REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 4th March, 2025

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.12 a.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Anthony Theuri) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have a quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Deputy Speaker: I therefore direct the Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for ten minutes)

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, do we have the quorum?

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Deputy Speaker: I therefore direct the Serjeant at Arms to continue ringing the bell for the next five minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for three minutes)

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, do we have the quorum?

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Deputy Speaker: I now order the Serjeant at Arms to stop ringing the bell. Order of the day.

PAPER LAID

CALENDAR OF THE ASSEMBLY, 2025

Hon. John Gichuki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the Calendar on (Regular Sessions) for the Fourth Session of the Third County Assembly (February to December, 2025).

(Hon. John Gichuki laid the Paper on the Table of the House)

NOTICE OF MOTION

CALENDAR OF THE ASSEMBLY, 2025

Hon. John Gichuki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order No. 29 (1), this Assembly approves the Calendar (Regular Sessions) for the Fourth Session of the Third County Assembly (February to December, 2025).

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MOTION

CALENDAR OF THE ASSEMBLY, 2025

Hon. John Gichuki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I beg to move following motion;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order No. 29 (1), this Assembly approves the Calendar

(Regular Sessions) for the Fourth Session of the Third County Assembly (February to

December, 2025).

Mr. Speaker, the sitting dates will commence on Tuesday 11th February, 2025. These will be the sitting dates for the fourth session part 1; Tuesday, 11th February, 2025 to Wednesday 12th March, 2025. The recess dates will be Thursday 13th March, 2025 to Monday 31st March, 2025.

The second will be on Tuesday 1st April, 2025 to Wednesday, 30th April, 2025 and the recess will be on Thursday, 1st May, 2025 to Monday 2nd June, 2025.

The Fourth Session (Part ii) will be on Tuesday, 3rd, June, 2025 to Wednesday 2nd July, 2025 and the recess dates will be Thursday, 3rd July, 2025 to Monday, 21st July 2025.

Second will be Tuesday, 22nd July, 2025 to Wednesday, 13th August, 2025 and the recess dates will on Thursday, 14th Tuesday, 2025 to Monday, 15th September, 2025.

Part iii First session will be on Tuesday, 16th September, 2025 to Wednesday, 15th October, 2025 and the recess dates will be from Thursday, 16th October, 2025 to Monday, 3rd November, 2025.

The other one will be from Tuesday, 4th November, 2025 to Wednesday, 3rd December, 2025 and the long recess will start from Thursday, 4th December, 2025 to Monday, 9th February, 2026.

In accordance with the Standing Orders;

a. Morning sittings shall commence from 10.00 a.m. and afternoon sessions commence from 2.30 p.m.

b. Special sittings shall be notified through Kenya Gazette notices as per the Standing Order No. 30 of the County Assembly Standing Orders. I request Hon. Gatati to second me on this.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Samuel?

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: My name is Mugambi Gatati. I dropped the name Samuel one year ago. If you call me Samuel it is not my name. I second the said Calendar. It is well done as it will enable us to do more activities including the recess that we shall attend to some trainings and matters concerning development. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: My sincere apologies. In due time Hon. Mugambi Gatati, you are going to officially communicate to the House that you have changed your names.

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the floor is open for debate.

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Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. I want to contribute on the approval and also ratifying what we have already done. I can see that the calendar starts from the month of February which has already been overtaken by events. We are only amending the mess which we did previously because we were supposed to start with the calendar only to find that the month of February is over and now we are in March when we are approving the calendar which was supposed to be approved in February.

We need to observe that so that in future we be approving our calendar at the right time. I just wish to support the calendar as at now because we still have an opportunity to amend it from time to time. If I say that I know so much about it, I will be lying because I am not part of the people who made it. The good thing is that whatever is in the calendar, I agree with it because there is room for adjustment in future from time to time. I support hoping that in case of anything we will adjust the calendar accordingly.

In future, Members should be part of the calendar to air their views even before it is presented to the House. If I ask the Members who are present, 99% were not part of making this calendar. Most of them have not even see the calendar. They will support it not because they know what it is but because it is here. Therefore, in future it is very important to involve the Members as we make the calendar.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: I support and trust that all Members will support it, with trust that we still have an opportunity to adjust it from time to time. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support but I need some clarity from the mover whether 1st April is a real day when we can meet. You know, it is Fool's Day, so we need to make it clear so that we can understand because we might end up coming to this Assembly and finding that there is no session. Being the Fool's Day, we have to be very careful.

Mr. Speaker, we also need to be approving the calendar when we are starting because we are now discussing the month of February yet we are already in March. It is unfortunate that we are moving it today. In future, let us do our work according to the law. Thank you.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad for this opportunity. I only want to say that I support that this House adopts the calendar that will guide us going forward. Just to echo what Hon. Mugweru has said, it is not cast on stone. Members have the opportunity to interrogate it and assess all the programs that are before this House so that whenever we need changes, they are executed for smooth running of the Assembly. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you. I now call upon the mover to reply. It is also good to note that Hon. Simon has a question whether 1st April is a real day. The floor is yours, Hon. John Maina.

Hon. John Gichuki: Asante, Bwana Spika. Sijui *Fool's Day* ni nini. Iko kwenye kalenda? Nahitaji anipe jawabu la hilo swali. Acha nichukue fursa hii kuwashukuru Waheshimiwa wote ambao wamechangia kwenye huu mswada. Nafikiria kuenda likizo ndogo inawasaidia sana kupumzisha akili na wakati huo huo, kuangalia maendeleo katika wadi zetu na mafunzo. Ninawashukuru na tunapoenda likizo ya kwanza, iwe ya manufaa kwetu. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until later today, Tuesday, March 04, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

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The House rose at 10.37 a.m.

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