REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 7th October, 2025

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.14 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum, I direct that the bell ring for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for two minutes)

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Hon. Speaker, we now have the quorum.

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if indeed we have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Now that we have quorum, I direct that the bell stops ringing and equally ask the clerk we be read on our first order.

PAPER LAID

COMMITTEE VETTING REPORT ON CECM NOMINEE FOR EDUCATION

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwaniki. The floor is yours.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to lay the following papers;

The Report of the Committee on Appointments on the approval hearing of Ms. Jane Alice Wangu Chiuri. Nominee for appointment as the County Executive Committee Member for Education, Gender, Sports, Youth affairs and Social Services department.

(Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki laid the Papers on the Table of the House)

NOTICE OF MOTION

COMMITTEE VETTING REPORT ON CECM NOMINEE FOR EDUCATION

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT taking into consideration the findings of the Select Committee on Appointments in its report on the vetting of the nominee for Appointment to the Office of County Executive Committee Member for County Education, Gender, Sports, Youth Affairs and Social Services Department and pursuant to the provisions of Section 35 of the County Governments Act and Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017,

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THIS House APPROVES the appointment of Ms. Jane Alice Wangu Chiuri as the CECM, Education, Gender, Sports, Youth affairs and Social Services department.

MOTION

COMMITTEE VETTING REPORT ON CECM NOMINEE FOR EDUCATION

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT taking into consideration the findings of the Select Committee on Appointments in its report on the vetting of the nominee for Appointment to the Office of County Executive Committee Member for County Education, Gender, Sports, Youth Affairs and Social Services Department and pursuant to the provisions of Section 35 of the County Governments Act and Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017,

THIS House APPROVES the appointment of Ms. Jane Alice Wangu Chiuri as the CECM, Education, Gender, Sports, Youth affairs and Social Services department.

Pursuant to Articles 179(2b) of the Constitution and section 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies approval) Act, H.E the Governor nominated Ms. Jane Alice Wangu Chiuri, for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for County Education, Gender, Sports, Youth Affairs and Social Services.

The Nomination of the said person was conveyed to the Speaker of the County Assembly through a letter (Reference Number: CGL/GVN/A.2/25/01, *(Annexure ii),* dated 11th September, 2025. The nominees' curriculum vitae and testimonials were enclosed in the said letter. On 11th September, 2025 pursuant to Standing Order 43(1), the Speaker of the County Assembly read the Message from His Excellency the Governor communicating the names of the nominees to the House for the position of County Executive Committee Members. Pursuant to section 5 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act and Standing Order 46(2), the name of the nominee was referred to the Committee on Appointments for Vetting and reporting to the House.

Consequently, and in accordance with section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act. The Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Friday, 19th September, 2025, inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavit) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee. Further, Pursuant to section 7(8) & (9) and section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, and the consequent approval hearing conducted by the Committee in the Assembly chamber on 26th September, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., the committee observed that the nominee did demonstrate Knowledge on topical administrative and technical issues touching on the respective department she has been nominated to.

Having conducted the approval hearing for the nominee pursuant to section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act and Standing order 184(4), the committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of Ms. Jane Alice Wangu Chiuri, for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for County Education, Gender, Sports, Youth Affairs and Social Services Department.

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 writing of the report. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the

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Speaker and of the Clerk of the County Assembly, for the Technical Support accorded during the exercise.

On behalf of the Committee on Appointment and Pursuant to Section 14(3)(b) of the County Government Act, section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act and the provisions of Standing Order 179(6), it is now my duty and privilege to present to the House, the Report of the Committee on Appointment on the Approval hearing of the nominee for appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Member.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the Committee on Appointments and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 184(4), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee on Appointments Report on the vetting of County Executive Committee Member.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 184 (4) the Committee on Appointments shall consider for approval by the Assembly, appointments of the Members of County Executive Committees under Articles, 179 (2) of the Constitution.

The Committee is established under the Standing Order No. 184 (1) to be designated the Committee on Appointments, consisting of the Speaker as the Chairperson, the leader of the Majority Party, the leader of the Minority party and not more than three other Members nominated by the House Business Committee, on the basis of proportional party Membership in the Assembly taking into consideration the numerical strength of the parties and interests of Independent Members.

The Committee on Appointments was constituted by the House on 18th October, 2022 comprising of the following Members: -

1. Hon. Lantano Nabaala - Chairman
2. Hon. John Gichuki Maina - Member
3. Hon. Catherine Umija - Member
4. Hon. Simon Kanyutu Kimani - Member
5. Hon. Moile Eunice Salaten - Member
6. Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki Muturi - Member

The Committee held two Sittings; one to prepare for the vetting and a second meeting in which the nominee appeared and was vetted in accordance with the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 for appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Member for County Education, Gender, Sports, Youth Affairs and Social Services Department.

I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations and vetting exercise. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during the vetting exercise.

On behalf of the Committee on Appointments and pursuant to Article 179(2)(b) of the Constitution, Section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, and the provisions of Standing Order No. 184(4), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report on the vetting of nominee for appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Member.

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Mr. Speaker, the committee on Appointment held a sitting on Wednesday, 17th September, 2025 to deliberate on the approval hearing and the following were highlighted;

- That, by the deadline date of 25th September, 2025, the Clerk of the County Assembly had not received any submission or memoranda contesting the suitability of the nominee.

This was in respect to the appointment of Ms. Jane Alice Wangu Chiuri, for approval by the County Assembly for Appointment as County Executive Committee Member for County Education, Gender, Sports, Youth Affairs and Social Services Department.

- That, the nominee had not notified the Clerk of the County Assembly of withdrawal from the approval process as outlined under Section 7(12) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act.

The Committee resolved to undertake the approval hearing as per the schedule that had been advertised by the Clerk of the County Assembly and which was communicated to the members of the public and the nominee, as hereafter contained.

In conducting the vetting process, the Committee on Appointments examined the nominee against the following criteria, amongst others, in accordance with the Constitution of Kenya, the County Governments Act and the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

1. Academic qualifications
2. Employment record
3. Professional affiliations
4. Potential conflict of interest
5. Knowledge of the relevant subject
6. Overall suitability for the position
7. Tax compliance
8. Integrity
9. Vision and leadership; and
10. Expectations and key priorities

Ms. Jane Alice Wangu Chiuri, appeared before the Committee on Friday 26th September, 2025 at 10.00 a.m. and was informed by the Chairperson that, pursuant to Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Committee invited submissions from the public on her suitability or otherwise for Appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Member.

However, by the deadline date of 25th September, 2025, the Committee had not received any submission or memorandum from the public contesting her suitability. The nominee was then orally vetted under oath pursuant to Article 179(2)b of the Constitution of Kenya by the Committee and responded to questions during the vetting as follows;

1. Self-introduction and educational background

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The nominee is a Female Kenyan born in 1971 in Marmanet, Marmanet Ward, Laikipia County, and a resident of Igwamiti Ward. She holds a Master's Degree from Mt. Kenya University, 2023, a Bachelor's Degree in Education (Early Childhood Education) from Laikipia University, 2015 and a Diploma in Early Childhood Education from Bluebell ECDE College in Nyahururu in 2011.

2. Professional Experience

She has worked in the following entities;

i. Currently Deputy Head of Ewaso Nyiro Primary School in Laikipia County.

ii. She has been a Senior Teacher II & I at 91 Municipality Primary School in Laikipia County from 2015 to July 2025.

iii. Part Time lecturer at Bluebell ECD Teachers Training College in Laikipia County in 2016.

iv. Since 1994, she has been a teacher in several schools within the Country.

3. Income and Net Worth

The nominee estimated her net worth to be Kshs. 12,850,000, with her primary sources of income being her salary, dividends, and farming.

4. Potential Conflict of Interests

The Nominee declared that she does not have any person or matter that would present a potential conflict of interest.

5. Integrity

The nominee has neither been charged and convicted in a court of law for a criminal offence nor mentioned in an investigatory report of County Assembly or any other Commission of inquiry. She has also never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for any conflict between personal interest and public or official duties.

GENERAL SECTOR AND SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. On her vision for the Department of County Education, Gender, Sports, Youth Affairs and Social Services

The nominee stated that her vision for the department is to ensure smooth and effective operations, achieved through active collaboration with fellow members and continuous liaison with Honourable Members, so that all departmental objectives are met and expectations are fully realized.

2. On the Key Priorities for the Department

The nominee's key priorities would be to ensure that all ECDE centres in the County follow a common curriculum. Secondly, to work with stakeholders to align vocational training with market demands and introduce short-term courses for youth empowerment; and third, to strengthen service delivery across all areas to guarantee the success of departmental activities.

3. On how the nominee will balance competing priorities in education, gender, sports, youth, and social services

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The nominee informed the Committee that she believes in effective programming and planning through a clear calendar of events and work plans, with set timelines to ensure all activities are completed on schedule and targets are achieved.

4. Mechanisms for effective stakeholder engagement, including NGOs, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations

The nominee noted that she would employ mechanisms such as creating awareness, liaising with NGOs and community-based organizations, and developing proposals to incorporate their input and ensure programs achieve their intended goals.

5. Ensuring that there's value for money through monitoring and evaluating programs to achieve measurable impact.

The nominee stated that for effective monitoring, she will practice budget analysis, track timelines for set goals, and ensure data collection and documentation of all activities for proper evaluation and achievement of intended outcomes.

6. On provision of quality education in TVETs.

She stated that for TVETs, she will focus on aligning curriculum and courses with market demands by conducting skill-based market surveys, ensuring students acquire marketable skills that enhance their employability.

7. Interventions to improve access, equity, and quality of education in Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE

The nominee stated that to enhance access and effective teaching in ECDE centres, she will propose adopting a common curriculum designed by the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, while also training teachers to equip them with the necessary skills for delivering the Competency-Based Curriculum effectively to four and five-year-old's.

8. Equity and transparency in Bursary and Scholarship Programs in the County

The nominee informed the Committee that, to ensure fair distribution of bursaries, she will work closely with Honourable Members and established mechanisms in the law to identify and support the most deserving beneficiaries in their areas.

9. On Gender Policy and Mainstreaming

She stated that since Laikipia currently lacks a gender policy, her priority will be to develop one that addresses Gender-Based Violence by empowering women with knowledge of their rights and freedoms, while also enforcing laws that protect their dignity and human rights.

10. Economic Empowerment of Women and Persons with Disabilities

The Nominee stated that she will promote social and economic empowerment by creating awareness for women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly, forming support groups for shared growth, and encouraging income-generating activities such as small businesses and handicrafts, coupled with marketing support to enhance their sustainability.

11. On how she will partner with the local and external stakeholders to support sports, culture, and youth development initiatives

The nominee informed the Committee that the major focus was community involvement, noting that since the youth belong to the community, they should be engaged

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through the formation of sports clubs and groups, as well as through the improvement of sports infrastructure in the County to ensure its effective utilization by the youth.

12. Vision for sports development and talent nurturing in the County

The Nominee stated that she will encourage and create awareness that sports can be a source of income, and by organizing and funding tournaments with support from NGOs where resources are limited in order to promote sports activities in the County.

COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS

The Committee having considered the nominee's Curriculum Vitae and heard her oral submission during the vetting exercise/interview, made the following observations: -

1. She has satisfied the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity.
2. She has been cleared by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya Revenue Authority on tax compliance, Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the Credit Reference Bureau.
3. In accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution of Kenya and Section 35(3) and 35(4) of the County Government Act, she is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship and is therefore fit to hold office as a Member of County Executive;
4. Her academic credentials, and experience are impressive and in compliance with Section 7(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017;
5. She has never been charged in a Court of Law.
6. As stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, she has no potential conflict of interest;
7. She satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and Section 35(4) of the County Government Act in that she does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
8. She has never been dismissed from office for contravention of the provisions of Public Officer Ethics act which deals with conduct of public officers.
9. She has not been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of County Assembly or any Commission of Inquiry.
10. She holds a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Studies from Mt. Kenya University.
11. She is the Deputy Head of Ewaso Nyiro Primary School in Laikipia County.
12. She is not a member of any political party neither does he hold any political office
13. The nominee exhibited impressive knowledge of topical issues touching on the County Education, Gender, Sports, Youth Affairs and Social Services Department and had the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Article 179(2)(b) of the Constitution, Section 9(2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 184 (4), the Committee recommends that, this House approves the nomination of Ms. Jane Alice Wangu

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Chiuri, for approval by the County Assembly for Appointment as County Executive Committee Member for County Education, Gender, Sports, Youth Affairs and Social Services Department.

Mr. Speaker, I will call upon Hon. Umija to second this motion.

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am just confused. He is just clapping and I don't know why he's clapping. As I can see, he's just being entertained somewhere. Let me just leave him at that. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to second the motion that has been presented from the Committee on Appointments.

Actually, we did interview the said nominee and she qualifies for the above position and considering the gender equality within the cabinet of the County Government, I think that an addition of the female gender will be more important. Apart from that, she has a Master's in ECD education, which means that she's bringing in a very great experience. Now that the ECD is under the County Government, I think that she will be able to make changes that she had desired or she had envisioned in regards to early childhood development.

I think she's going to bring the needed changes that we need within the county government and she will support the Governor in ensuring that he executes his mandate to the people of Laikipia County. I second the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Honourable Members, I want to open the floor for Members to be able to contribute to this motion. Hon. Daniel Mugweru.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I wish to take this opportunity to make my contribution. One, being a happy person because this Department of Education, which I have been Chairing the committee, has for a long time, for over half the session of these five years didn't have a CEC. Hon. Speaker, today is a great day. I don't know whether it is a great one, because we are a full house, and I must mention that because it is in me.

I wish to thank the Honourable Members for attending the session. We've been having a low quorum every day. Honourable Speaker, I told you the other day, you cannot discuss about quorum when you have quorum. You don't discuss our challenge when that challenge has not come.

Hon. Speaker, today is one of the big days that we have Members being present, and we are so many of us. I believe this is how we shall be going on with our sittings maybe from now onwards. Secondly, Hon. Speaker, it's also a special day when one of our Honourable Members is talking of sign language. I haven't known why.

He is just observing with eyes, not hearing. He is only speaking sign language. He is not hearing anything. He is just there but at least he's communicating through sign language. So, it is a special day. Even now, he hasn't heard that.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity, one, to thank the government, led by His Excellency the Governor, for having seen it wise to fill this position of the CECM for Education. Hon. Speaker, as it has been read by the mover of the motion, she has happened to be a child of Marmanet and so, I think Marmanet is blessed in a big way nowadays. This government has looked at Marmanet in a very special way and some other words have been left behind or left aside and I don't know why Hon. Speaker.

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The most important thing is that she's capable of doing the work that she has been given, and so, about where one comes from wouldn't make any sense. What makes sense is what you can perform, what you can do to our people. Hon. Speaker, the name I am remembering most is Wangu. Alice Wangu, has come at the right time and being a teacher, because it has been stated clearly that she's currently a deputy head teacher of Uwaso Nyiro Primary School which is in Segera, Laikipia County.

She, being a teacher, I expect her to do the best for the children of Laikipia. Number two, her having a Diploma in Early Childhood Education this is the responsibility that we are giving unto her. So, Hon. Speaker, it is a message that should be taken clearly to her that we as politicians, she has stated that she's not a politician and she's not aspiring to be one hoping it is true because most of our people here, when they are looking for positions, they say that they are not aspiring.

Only in the middle of the way, you find them walking around here becoming even more than politicians. Let us hope that what she has stated is true from her heart. Hon. Speaker, having a Diploma in Early Childhood Education, and the challenge we are having in this county, she's supposed to speak like a politician and say that within a certain day, if it is 200, the first 60 days, is to make sure that our ECD teachers are employed.

That is the achievement she can give us. She has come almost in the last days of the term but she can leave a legacy. Hon. Speaker, if today she wakes up and within the first 60 days, we hear all the ECD teachers are employed, we have over 40% of ECD teachers in Laikipia County who are working on voluntary basis. Hon. Speaker, they are paid by no one. They are just there. They have been there for years, being promised to be employed, and they have suffered for many years.

Hon. Speaker, whether she has come the last, almost at the end of the term, she can leave a mark that can be an example for many years. Hon. Speaker, because the process had already started of employing the ECD teachers, she should come, and the first thing she should assure us is that within the first 60 days, the ECD teachers will be employed in this county.

Those who have qualified, and especially those who have voluntarily worked for our children, be given that priority, because most of them have voluntarily worked in our ECD classes for over 6, 7, 10 years on voluntary basis. So, they should be treated in a very special way. The excuse has been that we don't have a CECM, we only have an acting one. Now that we are going, I am sure the Members of this House will approve her, we will have a substantive CECM for Education then within the first 60 days, there is no excuse.

Hon. Speaker, the ECD teachers should be employed. Number two, I have seen that she is a lecturer. There is somewhere I have read that she is a lecturer at Bluebell ECD Teachers College. So, Hon. Speaker, it is good that we are welcoming her, but we also need to tell her if she tried to mess with our issues, the same people who are approving her today are the same people who will fight her without tire.

Her being a teacher of an ECD Teachers College, we have seen this, and if you hear me saying this, there is an experience of the same, Hon. Speaker. I was the Chairperson for Education Committee even in the last Assembly and there are some senior education officers who had a college. They used to employ only those students, only the teachers who have gone to school in their college.

Hon. Speaker, this is also something that we need to look at seriously so that we may not find ourselves a teacher who has volunteered for many years to be sent away only to bring

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us another teacher because she was a student of the same lecturer. Hon. Speaker, she was a lecturer, which is very good, but for now she should not consider the ones that she was a lecturer to and forget the ones who have volunteered for many years. That one will amount to conflict of interest.

Hon. Speaker, when she comes to take the office if the members approve her, she should know that she has a very great role in this county. She has a very heavy task to transform the Education Department. Hon. Speaker, immediately she's sworn in. She's supposed to meet with the Members of this House, and the Members will at least tell of the grievances they have from their respective wards.

If you ask Honourable Members here, almost all of them you will hear that like ten teachers retired, two died, the other three are volunteers. That is how Laikipia is. Over 40% teachers are not employed. They are volunteering in all wards and the Members can confirm that. So, for you to work well for the people of Laikipia, the first thing is to meet with the representatives of those people so that you may understand the challenges they are going through.

Hon. Speaker, I really support her appointment and approval so that this department may have a substantive CECM, and so that we may work for the people of Laikipia and support education in the best way possible. So, Hon. Speaker, I support and call upon Members to wake up. When she's approved and when she's sworn in, let us have a meeting with her, all Members. Let us tell her the challenges. She is going to overwork because she was supposed to be here in the first year, and now she's coming in the last year.

She must work tirelessly to cover the first three and a half years. Hon. Speaker, I support and I believe the Members will support her. Thank you.

Hon Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this report. I want to put it clear because the Hon. Member has stated that she is from Marmanet. I can attest that it is the parents who are from Marmanet but she resides in Igwamiti. If I can even show you my I.D, as an MCA for Marmanet, my ID indicates that I was born in Kiambu. That is why it was clearly stated that she was born in Marmanet.

Most of the people in Igwamiti and Marmanet were born in a certain village called Ngoru. Her parents reside in Marmanet as we speak and what I can attest because I am very much aware of them, her father was a teacher in Nanyuki High School. When Ole Kaparo was a student, he was a teacher. He taught the prominent Ole Kaparo in our nation. So, whenever you will have a chance when her father pays a visit, I can talk to him because he is an eloquent elder and interact with him.

I admired that she has a Master's in Early Childhood Studies. The Hon. Member who talked previously stated that we have so many challenges in ECDE in Laikipia. In our input, we will work together to ensure that our people really benefit. We are capable of touching this knowledge but I was lucky because previously before vetting, I did not know her. It has been confirmed that she is a deputy head teacher in Segera and I came to know so much about her when we were interrogating her.

Mr. Speaker, I wholly support. She was also responding to questions and therefore if given the chance similarly to how she responded to questions, I am sure that we are going to have a wonderful person. On my part, I support and wish her all the best. As per what the Member has highlighted, it is important that if approved by these Members and I beg them to approve her, in my opinion she really performed well during the interview. I would wish to

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have a sitting if she is given the chance so that we can fast track all the stalled issues pertaining to education in our areas.

Hon. Mary Gathoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the same. Knowing very well that a woman has won and since my Chair in Education has just gone through the qualifications and articulated very well, so I am in support and say that she is up to the task. Thank you.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also rise to support the report. The reason as to why I am happy also is because we have a dilemma going forward on bursary issues. I would also like to urge the Education Committee to do their own research because I have heard from other counties that they are already planning to supplement the budget. So we need to have an official stand on the way forward in bursary. Hon. Speaker, we have a new musician in the House, I don't know what the problem is with Hon. Ndiritu.

We need the Education Committee to know the official stand on bursary so that we be preparing our voters that maybe this year we will not provide bursaries. We all know that the National Government went to court to challenge the court orders. Like in Kiambu County they have already decided to channel the money to ECDE construction. I think that the Education Chairperson can help us to do that research. We need to know because the earlier the better.

I understand that we have a very tricky procurement process now and if we joke around, we might miss that money. Already the systems are on. I heard the Chief Officer Education tell me that she is doing the BQs now and if she logs in those details in the system, we shall not be able to access that money later.

The second one, also in the Education Department we need someone now who can be accountable because I understand that we have a lot of challenges. Like in the last financial year, so many Members here can attest that in their wards they allocated EDCE construction that never happened and that is very unfortunate considering that these Chief Officers. In the County Government Act, the Assembly cannot punish a Chief Officer but can only issue some recommendations to the Governor. So, we need a CECM who can be held accountable.

Thirdly, I wish to pass my condolences to Hon. Wachuka who lost her sister who was a pastor. As a House, I wish to give her my condolences and remind her that in the Bible, God says that He is near to the broken hearted. I also want to send my support to Hon. Karuiru who has an ailing mother. It is high time as a House we stand with our own Members. There is a saying in Kikuyu that says that, *'a small house comes together while in danger'*. Therefore, as a House we need to stand with our two Members. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Wachuka, do you want to speak. I can see you placing the finger but you are not pressing.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nataka kushukuru Kamati ambayo ilipeleleza Jane. Ninaona kama tunaweza kuendelea na mambo ya elimu. Vile nimesikia historia yake ikisomwa, yeye siyo mwanasiasa. Tafadhali, ningeomba kuongea kidogo kuhusu hao maafisa wakuu wengine. Wote ni wanasiasa na wanataka viti. Hata hawajui ile kazi walikuja kufanya na kazi yao ni kukimbia hapa na pale wakifanya siasa.

Wakati nasikiza historia ya Jane, nimesikia ya kwamba ni mtu ambaye hataki mchezo na kazi yake. Namshukuru Gavana pia kwa sababu ameonelea ya kwamba hiyo miaka tatu na nusu hakuna hata kitu kimoja kimepeanwa Igwamiti na wakati wa Mungu ukifika umefika. Jane ni mwalimu katika *Ninety One Municipal* ambayo ilianzishwa wakati kulikuwa *municipality* na ndio maana inaitwa hivyo.

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Kama vile Mheshimiwa Kanyutu amesema, wazazi wake wako pale Marmanet. Amejenga Igwamiti, Lusogwa karibu na chuo cha msingi cha Lusogwa. Ni mtu ambaye hana maneno mengi na hata watoto wa *Nighty one* wakisikia ya kwamba ametoka huko, watajua ya kwamba wamenyang'anywa mwalimu. Kwa hivyo, nataka kushukuru kamati ambayo iliketi chini kwa sababu tutarudi katika hili Bunge mwaka wa 2027. Ningetaka tusiwe tunaleta wanasiasa kama *chief officers* kwa sababu hata kama unataka kuuliza hawa *chief officers* swali fulani, hauwezi ukawapata kwa ofisi. Asante kwa wanakamati na Bunge nzima ambayo imeonelea ipitishe jane. Mungu awabariki.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Wachuka. I now call upon the mover of the notion to reply

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I thank all the Members who have contributed and the rest like Hon. Leila and Hon. Anthony Theuri who have contributed silently. Those are the sentiments of the Hon. Members because Hon. Lempaira has silently said that we do a thorough vetting of the CECMs and COs. After having scrutinized their very professional and overqualified documents but in service delivery, most of them have failed this county because Most of them have turned to be politicians and those are sentiments of Hon. Wachuka.

If at all the CECM and the CO do not help the Member of the County Assembly to deliver in whatever is promised to the residents of their particular ward, that is where the rot in this County Government has started. According to how we vetted Ms. Jane Alice Wangu, she is almost over qualified and I hope that in the Department of Education, the lot that has been there, she will be able to clean the department so that service delivery in matters of education can be achieved in almost 100% as Hon. Mugweru has stated being the Chairperson of the Committee.

Now having a substantive CECM in that particular department, he will be able to help the Chairperson so that we can understand the matter that has been raised by Hon. Shuel and Hon. Gatati in regards to bursary allocation. We had a discussion that was passed somewhere in the National Assembly that we are not supposed to issue bursaries across the county because they believe that the support of education lies in their respective roles. So, I thank the Members for their support. I urge them that we keep on till we are done with this business. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) left the Chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Chairperson (Hon. Anthony Theuri) took the Chair]

AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING ORDERS

Chairperson: You may be seated. Hon. Members, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Committee of the Whole. As usual, the rules are relaxed and I am happy to announce today we are applying the third language, sign language in courtesy of Hon. Stephen Kamau Ndiritu. Let us all clap for him.

Hon. Members, we have a lot in our hands to do and I wish to welcome Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki to take us through. He is the mover.

STANDING ORDERS WITH AMENDMENTS

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Standing Order No. 25

(Question proposed)

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chairperson, I beg to move that Standing Order No. 25 be amended as follows;

The Speaker may designate a suitable place in the Chamber of the Assembly, a County Executive Committee Member to expound on government policy, reply to Questions, and provide Reports concerning matters under his or her control;

Chairperson: Hon. Stephen, I am guided that the document has been uploaded in our gadgets and I will send someone to see whether your gadget is working. If it is not working, you can use mine. Hon. Stephen, to save time, I will give you my document and I will be sharing with my two clerks here. Anyone with a similar problem?

Hon. Catherine Umija: Hon. Chair, we do not have the documents in our gadgets.

Chairperson: This is a shame because we have been postponing this thing for almost two months.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Chair, I propose that we continue as the staff organize for us copies.

Chairperson: Hon. Mwaniki, you are protected.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chairperson, I beg that Standing Order No. 25 be amended as follows; Amend Standing Order 25 by inserting a new clause to read as follows-

Designation of a place in the Chamber for the County Executive Committee Member.

- The Speaker may designate a suitable place in the Chamber of the Assembly for a County Executive Committee Member to expound on government policy, reply to Questions, and provide Reports concerning matters under his or her control;

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Chairperson: I now call the mover to reply

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Hon. Chair, is that the way to go?

Chairperson: Yes. I have been in this business for three years and therefore, I hardly make mistakes. If I proposed the question and debates are not raised, we have got no option but to reply.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: I think Hon. Leshuel is asking about the seconder.

Chairperson: Today, things are moving very well and rules are relaxed. Hon. Mwaniki, I am going to lend you one seconder for free on your right. He is going to second.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chairperson, I request Hon. Kaniaru to second.

Hon. Denis Kaniaru: I second.

Chairperson: We are in debate session. I now call the mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, for the support.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

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(Standing order No. 25 as amended agreed to)

Standing Order No. 40

(Question proposed)

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chairperson, I beg to move that Standing Order No. 40 be amended as follows;

Amend Standing Order 40 by adding the words **"a tentative list of County Executive Committee Members scheduled to reply to Questions and provide Reports to the Assembly,"** so that it may read as follows-

Weekly programmes of the business of the Assembly. The Clerk shall prepare and publish weekly programmes showing the business of the Assembly, a tentative list of County Executive Committee Members scheduled to reply to Questions and provide Reports to the Assembly, and the schedule of sittings of the various committees; and shall circulate such programmes to Members, County Departments, and the media not later than the Friday of the week preceding such business.

I request Hon. Lempaira to second.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: I second.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Chairperson: Debate. I now call the mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Chairperson for the robust discussion.

(Question of the amendment put)

(Question put and agreed to)

(Standing order No. 40 as amended agreed to)

Standing Order No. 41(1) (vii)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chairperson, I beg to move that Standing Order No. 41 (1) (vii) be amended as follows;

Amend Standing Order 41 (1) (vii) to add the word "Questions" and to add a new clause, being 3A. "On Wednesday afternoon, Questions and Reports by County Executive Committee Members shall have priority over all other business for a period not exceeding three hours", so that it reads as follows-

Sequence of proceedings

41. (1) each day after Prayers have been said and the Assembly has been called to order, the Business of the House shall be proceeded with in the following sequence—

i. Administration of Oath;

ii. Communication from the Chair;

iii. Messages;

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iv. Petitions;

v. Papers;

vi. Notices of Motion;

vii. Questions and Statements;

viii. Motions and Bills.

(2) Business shall be disposed of in the sequence in which it appears in the Order Paper or in such other sequence as the Speaker may, for the convenience of the Assembly, direct.

(3) On Wednesday morning, a Bill or a motion not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or by a Committee shall have precedence over all other business in such order as the County Assembly Business Committee shall ballot.

(3A) On Wednesday afternoon, Questions and Reports by County Executive Committee Members shall have priority over all other business for a period not exceeding three hours.

(4) The Speaker shall direct the Clerk to read the Orders of the Day without question put.

I request Hon. Kanyutu to second.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: I second.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Chairperson: I now call the mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: I thank the Members for discussion.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

(Standing order No. 41(1) (vii) as amended agreed to)

Part IX

(Question proposed)

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: I beg to move that Part IX in the Standing Orders be amended as follows;

43A. (1) A Member proposing to ask a Question in the Assembly shall give notice to the Clerk.

(2) The Member shall deliver a signed copy of the proposed Question to the Clerk for submission to the Speaker for approval.

(3) Where the Speaker approves a Question and determines the County Executive Committee Members responsible for the matters to which it relates, the Clerk shall, at an appropriate time, publish the Question in the Order paper.

(4) In scheduling a Question in the Order Paper, the Clerk shall consider the urgency of the Question as determined by the Speaker.

(5) The Leader of the Majority Party shall inform the House of the date, time, and order in which County Executive Committee Members shall appear to reply to Questions and provide Reports to the Assembly and committees, subject to paragraph (6).

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(5A) A Member shall ask his or her Question on the day it is scheduled in the Order Paper.

In determining the date and time when a County Executive Committee Member shall be required to answer a Question, the Leader of the Majority Party shall consider the urgency of the Question as determined by the Speaker.

(6A) The Speaker may vary the order in which questions shall be disposed of or defer a Question scheduled to be responded to.

(6B) A County Executive Committee Member shall attend and answer any Question concerning matters for which the County Executive Committee Member is responsible.

Where the Minority Party is the party forming the County Government, the duties under paragraphs (5) and (6) shall be undertaken by the Leader of the Minority Party.

General rules on Questions

43 B. (1) these rules apply to Questions raised in the Assembly and replied to in the Assembly or before a committee.

(2) Except as the Speaker may otherwise allow, a Member may not ask a Question which—

(a) is in effect a speech;

(b) is lengthy;

(c) is limited to giving information;

d) Is framed so as to suggest its own reply or to convey a particular point of view;

(e) includes extracts from newspapers or quotations from speeches;

(f) contains any argument, inference, opinion, imputation or ironical or offensive expression or epithet;

(g) seeks an expression of opinion;

(h) repeats in substance a matter already addressed by a Committee of the Assembly or in the course of debate in the Assembly during the same Session;

(i) refers to more than one subject;

(j) includes the name of a person or a statement not strictly necessary to render the Question intelligible;

(k) contains an allegation which the Member is not prepared to substantiate;

(l) implies an allegation of a personal nature or which reflects upon the conduct of a person whose conduct can only be challenged through a substantive motion or upon the conduct of any other person, otherwise than in that person's official or public capacity;

(m) relates to a matter which is *sub judice* or which by any written law is secret pursuant to

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(n) Falls within the functions and powers of the National government as contemplated under Part I of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution;

(o) seeks a reply that is readily available in ordinary works of reference or official publications;

(p) refers discourteously to a friendly country, a Head of State or the Government, or the representative in Kenya of a friendly country; or

(q) Refers to a matter under consideration by the Assembly or a Committee.

(3) A Member shall take responsibility for the accuracy of the facts upon which a Question is based.

(4) A Member may, with leave of the Speaker, ask a supplementary question to a Question raised in the Assembly before it is referred to a County Executive Committee Member for reply.

(5) Where the Member scheduled to raise a Question in the Assembly is absent without the Speaker's permission, the Question shall be dropped and no further proceedings shall be allowed on the Question during the same session.

(5A) A Member scheduled to ask a Question in the Assembly may—

(a) Request the Speaker to defer a Question to another time or day;

(b) Withdraw a Question where it has been overtaken by events; or

(c) At least two hours before a sitting, nominate another Member to ask the Question in his or her absence by notifying the Speaker in writing;

(6) The Speaker may defer a Question to a different time or day from its scheduled time and day.

(7) A Question may include a request for a Report from a County Executive Committee Member concerning matters under the control of the County Executive Committee Member.

Manner of disposing of Questions

43C. (1) A County Executive Committee Member shall provide physical and electronic copies of the reply to a Question at least a day before appearing before the Assembly.

(2) Subject to Standing Order 43A (Notice of Question), the Assembly shall dispose of a Question in the sequence it appears in the Schedule of Questions or as the Speaker may direct.

(3) The Speaker may—

(a) Permit the Member who raised a Question to ask a maximum of two supplementary Questions that relate to the original Question;

b) Permit a Member other than the Member who asked a Question to ask a further supplementary Question that relates to the original Question;

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(c) Direct a County Executive Committee Member to provide additional information or a further reply to a Question or supplementary Questions to the relevant committee of the Assembly; or (d) defer a Question to a different time or day from its scheduled time and day.

(4) A County Executive Committee Member shall reply to a Question on the day it is scheduled for reply, notwithstanding the absence of the Member who raised the Question.

Questions for written reply

43D. Where a Member prefers a written reply to his or her Question –

a) The Speaker shall direct that a written reply be provided in respect of the Question; and

b) The Clerk shall forward the Question to the relevant County Executive Committee Member and, upon receipt, provide the written reply to the Member.

Timeline for reply

43E.

1) Subject to paragraph (2), a County Executive Committee Member shall reply to a Question within fourteen days of referral of the Question.

2) Where the Speaker determines a Question to be urgent, a County Executive Committee Member shall reply to the Question within forty-eight hours of referral of the Question.

Report on Questions

43F. The Chairperson of a Committee shall, by way of a Statement, report to the Assembly on Questions –

a) Referred to the Committee;

b) Replied to;

c) Which the Committee has directed a County Executive Committee Member to provide additional information or further reply; and

d) Pending before the Committee.

Hon. Chairperson, I call upon Hon. Leila to second.

The Chairperson: Hon. Leila Hussein?

Hon. Leila Hussein: I second.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Chairperson: The mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chairperson, I thank the Hon. Members for their discussion on the same. Thank you.

(Question of the amendment put and agreed to)

(Part 9 as amended agreed to)

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REPORT

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chairperson, I beg to move that;

THAT the Committee of the Whole House do report to the Assembly its considerations of the Laikipia County Assembly Standing Orders and its approval thereof without amendments.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The House resumed)

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

Speaker: Honourable members, I now give this opportunity for the Chair to report to the House.

REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

Chairperson: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I take this opportunity with gratitude to report to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered the Laikipia County Assembly Standing Orders and is approval thereof with amendment. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. I now give the mover of the motion to take up the floor.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said report.

Speaker: Do you have a seconder?

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Honourable Speaker, I do have a seconder. I request Honourable Gatati to second this motion.

Speaker: The Hon. Gatati.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: I second, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I open the floor for the Members who may need to contribute. Honourable Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I stand in support of the amendment of the Standing Orders. It has been overdue. It has taken some time. We are happy that finally it is here so that we can have time with some of the CECMs or COs in the Chambers directly to answer some of the questions that we are having concerning some of the departments they are heading. Mr. Speaker, now we are dealing with a very funny Executive.

Everybody is contesting for something. So, we are not sure whether they will even have time to come and answer our questions or they will be down in the streets and in the villages doing their campaigns. It is also good that this is now a law. It is now part of our Standing Orders. So, at least they can also come here and explore some of the policies they are shouting

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very high on top of their costs down in the streets. It is good that we will have them to come here and explain some of these issues in plain language that everybody can understand.

So, I stand in support of the motion only that the UDA part must also do their legal part. In these Standing Orders, we are giving one absent man a role to determine when these guys can answer these questions. And when we say the Leader of Majority, we don't mean the minority whip or the minority whatever. We mean the Majority Leader. It is also time that the UDA take time and put their House in order so that we can have leaders who are present in the House.

The agendas that we have, that the Executive need to respond, we don't have people working for other people and others are leading demonstrations in the other side of the county. It is only in Laikipia where the Leader of Majority is actually on top of vehicles demonstrating against a government that is supporting the leader.

Speaker: Hon. Anthony, what is it? Just a minute.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Mr. Speaker, I stand on the point of clarification to one of my friends, Hon. Nicholas Lempaira. I think he should stick to the debate. It is not about the UDA and everything. I think it was just a by the way. So, he should not take advantage of attacking us through the UDA. We know we have a problem just like they have their problem. They don't know how to make a government.

They are only good in entering the House through the windows and everywhere. Mr. Speaker. I think he should follow us. So, as much as he is attacking the UDA, he should attack himself first, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Anthony, you wanted a clarification. Did you wanted him to clarify to you or you wanted to clarify to him?

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Whatever he is debating on here, Mr. Speaker, we are not discussing the Majority Leader and the UDA Party. I want him to clarify where is the UDA. The UDA government and majority leader are concerned with this document, Mr. Speaker. This is only one line. There are so many things to discuss and I wish he does not go that way.

Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I think on my end, I would like to say to the Deputy Speaker, if that is what Hon. Theuri will understand more. I don't know whether you read what we just passed. Or you just sit there and read the whole house, not reading these things. It clearly says that it is the Majority Leader to organize the Executive on how to respond to these questions and you are a witness.

When was the last time you saw your Majority Leader here? You speak through the Speaker. Let me look at you, if that is how you look. Mr. Speaker, when we mean UDA must put their House in order is because their Majority Leader affects the business of this House. It affects all of us AND it is wrong for them to let one person work for two positions.

If they think that the Majority Leader is not capable of coming to this House, then we promote the Deputy Majority to be the Majority Leader so that the business of this House should go clearly. I am not discussing things that are out of this report. This is a report that affects how these CECMs will be coming here.

When you read at 43(5); *the Leader of the Majority party shall inform the House of the date, time, and order in which County Executive Committee Members shall appear to reply to*

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questions and provide reports to the Assembly and committee subject to paragraph 6. This is one person who is rarely in this House. When we give him such a role, it is either two ways; he appears in the House or he gives the role to other Members.

I am sure UDA is not short of Members. It is not short of leaders. That is when we say we need them to be here; we don't have any ill motive. It is the truth and it is a fact. So, when we say they should not be here, we are not attacking the UDA as a government. We are attacking one part of you that needs to be corrected. If the reality is wrong to tell you, UDA go sit down and correct your mess. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Lempaira. I now want to give the chance to the Hon. Mugweru.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also rise to support the motion on the amendments. Hon. Speaker, because we are the same people who have discussed it in the Committee of the Whole House, I may not say much. But Hon. Speaker, now that we have new rules for that, it is so important to all of us. This time, Hon. Speaker, if you ask these Members, if it was tomorrow, they would bring all of them hour by hour because we are in problems, probably none of them. We would bring them tomorrow.

So, Hon. Speaker, I even call the clerk assistant, to give the Members the copies, the hard copies of this to go and study properly on the process because it is coming. In fact, we were discussing here with Hon. Lempaira on the issue of the 14 days. You are saying I wish it was three days. Hon. Speaker, we need this. It is even overtaken by time. We call upon them to give us the hard copies so that we may internalize properly the new rules, so that probably from the next week or the next week but one, we may start seeing them flowing here.

We have a lot that we need from them. On that part because we want them here, whatever it costs us, whether it is looking for the Majority Leader, wherever he is, I really support, but that was an oversight. we could have given at least the Majority Leader and the Chief Whip, so that if one is not in, the other one can do but when we say “shall” it is not good. It is not prudent, but because we don't want to go back, it is a great milestone.

We will approve it, but we will work hard. Every office should at least give two people, because one might be sick, one might not be available, and then the other one would take over. So, Hon. Speaker, I don’t know about that name “shall”. I think we need to look at it in the future, but for now, let us go with it this way so that we may fight the external war. When we finish the external war, we will come back to our internal war. Thank you.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I take this opportunity to support the same and also to contribute. I was the Chair there so there was no way I could control the debate and also contribute. I take this opportunity to say this is a very noble idea, and I also had seen that Hon. Mugweru had said Mr. Speaker but all is not lost. There are several ways to do the same and as much as I want to defend my party, we have our individual problems, and as he has properly said, we are not short of leaders.

Hon. Wachuka from Igwamiti is the Deputy Majority and she is very active. She can stand up to that and we will be using her in all matters. Why am I happy on this debate? One, because it is going to boost the quorum in this House. Secondly, we are going to regain our respect as Honourable Members in this House. Every now and then, this House has been complaining that the *Waziris*, as they call themselves, have not been responding to their calls. It is a shame, and we are the very senior in this House, Mr. Speaker.

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We are the only people who cannot be impeached in this Constitution. Mr. Speaker, you can hardly impeach an MCA. We can impeach the Governor, the Deputy Governor which might be very soon. We can also impeach the CECM. Mr. Speaker, you can now imagine that with all that mind, somebody we vetted here cannot be responding to MCAs.

Mr. Speaker, we have not employed ourselves. As much as I applaud the praises to these, they carry the burden of our people and especially us who live in the urban areas. Now we have a lot of problems in hospitals. If you try calling the CECM of the said, he will not pick up your call. Mr. Speaker, he cannot even pick your call; because I am answerable to people, we shall be calling him here or her. You never know and that gallery will be full.

People will be seeing what we are doing here. People are very noisy outside there, Mr. Speaker. They are very noisy. They are very busy campaigning, including some Members of this House, but when they come here, you may wonder. They become mute, they see no evil, they do no evil and they cannot do anything. Outside there, they are the masters of gossip.

They are the masters of shouting one term and two terms. They are the masters of seeing who is not doing whatever and doing what but now we have the opportunity here. I have in my feeling that very soon the National Constitution is going to be amended. The MCA, the MP and the Senators will be having the laws defined well. That is Representation, Legislation and Oversight. Mr. Speaker, I wonder those people who are very good outside there and the members who will be here to represent.

That is going to be a challenge. I take this opportunity to tell the youth especially to take this opportunity and exercise man power. Tomorrow you will be the president, the MP, or the Governor yet you are not taking advantage of the same. I urge every committee to make sure that every week we have a CECM here and you are going to see the improvement. Most of them, unless we are complaining that they are campaigning, they will not have to complain because we will be asking the question that they have to be answerable and the public will be doing the same.

At the end of the day, we might be the cure of the nonsense that is going on here that everyone wants to buy this or that seat. Mr. Speaker I urge this House to take advantage of bringing business of the same every week. Come with a question and the question cannot come if you are not on the ground. Go and engage your people, the stakeholders and the institution and come with credible questions and I tell you, Mr. Speaker, you are going to see a very big change in the leadership and also on the implementation of the projects.

It is important that I remind these people that implementation is not of this House. Implementation is from the executive. So, while we hold them accountable, implementation and absorption of the budget will be of top notion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also want to support the amendment of the Standing Order. Hon. Speaker, I think this is what we refer in the Bible, the Damascus moment when you remember very well in the Bible when someone was called Saul was going to Damascus and fell. For those people like Hon. Kaniaru who do not attend church, I want to give him the story of Damascus.

There was someone called Saul and he was going to Damascus. Hon. Speaker, on his way, Saul fell down and heard a voice form God. God was asking Saul; “Saul! Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me? You see Hon. Kaniaru is not conversant with the story. Later Saul changed to Paul. So, I think these are Damascus moments and the reason why I am saying it is a Damascus moment, is because we ought to have started with changing these Standing Orders.

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In the same Bible in some philosophical books, they say sometimes you start with the body and finish with the spirit. So, we started with the body and now we are finishing with the spirit. This is what we ought to have started with. All in all, we have not lost everything. I think this is a very important moment and I want to echo the same words Hon. Lempaira said on the issue of the Leader of majority.

That is a very vital thing in these changes because these CECMs must be taking advantage of the absence of the Leader of Majority. The law now is saying that the Leader of majority will be the one who will be coordinating or in charge. So, it is good to face the reality and let's not hide our heads in the sand because we might pass a very good thing then meet another barrier ahead. I think if it takes getting someone else to act as a Leader of Majority. We have only two years and time waits for no king.

We are not attacking a person; we are attacking the office of the Leader of the Majority because you cannot be a Leader of Majority here with perennial absence. You are never present here and you represent the government business. What you are doing, you are leading demonstrations in the streets. I am open and I face the reality and I don't fear anyone. I don't need anyone's house. If you are demonstrating against the government, you are representing then you are saying you are the Leader of Majority in this House.

How can you be a Leader of Majority and you are demonstrating? So, it is the high time we be serious brothers and sisters and Honourable Members. Let's not stick things because Hon. Mwaniki is my friend so I cannot say anything bad about him. No. We are not attacking the persona, we are attacking the office you hold. Yesterday, Hon. Speaker, someone gave me a very important information.

He said that Hon. Gachagua as a person is not a very good person but the Wamunyoro movement is a very strong movement which is a fact, because we need to be factual. That person was telling me he is a very close person to Gachagua. He told me that Gachagua as a person is not a very good person. But you cannot ignore the Wamunyoro movement. You know I come from Kiamariga whereby it is the same Kiamariga in Mathira; so, I know the movement there. Hon. Speaker, I think these are very timely things.

I can see hope now and I can see light at the end of the tunnel. I can see the things that I have been saying in this Bunge, now the Hon. Members have opened their eyes. God willing and I know God will bring some of us back here and others will be going to the Senate, National Assembly, Governor's position and other big positions. In life, we always have an upward mobility. I come back here as Mugambi Gatati, I will start with a high gear from day 1.

We have wasted a clean sheet of three years just moving around here. Some of these CECMs when they come to our villages, they insult us. I am a victim. I have suffered for three years and I was bringing it here and some of the Members were laughing at me but we are now roasted in the same pan. Sometimes, when someone is telling you a story, it looks like these are stories of Demi and Madhavi. These are like strange stories.

Some people, I was telling them that there was a time we went for a meeting in my ward and one of the CECMs took over as the MC. I was pinned down in that meeting and even they attacked the MCA telling the community that the MCA is fighting the government. The reason I was told that I am fighting the government is because I was just asking what I was brought here to ask. Then it was interpreted that I am fighting the government. Right now, I am very happy I am the number one now supporter of the government.

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So, if you bring me something to sign to impeach the Governor Irungu, I cannot sign. If you bring anything here to impeach the Speaker, I cannot sign. In fact, even I cannot sign to impeach a security guard there. I cannot sign anything. Now I just want us to do good policies that will deliver to the people. Now I will direct the energy towards my ward so that I can see whether I will survive the ocean currents. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mugambi. I want to give the chance to Hon. Kanyutu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the amendment, and I appreciate the sentiments I am getting from Members. On my part, I was just enjoying being on the ground. The incidences that I have experienced… As we were deliberating previously on our report, having vetted another person who has roots in Marmanet. I was just trying to do some calculations on people with roots in Marmanet. Whenever those people pay a visit, the sentiments they make sometimes make me wonder.

Mr. Speaker, I am a bit concerned with a specific department, the Health Department. I am sure that were it not for the concern being raised by Members that we may have goodwill but with no one to present it; I wonder about the Majority Leader. You know, we gave the Majority and the Middle but not the Minority. I am sure that myself and Hon. Shuel are the minority in this House. ODM has three Members; we are only two. So, the two of us are the minority. I am being interrupted by a Hon. Member here.

I am sure we are going to have a good procedure on how that issue can be tackled because we have so many issues but they are never presented in the Assembly as per the requirements. In case there is any requirement, we need to sit down as a House and decide how we will progress.

Being the Leader of Marmanet. I think about four of the nominees that we have approved here have their roots in Marmanet. Some who come from far also have their roots, I do not know whether it is because Ngobit was a settlers' village some time back. However, I would wish that we try to uphold and follow these amendments. I am sure we will be able to tame the Executive. As we speak now, they have freedom. Sometimes, even getting in touch with them is an issue. Even picking a call is an issue.

However, Mr. Speaker, now we have a program on how we can be tackling that issue in the Assembly. I will, for instance, be aware that I have an issue on Wednesday evening. So, I will be at the Assembly very early in the morning to ensure that I organize all my questions. When they are unable to respond, these Members are the ones who will propose that we need to do away with them. At the moment, however, I cannot say we are toothless but we are clawless, because we have not scratched anyone. I support the amendment.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kanyutu. Hon. Shuel?

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also stand to support the amendments. Today is a very good day for us that we are going to pass these amendments. It is true that if we do not make good policies, we will fail on the issue of implementation. I want to tell Members that in politics, what is remembered is only the starting and the ending. We might have started badly but I can see light ahead because we are in a good spirit. Why do I say that?

Mr. Speaker, I am imagining when you call the CECM for water, for instance, to this House to elaborate on the projects they have implemented in the last three years, and every Member will be present here. So, when he talks about Mukogodo East, for instance, I can stand and confirm that the project is there. When he talks about Umande, the Member for Umande

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can stand and say whether that project is complete or not. I do not know what some of those people will say.

What is now required of the Members of this House is to come up with a schedule on how we will go about summoning them to this House, so that we can start doing so probably next week or the week after. Implementation is key. We pass the budget but do not see implementation of projects on the ground. This is now the time to decide how and when we are going to start. Those are the only things remaining for us to do. I am sure those people who are going around campaigning and looking for money to give to the people will stop doing so.

The reason why all members of the Executive moved to Rumuruti quickly is to avoid meeting with Members of this House. I can tell you so because all of them will say that they are in Rumuruti and probably they are not there. None of those executives will sit in the office for two hours. They are just in hotels, but what are they doing there? If you want to fail in this world; if you do not go to the office to peruse and sign documents, how do you then go around talking when you do not even know what is in the budget?

Mr. Speaker, it is now time for us to come together as a House and summon these people to this House. The other thing, and we do not take this for granted, is that this House is a House of law. We have a clear position in this House given by the law. If there is a vacancy, then we need to fill it. The Office of the Majority Leader is a very big office. We have just been watching because we are the minority. The Members who are the Majority in this House… sometimes they complain and call themselves the government, but we do not have a person who is representing them as the Majority Leader.

What they have is people who speak on behalf of him. Let me tell you what the law says about that. If we pass a very serious issue in this House today and it is supposed to be tabled by the Majority Leader, and someone tabled it in their absence, it will be revoked in a court of law. That is the fact. If we pass a serious issue today without a substantive Speaker, that thing will be revoked. So, when you come here and say I am moving on behalf, where is that person that you are moving on behalf.

That person is earning the responsibility allowances and what is the meaning of responsibility allowances including the ones we are earning as the committees. Responsibilities allowances mean you are given something because you have a task that you are performing in the position you are holding in that department. Why does someone have to be given it while doing nothing? Mr. Speaker for your information there is a Standing order that gives way forward.

If Hon. Leshuel gets lost for a period of 2 years, am I representing the people of Mukogodo East? Then why do you have to be seated there watching people of Mokogodo East suffer for not being represented? Hon. Speaker, you are at the eyes of this House. We cannot sit here allowing Hon. Leshuel not to come to this Assembly for a period of 3 years. Then my people are seated because they cannot access here, they do not know. They think I am representing them here.

Speaker: Just a minute Hon. Leshuel, what is it Hon. Lempaira?

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, I think we need clarification from Hon. Leshuel, because he just raised very serious allegations against you, that you are allowing someone to be lost for two years. So, we need clarification on that because we cannot pay somebody salary who got lost 2 years ago.

Speaker: Let the Honourable Member make the clarification, Hon. Leshuel proceed.

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Hon. Paul Leshuel: Hon. Speaker, if the Members want me to table the report, because I am speaking something that is not tangible. If I were to present a clear report, somebody will go home because it is clear. You know, this thing is on record even though we do not have references to tell us that so and so got in the House, but we have records. Mr. Speaker, how many times have we tabled issues on behalf of someone? If you count, that can tell you that the person got lost how many years ago.

Mr. Speaker, what I am deriving is that we are now going to a serious business. That is what I want to tell this House that need every person to stand and play his role. So, if someone was joking, he needs to leave jokes aside and come to this House. Hon. Speaker, that is the point I am driving. we are now going to a serious business. I want to tell the majority team from UDA that you should now mobilize your people, fill your position, organize yourselves so that anything that come to this House that need the majority team who are government representative to table, we will be okay.

Mr. Speaker, I know the opposition have been married by the government and I do not know if the Independent Party will be the opposition so that we can be able to move a serious business. We will be able to move a serious business thing. Hon. Speaker, protect me because that is very true. The opposition leader is in the government and that is very true.

Speaker: Hon. Leshuel just a minute, Hon. Umija.

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to tell Hon. Leshuel that he has no right to speak on behalf of our party. So, Hon. Leshuel you have no mandate to speak on behalf of our party or you should withdraw your statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Lempaira hold on. Let Hon. Shuel respond.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Mr. Speaker, I am just driving a point that everybody should stand in their position. If you are the opposition, stand in the opposition. If you are the government, stand in the government side. It is in the record and it is not guessing and it is known that it is not about guessing. It is known that the opposition is the government. I want to stop there. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Please allow us to proceed. Allow me to call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. This has been a very fruitful and constructive discussion. It reflects the renewed spirit of this House. From what I have observed, it appears that every Member has actively engaged with this issue.

Mr. Speaker, what has been passed here today marks a new direction for this Assembly. The Members have deliberated on this matter with great sensitivity. The Standing Orders—these are the rules that govern this House—are man-made. What has been troubling this House are rules that had never been formally adopted by this Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

Now, power has been granted to the Assembly to carry out its duties diligently and effectively. As Hon. Leshuel and Hon. Gatati have rightly pointed out, the document we are passing today contains a clause specifically concerning the Majority Leader. It calls upon the leader of the majority party, who also serves as the Majority Leader of this House. This is a matter of serious concern within our party, and we must engage with it thoroughly. He is not only the Majority Leader of our party but also of this House.

The concern raised by this House is of great importance. There is only a slight distinction between the Majority Leader of the party and the Majority Leader of the House. In

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other words, they are nearly identical roles. Hon. Leshuel has expressed frustration with the House, although I am unsure whether he will be granted another opportunity to clarify his position. According to his earlier remarks, Hon. Lempaira's dismissal of the issue seemed to prevail, but we must clarify what Hon. Leshuel was referring to, as he raised a valid concern.

Hon. Speaker, by initiating this new path in accordance with the Standing Orders, you are calling upon the leadership of this House to remain steadfast. If we are able to summon the Chief Officer or the County Executive Committee (CEC) to appear before this House, and the Majority Leader is absent, it leads to disappointment.

Let me read: *"The Majority Leader shall inform the House of the date, time, and order in which County Executive Committee Members shall appear to respond to questions and provide reports to the Assembly and its committees, subject to paragraph six."* The Honourable Majority Leader must be present if business is to be conducted on behalf of the House.

Therefore, we cannot proceed with the impeachment of a CEC Member if the Majority Leader has not formally presented the matter before the House. From today onward, it becomes your responsibility, Hon. Speaker, to ensure that Members are able to summon the Executive and pursue implementation matters effectively.

Hon. Leshuel is being held accountable by the public on issues related to implementation and education. The classrooms that were scheduled for construction last year remain incomplete. Furthermore, he is being criticized by the people of Mukogodo East for these unfulfilled projects.

The practice of presenting business on behalf of others in this House must come to an end. We require a substantive Majority Leader who can represent both the government and the Members of this House, as stipulated in today's Standing Orders.

I thank all Members for their contributions. This discussion demonstrates the seriousness of the issues affecting our constituents. Hon. Gatati has previously faced similar scrutiny and is not prepared to go through it again. We urge all Members of this House to take the necessary steps so that we may expedite the implementation of the resolutions passed in this Assembly. Thank you, Members and Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwaniki. Now that we have had ample time for robust debate.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until later today Tuesday, 7th October, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 12.15p.m.

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