REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 8th August, 2025

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.00 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

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LABOUR COMMITTEE VETTING REPORT ON MS. AGNES KESHINE, MEMBER LAIKIPIA COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Catherine Umija: Hon. Speaker, I want to lay the following paper;

Report by the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services committee on the vetting of Ms. Agnes Keshine, nominee for position of member of Laikipia County Public Service Board.

Thank you.

(Hon. Catherine Umija laid the Paper on the Table)

NOTICE OF MOTION

LABOUR COMMITTEE VETTING REPORT ON MS. AGNES KESHINE, MEMBER LAIKIPIA COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Catherine Umija: Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services in its report on the vetting of the nominee for Appointment to the Office of Member, Laikipia County Public Service Board and pursuant to the provisions of Section 58(1b) and Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, this House approves the appointment of Ms. Agnes Keshine as a Member to the Laikipia County Public Service Board.

Thank you.

MOTION

LABOUR COMMITTEE VETTING REPORT ON MS. AGNES KESHINE, MEMBER LAIKIPIA COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Chairperson of the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services in its report on the vetting of the nominee for

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Appointment to the Office of Member, Laikipia County Public Service Board and pursuant to the provisions of Section 58(1b) and Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, this House approves the appointment of Ms. Agnes Keshine as a Member to the Laikipia County Public Service Board.

Appointment process of Ms. Agnes Nkalia Keshine as a member to the Laikipia County Public Service Board (LCPSB)

On 17th September, 2025, the Hon. Speaker through a Communication informed the House that the Clerk of the County Assembly had received the details of the above nominee and directed that the name and Curriculum Vitae of the said nominees be referred to the Labor, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee for vetting and reporting to the House.

Notification to the Public

Section 6(2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 provides that, *"An appointing authority shall, in issuing a notice under subsection (1), notify the members of the public on the proposed nomination through such media and platforms established under Section 91 of the County Governments Act as it considers appropriate".*

On Friday 19th September, 2025, *(Annexure i)* the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statement on oath (sworn affidavit) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee. The submissions were to be received by Thursday, 25th September, 2025.

Submission of the Memoranda

Pursuant to Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Committee invited submissions from the public on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees for Appointment as a member of the Laikipia County Public Service Board.

Issues for consideration during the approval hearing

The Committee observed that the issues for consideration in relation to the nomination and approval exercise are as provided under Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, as follows: -

- *The procedure used to arrive at the nominees;*
- *The constitutional and statutory requirements relating to the office in question; and*
- *The suitability of the nominee for the appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominees' abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the board to which the nomination is being made.*

Approval Hearings of the Nominee

The Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee held a sitting on Wednesday 17th September, 2025 to deliberate on the approval hearings and agreed on the following:

i. To have the public notice in the papers on 19th September, 2025;

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ii. To receive the documents from the nominees and memoranda from the public by 25th September, 2025.

iii. To undertake vetting of the nominees on Monday 29th September 2025.

iv. To conduct the vetting process while examining the nominees against the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government (Amendment) Act, 2020 and the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

The committee held a sitting on Monday 29th 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 received a duly filled questionnaire by the nominee.
- That, the nominees 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 hearings 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 examined the nominee against the following criteria, amongst others, in accordance with 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

Self-introduction and Educational Background

The nominee is a Kenyan female born on 26th June 1985; she hails from Laikipia North Sub-County. She is a holder of:

1. Master's Degree in Public Administration from University of Nairobi (2015-2018)
2. Bachelor of Commerce Degree from University of Nairobi (2006 to 2010)

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3. KCSE Certificate from Chogoria Girls High School (2001 to 2004)
4. KCPE Certificate from Ewaso Primary School (1992 to 2000)

Professional Background

The nominee stated that she has worked in the following entities;

i. International Conservation Caucus Foundation Program Coordinator-Kenya from June 2018 to March 2019.

ii. County Executive Committee Member in County Administration and Public Service in the Couty Government of Laikipia from May 2013 to October 2017

iii. Deputy Registration Officer, Laikipia North Constituency (IEBC) from November 2012 to 4th April 2013.

iv. OLGABOLI BANDAS as an Operations Manager.

v. Ilmotiok Primary as a PTA Teacher.

General Sector and Specific Questions

On what is her understanding of the role of the County Public Service Board, the nominee proved that she understands the role of the CPSB clearly, and she understood what her role will be in the event she is approved.

On how, if offered the opportunity to serve, she will handle members of the Executive, the nominee replied that if approved by the Assembly, she will ensure that professionalism is adhered to the core. Professionalism incorporates issues of integrity, respect, time and communication. She stated that, together with other members of the County Public Service Board, they will work together and ensure that they execute their roles.

Committee's Observations

i. That, the nominee had satisfied the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity.

ii. That, she had 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.

iii. That, in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution of Kenya, she is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship and is therefore fit to hold office as a member of Laikipia County Public Service Board (LCPSB);

iv. That, she has never been charged in a Court of Law.

v. That, she had not been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of County Assembly or any Commission of Inquiry.

vi. That, the nominee exhibited impressive knowledge of topical issues touching on the Laikipia County Public Service Board and had the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience.

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Committee's Recommendation

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Pursuant to Section 58A (8) of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, 2020 and Standing Order No. 191 (5) (f), the Committee recommends that this House APPROVES the nomination of Ms. Agnes Nkalia Keshine, appointed by H.E the Governor as a member of the Laikipia County Public Service Board.

Above all, I would like to thank the Office of the Speaker for giving us support to ensure that the committee does its work well. I would also like to commend Members of the committee for ensuring that this work is done on time. I hope that this House will approve the nomination of Ms. Agnes in this Assembly. I would like to ask Hon. Stephen Ndiritu to second the motion.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono ripoti ya kupitisha Keshine kuwa mwanakamati wa Bodi. Tulimpiga msasa inavyotakikana kisheria. Alijileta mwenyewe kama mwenye mswada alivyoeleza, na amehitimu. Anao uwezo na ujuzi ya kutosha kutekeleza majukumu ya mwanakamati wa Bodi ya Huduma za Kaunti.

Bwana Spika, kinachonifanya niuafiki huu mswada ni kuwa tulimwuliza maswali hapa na akaweza kuyajibu yote na tukaona ni mtu ambaye anafaa kuketi katika ile kamati. Bila kusema mengi, najua Keshine ni mtu wa Laikipia. Ameshawahi kuwa CECM katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Keshine ametoka katika sehemu moja ya wakilishi ya wadi ya Mukogodo West na kwa hivyo ni mtu ambaye anaeleweka.

Vilevile anaishi hapa mjini. Hakuna mtu haelewi Keshine. Wajumbe ambao wako hapa wanamjua na kuelewa ile kazi anaweza kufanya. Bila kusema mengi naomba wale wako hapa hata kama hawataongea kwa kauli moja, tupitishe akae katika ile bodi na ndio tukae na usawa katika vikao vyote vya bodi. Pia tuhakikishe Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia imewakilishwa na kabila zote. Asante na naunga mkono.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Honourable members, I want to open the floor for the members who may need to contribute to the debate and therefore call upon and give the floor to the Hon. Kanyutu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono Agnes Keshine vile ameletwa Bunge. Naunga mkono kwa maana jana kuna mtu alikataa kumuunga mkono kwa maana hamjui. Namuunga mkono na simjui. Vile kamati imempitisha, nikasema nisimame nimuunge mkono ili mwenzangu siku ingine nikileta mwingine, asiseme hamjui. Sio lazima uwe unajua mtu. Kama kamati imeketi na kudhibitisha kwamba huyu anafaa, siwezi pinga.

Kama kamati imeona yuko sawa, hata siku ingine nikileta mtu wa kamati yangu anastahili afuate. Naunga mkono. Sijawahi muona lakini nimesikia fununu kuna waziri fulani wako na uhusiano kidogo na yeye. Kama unafaa, tunakupitisha ili maendeleo inakuja Laikipia. Atakuwa daraja tukitaka kufikia mkubwa. Hii mambo itakuwa sawa. Asante na naunga mkono.

Hon. Salim Edung: Asante Bwana, Spika. Naunga mkono huu mjadala wa kupitisha Agnes Keshine kwa sababu yuko na uzoefu. Tukiangalia nyaraka zilizo fanywa, amefanya kazi mingi na amekuwa waziri katika Kaunti hii. Tunaunga mkono na kupitisha kwa sababu atatufanyia kazi na pia atakuwa na wale wengine katika bodi ya uajiri na kazi itakuwa sawa. Naunga mkono. Asante.

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Hon. Mary Gathoni: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono. Sio kwa sababu ninamjua lakini ni kwa sababu leo hii mwanamke ameshinda. Ombi langu ni kwamba asiwe anashughulikia tu mahali ametoka lakini Laikipia yote. Asante.

Hon. Eunice Moile: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Mimi naunga mkono kwa sababu Agnes ni mama kama mimi. Ninajua ya kwamba ataenda kufanya kazi nzuri.

Hon. Dennis Kaniaru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity first to thank the committee for doing a good work of scrutiny. Personally, I believe that Agnes Keshine will be able to work. I believe that she has the ability and capacity in the work that she requested.

As I was going through the report, I have seen that she has the capacity because she is from Laikipia and she knows all the dynamics in Laikipia. I also believe that she is equal to the task. So, I support. Thank you.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand in support of the motion, nominating Agnes for the position of the board. She comes from Mukogodo West. She is a very hard-working lady, educated and I believe that she will deliver to the expectations of the Members of this House and to the Laikipians at large. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Allow me now to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Catherine Umija: Asante, Bwana Spika. Wenzangu wameniuliza niweze kuongea kwa lugha ya Kiswahili. Nitajaribu vile nitakavyo weza. Nataka kushukuru Wabunge wenzangu kwa vile wamekubaliana na ripoti kutoka kwa kamati kuhusu mtarajiwa kwa bodi la uajiri. Nashukuru kwa sababu yeye ni mama na atachapa kazi. Ninaamini ya kwamba ataweza kuchapa kazi kulingana na ile kazi amepatiwa.

Naomba ya kwamba Wabunge wataweza kumpitisha leo ili aweze kuanza kazi yake. Ataweza kuangalia kila mtu wakati atakapokuwa akifanya kazi yake katika Laikipia nzima. Laikipia ni jimbo ambalo liko na watu wengi na tuna matumaini ya kwamba ataweza kufanya kazi yake vizuri. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House stand adjourned until today in the afternoon Wednesday, 8th October, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10:28 a.m.

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