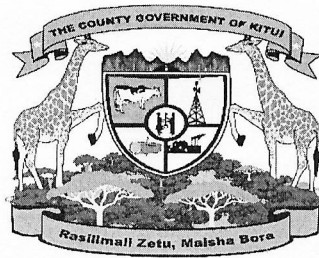


**THIRD ASSEMBLY
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**FORTH SESSION
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KITUI

**THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THIRD ASSEMBLY-FORTH SESSION
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY, 2025 AT 2.30 P.M.

1. The House convened at Thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with a prayer.
3. **PRESIDING** - Honorable Speaker on the chair.
4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.**

The following Communications were issued;

- i. **COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO THE ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSONS AND VICECHAIRPERSONS TO VARIOUS COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES.**

Honourable Members,

Following the adoption of the report by the Committee on Selection on review of County Assembly committees' membership by the House today the 14th February, 2025 in the morning sitting, the Office of the Clerk pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (2) issued notices to all affected Committees to conduct elections as from 10.30am following the rise of the House.

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Honourable Members,

The following Committees were expected to conduct elections;

S/ No.	COMMITTEE	POSITION(s)	
	County Budget and Appropriations Committee	Chairperson chairperson	&Vice
	Committee on Environment, Energy & Mineral investments	Chairperson	
	Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development	Chairperson	
	Finance & Economic Planning Committee	Chairperson	
	Committee on Basic Education, Training & Skills Development.	Chairperson chairperson	& Vice
	County Public Investments and Accounts Committee	Chairperson chairperson	& Vice
	Implementation Committee	Vice chairperson	
	Delegated County Legislation Committee	Chairperson	
	Committee on Culture, Youth, sports, Gender and Social Services.	Chairperson	
	Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources	Chairperson	

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Honourable Members,

I wish to inform you that the elections were successfully carried out, and I wish to inform you of the following outcome of the elections:

S/ No.	Committee	Position	Member elected
1.	Committee on Environment, Energy and Mineral Investment	Chairperson	Hon. Alphonse Mukwayu Musyimi
2.	Committee on Lands Infrastructure and Urban Development	Chairperson	Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya
3.	Finance and Economic Planning Committee	Chairperson	Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Muange
4.	Implementation Committee	Vice Chairperson	Hon. Fridah Maua
5.	Delegated County Legislation Committee	Chairperson	Hon. Stephen Ileve Katana
6.	Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services	Chairperson	Hon. Benjamin Ndambu Mulandi

Honourable Members,

However, the Public Investments and Accounts, the County Budget and Appropriations, Tourism and Natural Resources, and Basic Education, Training and Skills Development Committees were unable to undertake elections to fill the vacant positions and I wish to guide as follows;

1. That Hon. Priscilla Martha Makumi, who is the current Vice Chairperson for the Basic Education, Training and Skills

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Development Committee will serve as the acting chairperson of the Committee until the committee holds election to fill the position of the committee chairperson.

2. That Hon. Mercy Muliwa Muema, who is the current Vice Chairperson for Tourism and Natural Resources Committee will serve as the acting chairperson of the committee until the committee holds election to fill the position of the committee chairperson.

3. That the Public Investments and Accounts and the County Budget and Appropriations Committees will later be scheduled for elections to fill the positions of the Committees' Chairpersons & Vice chairpersons respectively.

Honourable Members,

I challenge the County Assembly Parties to hasten and nominate Members to the Committee on Appointments, to the County Assembly Business Committee as envisaged by Standing Order No. 184(1).

Finally, I congratulate the Members who have been elected to leadership positions in various committees for their appointments and I wish them all the best in the discharge of their duties.

ii. COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO CONCERNS OVER THE RECONSTITUTION OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES.

Honourable Members,

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My Office is in receipt of two letters from some Members of the County Assembly both dated 11th February, 2025, in which they express concerns regarding the reconstitution of Assembly Committees, particularly on the issues of lack of consultation and consensus among affected political parties and non-compliance with the gender threshold.

Honourable Members,

At the onset, allow me to emphasize that the process of constituting committees of the Assembly is guided by the relevant provisions of the Standing Orders of the County Assembly of Kitui, as well as the principles established in law and parliamentary practice. Specifically, the placement and allocation of members to committees is a function of the respective political parties, which are responsible for nominating their members in accordance with their internal mechanisms and procedures. Standing Order No. 153 (1) provides that the Committee on Selection shall in consultation with County Assembly Parties nominate Members who shall serve in a Committee. The House in approving such nominations, does not interfere with the prerogative of political parties in this regard.

Honourable Members,

Further, the issue of gender parity in committee composition is similarly a primary responsibility of political parties, which are required to adhere to constitutional and statutory requirements

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when nominating members. The County Assembly, upon receiving the names as submitted by the political parties, ensures compliance with the applicable Standing Orders, which provide for and guide on the process of committee constitution for each specific committee under reconstitution.

Honourable Members,

In light of this, I advise and guide that any concerns regarding the manner in which members were placed in committees or any perceived failure to meet gender thresholds should, in the first instance, be addressed within the structures of the respective political parties taking into account the interests of independent Members and small parties as envisaged under Standing Order No. 154(2). If unresolved, the matter may be escalated through the appropriate channels as provided for under the Standing Orders of the Assembly, such as the Selection Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 153(2).

Honourable Members,

I appreciate your dedication to the integrity of Assembly processes and assure you that the Office of the Speaker remains committed to upholding the rules and procedures that govern the conduct of

Assembly business. Should there be any further clarification required on this matter, my Office remains open for engagement.

5. STATEMENTS

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The following statement was laid before the table:

- i. Schedule of Plenary Business and Committee Sittings for the week ending on 7th March, 2025 (Designated Member, County Assembly Business Committee)*

6. MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND RULES ON THE FORMULATION OF THE SPEAKER'S RULES.

(Designated Member, Committee on Procedure and Rules)

THAT, Pursuant to the provisions of Section 38 of the County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act, 2017 as read together with Standing Orders No. 187(5) and 179(6), this Assembly hereby approves the report by the committee on Procedure and Rules on the formulation of the Speaker's Rules, laid on the table of the County Assembly on Thursday, 13th February, 2025.

(Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara- M.C.A)

7. MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON VETTING OF NOMINEES TO THE SELECTION PANEL FOR SELECTING SUITABLE CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT AS COUNTY SECRETARY, COUNTY

**ATTORNEY, AND SECRETARY TO THE COUNTY PUBLIC
SERVICE BOARD**

(Designated Member, Committee on Appointments)

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THAT, Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15 (2A) and 18 of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020 as read together with Section 5(1) of the Office of the County Attorney Act, 2020 and Standing Order No. 184 and 179(6), this Assembly hereby adopts the report by the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of nominees to the Selection Panel for selecting suitable candidates for appointment as County Secretary, County Attorney, and Secretary to the County Public Service Board, laid on the table of the County Assembly on Thursday 13th February, 2025.

(Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia - M.C.A)

(Motion deferred with the leave of the Speaker)

8. PROCEDURAL MOTION ON ADJOURNMENT.

(Leader of the Majority Party)

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 25 (3), this Assembly do now adjourn its sittings with effect from today Friday, 14th February, 2025 and resume its sittings on Tuesday, 4th March, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in order to allow members of County Assembly attend the County Assembly Forum general meeting and undertake committees' oversight activities.

(Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia - M.C.A)

9. ADJOURNMENT And the time being Twenty Four minutes past Four O'clock, the Honourable Speaker adjourned the house.

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10. ASSEMBLY ROSE - Twenty Four minutes past Four O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Honorable Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday 4th March, 2025, at 9:00 A.M*

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