ndambu Mulandi, member for Mutonguni Ward, the people of Mutonguni must be very proud of you. Any other member? I will then put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order!

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON
ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION OF COUNTY AFFAIRS ON THE

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NETTING OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS IN THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*(Chairperson, Committee on Administration and
Coordination of County Affairs)*

The Speaker: Hon. Peter Kitonyo Mwanza, Member for Mulango Ward *karibu sana Mheshimiwa.*

Hon. Kitonyo: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion; THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order No. 190(5)(f) this Assembly hereby Approves the Report by the Committee on Administration and Coordination of County Affairs on the Vetting of:

1. Ms. Kamunda John, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer-Governor's Service Delivery;
2. Mrs. Agnes Kawila Mulewa, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer-Public Service and General Administration;
3. Mr. Stephen Kitonga Salee, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer-Decentralized Units, SEKEB and Inter- Governmental Relations.

Laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Monday, 6th February, 2023.

Hon. Members, since you all have the report and have read it, lets turn to the committee's recommendations on page 44.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee having considered the suitability, capacity and integrity of the nominees on oath, and pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, Section 7 (9) and 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, Standing Orders No. 190(5) (f) and other relevant statutes, the Committee recommends through a resolution of the majority: -THAT,

1. This House approves for appointment Ms. Kamunda John, as the Chief Officer, County Department of Governor's Service Delivery.
2. This House approves for appointment Mrs. Agnes Kawila Mulewa, as the Chief Officer, County Department of Public Service and General Administration.
3. This House approves for appointment Mr. Stephen Kitonga Salee as the Chief Officer, Decentralized Units, SEKEB and Inter- Governmental relations.

However, this Committee advises H.E the Governor,

- i) To take note of the Case filed in a court restraining appointment of Ms. Kamunda John as per the Governor's letter dated 19th December, 2022 referenced CGKTI/OOG/ADM/23/40.
- ii) NOT to appoint Ms. Kamunda John and Mr. Stephen Kitonga Salee who are both public officers until they provide proof of either, leave of absence as public officers, transfer of service, or resignation from their current positions before their appointment to their new positions.
- iii) NOT to appoint Mrs. Agnes Kawila Mulewa who is a state officer until she provides proof of leave of absence as a state officer, transfer of service or resignation from her current positions before her appointment.

Hon. Members, it is important to note that one of the nominees is still in office and it is good for her to resign first so that she can be appointed for a new Job.

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Mr. Speaker Sir, we the members of the Committee on Administration and Coordination of County Affairs do hereby affix our signatures to this report on the vetting of nominees for appointment as chief officers to ascertain its accuracy, validity and authenticity.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the report has been signed by the Chairperson, Peter Kitonyo Mwanza, Hon. Dominic Ismael Mwamisi, the vice Chairperson, and the following members; Hon. Christopher Nzilu Nzioka, Hon. Alex Mutambu Nganga did not sign but with apology, Hon. Waziri Bakari, Hon. Titus Kasinga, Hon. Kalamba Musau, Hon. Rose Kasyoka Kathoka, Hon. Deborah Katungwa Mutuku, Hon. Jacqueline Cate Kalenga and Hon. Zacchaeus Syengo.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the motion and request my vice Chairperson to second.

The Speaker: Hon. Ngoima you have a point of concern. Please go ahead.

Hon. Ngoima: I want to remind the Chair for administration to move the motion. He hasn't done so.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ngoima that is a very valid concern. I am sure Hon. Peter Mwanza you know the correct words to use when you want to move a motion. This is a House of rules and procedure. Maybe Cyrus can remind you the correct words to use.

Hon. Kitonyo: Thank you Hon. Ngoima for that concern. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: thank you. Hon. Mwamisi please clarify on the name. is it Ismael or Ishamel. We would also want to know if you are a Christian or a Muslim.

Hon. Mwamisi: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. For clarity, my name is Hon. Dominic Mwamisi Isumael, Member for Mutha Ward. Once again thank you for giving me this chance to stand on the floor of this House. As a member of the Committee on Administration and coordination of County affairs, having interacted with the documents of the nominees and the nominees themselves during the vetting process and participating in the report writing, I want to go on record that I second the motion.

The Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Dominic Mwamisi Isumail, member for Mutha Ward and the Vice Chair of the Committee. Hon. Members, allow me now to propose the question on the motion.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Members, I will give a few minutes for anyone who wants to give their input before I put the question. Yes, Hon. Deborah.

Hon. (Ms.) Deborah: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, for the opportunity. Being a member of the Committee on administration, I take this opportunity to support the motion. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would request our able Governor to ensure that the issues raised by the Committee are handled before the nominees are appointed to the offices. Thank you.

Hon. Kasinga: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. First, I am a member of that Committee and I stand to support the motion on approval of its report and the recommendations thereof.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the office of the Governor is the nerve center of the operations of the County and if you do not get the right people in the offices, you will get it wrong in serving the people. The nominees that have been appointed are highly qualified. Saleh has 25 years of experience in administration, Agnes Mulewa has 13 years' experience in administration and Ms. Kamunda John has an experience of 12 years. The three nominees in terms of experience are more than qualified and have the exposure and what it takes to deliver services in that office.

That is an office that this Assembly will depend on when we are dealing with many issues including one which is very dear to us; the issues of the CLIDP.

Mr. Speaker Sir, when we checked the records as a committee, the only issue that stands on their way for appointment is their resignation. Let people not misunderstand what the Committee is saying. These are just staff who are serving in respective places, some of them state officers and what we are doing is procedural; asking them to resign so that the Governor Can be able to appoint them. With the approval of this House, these nominees are qualified and have no integrity issues. I do ask colleagues to support the approval and thereof ask you to put the question. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Titus. Hon. Members, allow me now to put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order!

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE WATER AND IRRIGATION ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEES
FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY MINISTRIES OF
AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK, AND WATER & IRRIGATION

(Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation)

The Speaker: Hon. Anthony Musyoka, please be brief. Go straight to the recommendations.

Hon. A.M Musyoka: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to move the following motion; THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order No. 190(5)(f) this Assembly hereby Approves the Report by the Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation on the Vetting of:

1. Nathan Kasamba Vungo, Nominee for Appointment to the position of Chief Officer, County Department of Water;
2. Gladys Mami Wambua, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer, County Department of Irrigation;
3. Nelly Kavuu Mutisya, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer, County Department of Agriculture & Fisheries; and
4. Johnathan Kyambi Nzau, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer, County Department of Livestock Development & Apiculture.

Laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Monday, 6th February, 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, having conducted the approval hearings for the four nominees pursuant to Article 179 (2) of the Constitution, section 35 of the County Governments Act, section 9 and Standing Order 184, the Committee recommends that this House;

1. Approves the nomination of Mr. Nathan Kasamba Vungo for appointment as the Chief Officer in County Department of Water subject to him providing either a proof of resignation, transfer of service or leave of absence as per the public service commission's regulations of 2020.

2. Approves the nomination of Ms Gladys Mami Wambua for appointment as the Chief Officer in the County Department of Irrigation subject to her providing either a proof of resignation, transfer of service or leave of absence as per the public service commission's regulations of 2020.

3. Approves the nomination of Ms Nelly Kavuu Mutisya for appointment as the Chief Officer in the County Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to her providing either a proof of resignation, transfer of service or leave of absence as per the public service commission's regulations of 2020.

4. Approves the nomination of Mr. Jonathan Kyambi Nzau for appointment as the Chief Officer in the County Department of Livestock and Apiculture.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the report was adopted and the Hon. Members appended signatures as follows; Hon. Antony Musyimi Musyoka, the Chairperson, Hon. Joseph Musyoka Mbite, Vice-Chairperson and the following members; Hon. Aron Kilonzi Kasele did not sign but with apology, Hon. Immaculate Wanza John, Hon. Bonface Mukwate Katula, Hon. Christopher Nzilu Nzioka, Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia, Hon. Fastina Mwendu Solomon Salu, Hon. Jacqueline Cate Kalenga, Hon. Muthama Musyoka Kieti and Hon. Sylvester Kitheka Munyalo.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as we are all aware, time is very much spent and I would request Hon. Members from this House to adopt this report. With those remarks, I beg to move the motion and request Hon. Boniface Mukwate to second.

The Speaker: Hon. Mukwate please do as requested.

Hon. Mukwate: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to second the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: Hon. Members, allow me now to propose the question on the motion.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Members, I will give a few minutes for anyone who wants to give their input before I put the question. And before I do so, allow me to recognize at the Speaker's gallery, Mr. Joshua Mutembei who is the director of Administration, County Ministry of Public works, roads and transport. Please wave to the members. Thank you, Mr. Mutembei. Yes Hon. Joseph Musyoka Mbite, member for Nzambani Ward, please take the floor.

Hon. J. Musyoka: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I stand to support the motion moved by one of the best committee chairs that we have, Hon. Anthony, member for Kiomo Kyethani.

The Speaker: Are you pledging loyalty to your Chair?

(Laughter)

Please go ahead.

Hon. J. Musyoka: Mr. Speaker I can confirm that my Chair is one of the best that we have around and I will thank him before all the members for providing true leadership during the vetting process. I also want to applaud one of the super clerks that we have, Winfred, who also provided good technical advice during the vetting process. I want to confirm to this House that all the members that we vetted as a committee are overqualified and they proved to be dedicated and able to provide quality services to our constituents.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also want to commend the House leadership led by one super Speaker, Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya. Mr. Speaker the vetting process that was conducted by the

committees of this Assembly House is one of the best since the inception of County government. I will confirm to this House that we have already started receiving donors simply because they saw us in the YouTube and Facebook vetting these Chief Officers.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I support the motion and request you to just put the question. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Musyoka. Once you receive the donor, make sure you share with your colleagues so that the services of the donor can reach out to other Wards. Hon. Members allow me now to put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order!

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM
AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON THE VETTING OF THE NOMINEE FOR
APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER IN THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY
GOVERNOR

*(Chairperson, Committee on Tourism
and Natural Resources)*

The Speaker: Hon. Titus Munyoki Kasinga, please take the floor.

Hon. Kasinga: Thank You Hon. Speaker Sir, I stand to move the following motion; THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order No. 190(5)(f) this Assembly hereby Approves the Report by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources on the Vetting of:

Mr. Fednard Ndemah Kathenge, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer, County Department of Tourism, Hospitality and Game Reserves, laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Monday, 6th February, 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to do just two paragraphs of the chairman's forward before I move to the next stage.

Mr. Speaker Sir, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Government Act, 2012 as read together with Section 6(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies) Approval Act, No. 5, 2017, His Excellency the Governor nominated Mr. Fednard Ndemah Kathenge for appointment as the Chief Officer for the County Department of Tourism, Game Reserves and Hospitality.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the nomination was conveyed to the Speaker of the County Assembly on 19th December, 2022. In adherence to the provisions of Section 7(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies) Approval Act and the Kitui County Assembly Standing Orders No. 42(1); the Speaker delivered a communication to the House which committed the nominee to the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources for vetting and approval hearings.

Hon. Speaker, the nominee appeared before the Committee on Monday, 30th January, 2023 for approval hearings in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies) Approvals Act and Standing Order 42(4) the County Assembly Standing Orders. He was administered oath pursuant to Section 12 (2)(a) at commencement of the hearing for him to partake his submissions under oath. The nominee

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shared with the Committee the original and certified copies of documents and the due process was followed thereof.

Hon. Speaker the members can follow through the report. In the interest of time we will go straight to the recommendations because if you look at the sections of that report, you will notice that the procedure for nominations was duly followed, the procedure for approvals was duly followed and the nominee's submissions were also in order. The nominee answered the due questions on the sector areas that we vetted him on and going to chapter five of the report is where we have the committee observations on the suitability of the nominee which was key to us a committee.

Hon. Speaker sir, the committee having The Committee having considered the nominee's curriculum vitae, the duly filled questionnaire and his oral submissions during the approval hearing made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as the Chief Officer for the department of Tourism, Hospitality and Game Reserves. The only observation that I am going to make is that the nominee is eligible for appointment to a public office as he is a Kenyan citizen as required in the advertisement by the County Public Service Board and does not hold dual citizenship.

Hon. Speaker there was a minor hitch on the nominee's name which the nominee swore an affidavit and it was corrected. Allow me now in the interest of time go to the committee's recommendations.

Hon. Speaker, having conducted the approval hearings of the nominees pursuant to section 45 of the County Governments Act, section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act and Standing Order 190(5)(f), the Committee recommends that this House;

1. approves the nomination of Mr. Fednard Ndemah Kathenge for appointment as the County Chief Officer for the department of Tourism, Hospitality and Natural Resources; and
2. that His Excellency the Governor should appoint the nominee and administer oath of office to him once he undertakes resignation from his current office of an Assistant Director, Tourism and Marketing, County Government of Kitui.

Hon. Speaker Sir, the members of the Committee who adopted this report are as per the attached list and I would like to read what we have written on the same.

We the members of the Committee on tourism and Natural resources have adopted this report on the vetting of the nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, County department of Tourism, Hospitality and Game Reserves. We have affixed our signatures in agreement with the contents thereof; Hon. Titus Kasinga, the Chairperson, Hon. Mary Ndumbu, the Vice-Chairperson, Hon. Cyrus Musyoka, Hon. Daniel Ngoima, Hon. Mercy Muema, Hon. Rose Kathoka, Hon. Hussein Mwandia, Hon. Ciambutra Karigi, Hon. Nzavu Mwanzia, Hon. Stephen Katana and Hon. Silvestre Kitheka Munyalo.

Hon. Speaker, without much ado, the members of this Committee worked tirelessly not to forget to thank the secretariat to this Committee, Mr. Mulandi and Miss. Yvonne. I did hear of a super clerk, I want to mention that all our clerks are super, they did a commendable job, they worked tirelessly towards the compilation of these reports. If it were not for them and your guidance, perhaps we will not be standing here. I think it good to give feedback to them for the wonderful job they did.

Hon. Speaker what we are noting in this Committee just like in many other committees, Fednard Kathenge is an employee in the department of Tourism. He is holding a position and the recommendation we are making is that he will have to resign from his position or make the necessary arrangement so that the Governor can be able to appoint him to this substantive office.

The nominee is qualified, he is very competent, he is very passionate about Tourism and I want to mention something about Tourism; when you look at it, it is a pity. The ministry was created but now it is being treated as a department being given a budget of only mere six million shillings to run. That is wastage of public resources because the employees who are working in the department are being paid, what are they being paid for? They should be paid to deliver services and development to the people of Kitui County. We have made recommendations in the Annual Development Plan and I believe they will be implemented. With those remarks Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the motion and ask members to adopt it. In the meantime, I would like to ask my Vice-Chair, Hon. Ndumbu to second the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kasinga. Hon. Mary Ndumbu you may go ahead.

(Hon. Ndumbu seconded the motion)

Thank you, I have noticed that you have seconded by bowing. That is allowed under our procedures.

Hon. Members allow me now to propose the question on the motion.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Members, I will now give a few minutes for anyone who wants to give their input before I put the question. Yes Hon. Rose Kasyoka Kathoka, please take the floor.

Hon. (Ms.) Kathoka: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity to debate on this motion on approval of the report by the Committee on Tourism for the appointment of Mr. Ndema Kathenge.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this nominee has served in that department since 2017 so I stand to support the motion and I request that you put the question.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Rose Kasyoka Kathoka. Hon. Members, allow me now to put the question on the motion.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order!

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE,
INDUSTRY, ICT AND COOPERATIVES ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEES FOR
APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY MINISTRY OF TRADE,
INDUSTRY, MSMES, INNOVATIONS & COOPERATIVES

*(Chairperson, Committee on Trade,
Industry, ICT and Cooperatives)*

The Speaker: Hon. Ngoima please take the floor and be as brief as your colleagues. I can see your neighbour, the deputy Speaker is clapping, you seem to be coexisting very well as neighbours.

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Hon. Ngoima: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move a motion on the report by the Committee on Trade, Industry, ICT and Cooperatives on the vetting of the nominees for appointment as Chief Officers in the County ministry of Trade, Industry, MSMEs, Innovations and Cooperatives.

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order No. 190(5)(f) this Assembly hereby Approves the Report by the Committee on Trade, Industry, ICT and Cooperatives on the Vetting of:

1. Mr. Stephen Makau Musili, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer- County Department of Trade, Industry, MSMSEs and County EIZs; and
 2. Mr. Paul Ngei Monyi, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer- County Department of Cooperatives, Citizen Groups and Economic Empowerment Initiative,
- Laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Monday, 6th February, 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to go straight to the recommendations of the Committee because this document is on our website and the members have it on their tables.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee having considered the suitability, capacity and integrity of the nominees on oath, and pursuant to Section 45 of the County Government Act, Section 7 (9) and 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, Standing Orders No. 190(5) (f) and other relevant statutes, the Committee recommends: - THAT, this Assembly approves the following nominees for appointment by H.E. The Governor as County Chief Officers in their respective department as follows; -

1. Mr. Stephen Makau Musili – County Department of Trade, Industry, MSMSEs and County EIZs.
2. Mr. Paul Ngei Monyi – County Department of Cooperatives, Citizen Groups and Economic Empowerment Initiative.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to read the names of the members of this committee and who adopted the report by appending their signatures.

The Speaker: Hon. Kasinga what is it? You have a concern?

Hon. Kasinga: Yes, Hon. Speaker. I just want to be soft on my colleague and maybe you help me. He has stated that this report is already on the County Assembly's website. Which report Hon. Speaker? What is the correct position?

The Speaker: I think maybe he meant the report will be provided in our website.

(Laughter)

Hon. Kasinga: Mr. speaker you have aided Hon. Ngoima.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kasinga for that. Hon. Ngoima please switch on your microphone.

Hon. Ngoima: Thank you Mr. Speaker for defending me against Hon. Member for Muumoni.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this is the list of the members of the Committee who adopted the report; Hon. Daniel Ngoima is the chairperson of the Committee, Hon. Elizabeth Ndunge peter who is my Vice-Chair was not present, Hon. Boniface Mukwate Katula, Hon. Boniface Maudu

Katumbi, Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia, Hon. Kalamba Musau didn't sign, she has an apology, Hon. Mary Mwendu Mutune, Hon. David Masaku Munyao, Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya, Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Muange and Hon. Aron Kilonzi Kasele.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask the members to adopt this motion and kindly approve. Remember we turning five months by 21st February since we were sworn in on 21st September. We needed these offices as soon as we were sworn in. we promised our people service delivery and they have been waiting ever since. These services cannot be delivered unless the office of Chief officers is occupied. If we want service delivery immediately, then we are obligated to approve this motion. I therefore ask us to move with speed, adopt the motion so that we can move forward.

With those remarks, I beg to move the motion and ask Hon. Boniface Katumbi, member for Kyangwithya East to second the motion.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Ngoima. Hon. Boniface Katumbi, the floor is yours.

Hon. Katumbi: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity. Mr. Speaker Sir, I am a member of this Committee and we interacted with the two nominees and they demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on this County department.

I also assure this Hon. House that we are lucky because one of the nominees by the name Stephen Makau Musili is the former member for Kyuso Ward and is also a former majority whip of this Hon. House and was also a former chairperson of this Committee on Trade.

On the issue of Paul Ngei Monyi, we are also lucky because he is the chairman of St. woods, Mbitini Parish in this Catholic Diocese of Kitui. So the two nominees are well experienced and with the cooperation of this Committee, I am sure they will deliver services to the people of Kitui.

Mr. Speaker Sir, with those few remarks, I second the motion and request the Hon. Members to support the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Boniface Maundu Katumbi, I think you were touched by the one who is a chair of Mbitini Parish. I know those who come from Museve Shrines are very passionate about this, I hope you had no conflict of interest when you were vetting that member.

Hon. Katumbi: No Mr. Speaker Sir. I only realized that the nominee was the chairman of St. Woods Mbitini Parish later on.

The Speaker: Thank you. When you mentioned Hon. Stephen Makau Musili I saw Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi was very excited. Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi do you want to say something? I can give you one minute.

Hon. Mwinzi: Yes Mr. Speaker Sir. I must congratulate one Mr. Kivunzi (Stephen Makau Musili) and I can confirm to this House that he is an experienced man and he is equal to the task.

The Speaker: It is Okay. We had not begun the debate. Thank you. Hon. Members allow me now to propose the question on the motion.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Members, I will now give you a chance to give your input before I put the question. But maybe we can begin with Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi who had to stop because Mheshimiwa Maluki whispered something which was procedural. So Mheshimiwa Munyoki Mwinzi please. And if you have nothing to say we can move on. Or you can as well repeat whatever you said because whatever you said was unprocedural because the question had not been proposed.

Hon. Mwinzi: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am lost. I think I was not.....

The Speaker: Do you want to give your input on this motion?

Hon. Mwinzi: I am okay Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mary Mutune.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutune: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, for this opportunity to support the motion on the approval of the report by the Committee on Trade, Industry, ICT and Cooperatives on the vetting of nominees for appointment as Chief Officers in the County Ministry of Trade, Industry, MSMEs, Innovation and Cooperatives.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to support the motion as a member of the Committee. I must thank the Committee for the job well done and I request fellow Hon. Members to approve these nominees as they proved to be knowledgeable in their areas.

With those few remarks Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to support the motion and I ask you to put the question.

The Speaker: Hon. Members, allow me now to put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order!

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC
EDUCATION, TRAINING & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ON THE VETTING OF
NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS IN THE MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION, TRAINING & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

*(Chairperson, Committee on Basic Education,
Training and Skills Development)*

The Speaker: Hon. Mark Nding'o Kitute, Member for Yatta/Kwa-Vonza Ward, please take the floor Hon. Chair.

Hon. Nding'o: Thank You. Mr. Speaker Sir I beg to move the following motion; THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order No. 190(5)(f) this Assembly hereby Approves the Report by the Committee on Basic Education, Training and Skills Development on the Vetting of:

1. Mrs. Pauline Kikele Mwalali, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer, Department of Basic Education, ECDE and Child Care Facilities;
2. Mr. Kennedy Munyambu Mwendwa, Nominee for Appointment to the Position of Chief Officer, Department of Polytechnics, Vocational Centres and Home Craft Centre.

Laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Monday, 6th February, 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to be very brief. Allow me to read page two of the Chairmans foreward, the second paragraph.

Pursuant to Section 8 & 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, the Committee observed that the following nominees met the integrity threshold; demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the portfolios to which they had been nominated; and had the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience to be approved for appointment as County Chief Officers in accordance with section 45 of the County Government Act;

- i. Pauline Kikele Mwalali, nominee, County Department of Basic Education, ECDE and Child Care Facilities.
- ii. Kennedy Munyambu Mwendwa, nominee, County Department of Polytechnics, Vocational Centres, and Home Craft Centres.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Having conducted approval hearings for the nominees pursuant to Section 45 of the County Government Act, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order 190 (5) (f), the Committee recommends that this House APPROVES the nomination of Pauline Kikele Mwalali for appointment as the County Chief Officer for the Department of Basic Education, ECDE and Child Care Facilities subject to presentation of a proof of either her resignation or Secondment since the nominee is currently working in the Ministry of Education in the National Government and Kennedy Munyambu Mwendwa as the County Chief Officer; Department of Polytechnics, Vocational Centres and Home Crafts Centres respectively.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee registers its appreciation to the offices of the Speaker and that of the Clerk for the logistical support extended to her during the vetting process.

In addition, the Committee thanks the nominees for their cooperation during the vetting process.

Finally, the committee appreciates KRA, EACC, DCI, HELB and CRB among other institutions for providing authentication for the nominees' certificates.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on Basic Education, Training and Skills Development, and pursuant to Section 45 of the County Government Act and Pursuant to Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order 190 (5) (f), it is my pleasant duty to present the report of this Committee on the vetting exercise of Pauline Kikele Mwalali for appointment as the County Chief Officer, Department of Basic Education, ECDE and Child Care Facilities and Kennedy Munyambu Mwendwa as the County Chief Officer; Department of Polytechnics, Vocational Centres and Home Crafts Centres for debate and adoption by the House.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me now to read the names of the committee members who adopted this report; Hon. Mark Kitute Nding'o the Chairperson, Hon. Priscilla Martha Makumi, Hon. Immaculate Wanza John, Hon. Mercy Muliwa Muema, Hon. Erastus Musyoka Mbuno, Hon. Jacinta Mary Mwoni, Hon. Cyrus Kisavi Musyoka, Hon. Joseph Musyoka Mbite, Hon. Charity Kathathi Musyoka, Hon. Gabriel Mutunga Munyao and Hon. Paul Maluki.

Mr. Speaker Sir, without much ado, I want to make a few remarks. The hearing was done above board, the two nominees are qualified. One of them has previously worked with the

County Government between 2014-2017 and she will bring a wealth of experience to the ministry. The Committee approved her on those grounds.

We also have the second nominee, Kennedy Munyambu Mwendwa who has some experience because being a young man, he has previously been a board member of Kibkabas polytechnic in Rift Valley and that gives him good relevant experience.

With those remarks Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the motion and request Hon. Priscilla Makumi to second the motion.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Mark Nding'o Kitute. Hon. Priscilla Martha Makumi please go ahead and do as requested.

Hon. (Ms.) Makumi: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, as the vice chair of that Committee, I stand to second the motion.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Munyao: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand to support the motion. I would like to say that I am a member of that Committee and the two nominees proved to us beyond any reasonable doubt that they are up to the task. I humbly request this House to approve the two nominees so that we can start proper service delivery to the people of Kitui and more so, the issue of pro-poor bursaries, the issue of ECDE classrooms and child care facilities.

Hon. Mbuno: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I wish to thank the Committee for job well done. I am a member of Education Committee and I also thank my majority whip for giving me the membership of that very Committee. I am very proud of him.

In regards to the report that has been moved by our chair, I rise to support the motion and say that Ms. Pauline Kikele Mwalali has a wealth of experience. What motivated me is the second nominee, engineer Munyambu Mwendwa. The gentleman gave a very good input for our Vocational Training Centres. I would wish and request the Hon. House to approve the two nominees. Thank you.

The Speaker: Hon. Members allow me now to put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order!

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON
COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON THE VETTING
OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER IN THE
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING,
DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Chairperson, Committee on Labour and Social Welfare)

The Speaker: Hon. Kasungi Kavula, please go straight to the recommendation and move the motion.

Hon. Kasungi: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;
THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order No. 190(5)(f) this Assembly hereby Approves the Report by the Committee on Labour

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and Social Welfare on the Vetting of: Francisca Kanza Kyui, the Nominee for Appointment to the Position of County Chief Officer- Department of Performance Contracting, Disaster and Emergency Services, laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Monday, 6th February, 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as you have directed, I will go straight to page 25 where the Committee has made her recommendations.

THAT, having conducted an approval hearing for the nominee pursuant to Section 7 and 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order 190 (5)(f), the Committee on Labour and Social Welfare recommends that this House; APPROVES the nomination of Ms. Francisca Kanza Kyui for appointment as the County Chief Officer for the department of Performance Contracting, Disaster and Emergency Services subject to proof of resignation or secondment or transfer of services as the Committee is aware that the nominee is currently serving as an Assistant Director, Policy and Research in the office of the Governor.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to name the members of the Committee who participated in the vetting of the nominee and subsequent adoption of the report; Hon. Joseph Kasungi Kavula the chairperson, Hon. Charity Kathathi Musyoka, the Vice Chairperson, Hon. Frida Maua Mutinda, Hon. Nzavu Mwanzia, Hon. Mary Ndumbu, Hon. Anthony Musyoka, Hon. Zacchaeus Syengo, Hon. Nicholas Mutemi, Hon. Jeremiah Mutua. Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Elizabeth Peter Ndunge was absent with apology while Hon. Mary Mbithe didn't sign, she was absent without apology.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the motion and allow Hon. Zack Syengo to second.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kasungi. I like the passion at which you are moving the motion. If that is how you dealt with your competitors in Waita, I can then say you are up to the task and you deserve to be here. Yes Hon. Zack.

Hon. Syengo: Mr. Speaker Sir, I second the motion.

The Speaker: Thank You Hon. Zacchaeus Ivutha Syengo. Hon. Members, allow me now to propose the question on the motion.

(Question Proposed)

Members let us try to be brief. We have fifteen minutes to 12.30 and we have one more report to adopt. Hon. Mary Ndumbu please.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndumbu: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, first of all let me congratulate my Chair who has led this Committee with a lot of passion and also congratulate the members of the Committee who worked tirelessly and with a lot of seriousness.

Hon. Members, these nominees are long overdue and it is the high time we gave the Governor what he deserves so that he can start his work.

I would also like to applaud the Governor who has shown a lot of interest on his people, upgrading some of them who have worked in different ministries which means a lot of motivation to the workers. Some of these nominees are very experienced in different ministries and we expect them to start their work straight away because they don't need to be taught anything. With those few remarks Mr. Speaker Sir, I support the motion.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ndumbu. Hon. Jeremiah allow me not to give you a chance at this point because of time. Hon. Members allow me now to put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order!

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND MINERAL INVESTMENTS DEVELOPMENT ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY MINISTRY OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY, NATURAL AND MINERAL RESOURCES.

(Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Energy and Mineral Investments Development)

Hon. Muange: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand to move the following motion; THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order No. 190(5)(f) this Assembly hereby Approves the Report by the Committee on Environment, Energy and Mineral Investments Development on the Vetting of:

1. David Soi Masai, the Nominee for Appointment to the Position of County Chief Officer- Department of Environment and Forestry;
2. Henry Ngilu Nyamai, the Nominee for Appointment to the Position of County Chief Officer- Department Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources.

Laid on the Table of the County Assembly on Monday, 6th February 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I will go straight to the Committee recommendations; pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 (1) (a) and (b) of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the PACAA Act, 2017 as read together with Standing Order Nos. 179(6), the Committee recommends that this House Approves the nomination of David Soi Masai, for Appointment as the Chief Officer- Department of Environment and Forestry and that of Henry Ngilu Nyamai, the Nominee for Appointment to the Position of County Chief Officer- Department Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources by H.E the Governor of Kitui County.

We Hon. Members of the Committee on Environment, Energy and Mineral Investments development, do hereby affix our signatures to this report on vetting of the nominees to the positions of Chief officers in the department of Environment and Forestry and the department of Energy and Natural resources, to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this is the list of the Committee members who adopted the report; Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Muange, the chairperson, Hon. Fastina Mwendu Solomon, the vice Chairperson, Hon. Charity Mwangangi, Hon. Deborah Katungwa Mutuku, Hon. Rose Kasyoka Kathoka, Hon. Jeremiah Musee Mutua, Hon. Dominic Isumail Mwamisi, Hon. David Masaku Munyao, Hon. Bernard Mwangangi Munyasya, Hon. Cornelius Muthami Kiteme and Hon. Anthony Musyoka.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as you can see, we were unanimous as a Committee and so I ask this House humbly to move with speed and approve this motion so that we can get things going. I beg to move and request Hon. Mwendu Solomon to second the motion.

Hon. (Ms.) Fastina: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to second the motion.

(Question Proposed)

The Speaker: Hon. Members I will give any of you who has a comment a chance before I put the question. Yes Hon. Dominic Mwamisi Isumail.

Hon. Mwamisi: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to applaud the good job that the Committee through the able Chair have done to come up with this report. The two nominees are very qualified and competent to hold the offices that they have been nominated for and therefore I request the members to support and approve them for this job. I think the members have interacted with the report and I doubt whether there is any other member who has an input to the motion. I would therefore beg to support and request you to put the question. Thank you.

The Speaker: Hon. Members allow me now to put the question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order!

MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON CONSIDERATION OF THE
KITUI COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FINANCIAL
YEAR 2023/2024

(Chairperson Committee on Finance and Economic Planning)

The Speaker: I direct that we defer that motion to the afternoon sitting. Before we adjourn the House, I will give a member from the minority party and another member from the majority party a chance to say something before we conclude this process. I can see from the minority party we only have Hon. Katumbi in the House leadership. You can delegate to any member from your party. We have only five minutes to adjourn the House. Hon. Katumbi you have thirty seconds. I can see Hon. Ngwele wants to say something. Others will also have some thirty seconds.

Hon. Katumbi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. On behalf of the minority party, Mr. Speaker, we are happy that the House has approved these nominees, so that our people can get services. With those few remarks Mr. Speaker, we support.

The Speaker: Thank you. Honorable Majority leader, one minute please.

Hon. H. Maluki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Let me take this opportunity, first of all, to thank you, because I requested through a letter in consultation with the other leaders in this Assembly, that we have a special sitting yesterday and today and you approved it, and that is why we are here. That shows the commitment you have in serving the good people of Kitui. So, I thank you for that.

Also, let me thank the Honourable members, all the committee chairs, the members of the staff for the tireless job they have done for the last one week. That shows that we are ready to serve the people who elected us to come here and deliver services to them.

Mr. Speaker Sir, due to the interest of time, Honourable Members, this shows that you are equal to the task. Also, I appreciate you, because this Assembly has approved all the nominees from our excellency, Governor Julius Malombe, and I know from this point going forward, we will see service being delivered to our great people of Kitui. Thank you so much,

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Honourable members, and our Speaker so far, for that facilitation. Thank you very much and be blessed.

The Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Deputy Speaker, you have something to say on behalf of the Office of the Speaker?

Hon. Nzioka: Thank you, honorable Speaker. I will not say much, only to appreciate you first, and the honorable members and even the executive. I think now Kitui County is set to go, and we are ready to go. Thank you very much. Because of the interest of time, let me end there.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Deputy Speaker. Hon. Paul Maluki. You seem to have a burning issue. Please go ahead in 30 seconds, if possible.

Hon. P. Maluki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Even as I appreciate all members, I would like to appreciate our staff, the clerks of different committees. They really worked tirelessly to make sure that these reports were well prepared. But Mr. Speaker, something to note; I would like to urge this House, we are spending so much on these papers Mr. Speaker. It is the high time we go digital, so that if now we are reading a report, we be having tablets so that now we can always go through these reports every time we need them. Because I'm looking at the bundle that I am having here, this might be half....

The Speaker: Thank you Mheshimiwa, point taken. Hon. Joseph Ngwele 30 seconds please on behalf of the people of Ngomeni.

Hon. Ngwele: Yeah, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to make this contribution. First, I would like to appreciate the sectoral committees through the respective chairs for an excellent job and to appreciate the House in its entirety for the huge sacrifice that we have all made, taking time off our recess to come here two times and also to sit in various committees to make sure that this work is completed. This is a very great sacrifice; it is a show of love for our work and for the people of Kitui County.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to raise the attention of the House to a few issues that have emerged in the process of this vetting. One, the issue that was raised by the speaker as to whether the departments for which are approving Chief Officers to be appointed to, actually existing in law. If you follow the communication between the Speaker and the Governor on this matter, it is very possible that departments have actually not been set up properly in accordance with the law and this is a matter that we should not let to rest un-followed up. I've heard members asking whether we should have twenty-six departments or less or more.

Mr. Speaker, my conviction is that the point at which we should have exercised our influence as an Assembly as to how many departments, should have been when the governor and the County Public Service Board brought the establishment of those departments to this Assembly to be to be approved. That was not done. And Mr. Speaker, we need to follow up on that manner so that it is corrected.

The other point that I'd like to raise Mr. Speaker is to persuade the governor, that allocation of work across those twenty-six departments should be fair. In the last regime, we had a very ugly incidences, where one Chief Officer was responsible for 71% of the budget and some of the Chief Officers were responsible for even less than 1% of the budget. Mr. Speaker we would like to persuade the governor that you have 26 Chief Officers, can we have equal fair distribution across those departments.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, we have directorates that were set up about 10 years ago, and not much work has been done to develop them. Directorates are the technical arms of the County executive, they're the ones that should do research, implementation and documentation of work. I want to persuade the sectoral Committees, several committees to work very hard to make sure that directorates in their various sectors are actually developed and work to deliver for the people of Kitui County.

Mr. Speaker finally, I want to appreciate the fact that one of the nominees who has been appointed as a Chief officer is a former member of this Assembly. In 2017 I became the first former member of this County Assembly to have been appointed to a senior position in the County Executive, and I want to assure you Honourable members that it makes a whole lot of difference to have former members of this County Assembly sitting on the other side of government. I want to congratulate H.E the governor for that gesture, and hope that in future we'll see more members of this Assembly appointed to meaningful positions in the County Executive.

With those few remarks Mr. Speaker, I thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members. Honourable Mary Mbithe and Hon. Mbuno please allow me not to give you a chance now. But I'll give you in the afternoon sitting and any other member who will have something to say with regards to these motions which we have just approved.

So, with few remarks Hon. Members, allow me also to thank all of you for the good effort and the passion which you put in this process. I'm sure the press has been successful, and we can only say that, that was our mandate which we have successfully achieved and on behalf of the Secretariat, Hon. Deputy Clerk and your team, are the procedural clerks, thank you very much for the good work. I believe if it were not for you, maybe we would not have done what we have done. So, thank you very much and may God bless you.

Hon. Members let's now be upstanding so that we can adjourn the House.

AJOURNMENT

Hon. Members this House now stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

The County Assembly rose at 12:34 p.m.