

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

Third Assembly (Second Session)

Thursday 18th July 2023

Assembly Building

The House met at 03:30 PM

[The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri) In the Chair]

PRAYERS.

MESSAGES

NOMINEES TO NAKURU CITY BOARD, NAIVASHA MUNICIPAL BOARD, GILGIL MUNICIPAL BOARD AND MOLO MUNICIPAL BOARD

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Next Order, there is a Message from Her Excellency the Governor, the Reference is “Nominees for The Position of Nakuru City Board, Gilgil, Molo and Naivasha Municipal Boards. Reference is made to the above and our Letter that was dated 29th June, 2023 that was referenced as indicated (**NCG/COUNTY ASSEMBLY/VOL 1**). I hereby recall the previous correspondence thereof to the County Assembly pursuant to Section 11 of the Urban Areas and Cities Amendment Act, 2019, the County Executive is in the process of filling vacancies in the City Board of Nakuru, Municipal Board of Naivasha, Municipal Board of Gilgil and Municipal Board of Molo.

Following the successful completion of interviews, the following persons have been found suitable for the appointment as Members of these respective Boards. We shall start with Gilgil Municipal Board-

GILGIL MUNICIPAL BOARD

1. Teresia Karugi Kuruma - (Was Appointed Through Competitive Process)
2. Shama Wangui Njuguna - (Appointed Through Competitive Process)
3. Joseph Maina Theuri - (Appointed Through Competitive Process)
4. Fredrick Mbogo Kimani - (Representing Professional Associations)
5. Stephen Kimani - (Representing the Private Sector)
6. Josephat Kiarie - (Representing the Informal Sector)
7. Pauline Ndunge Mbuva - (Representing the Neighborhood Community)

NAKURU CITY BOARD

1. Jore Said Ali- (Was Appointed Through Competitive Process)
2. Chrispas Anthony Wathimba- (Was Appointed Through Competitive Process)
3. George Njenga Mwaniki- (Was Appointed Through Competitive Process)

4. Stephen Muli- (Representing the Informal Sector)
5. James Njau- (Representing the Neighborhood Community)

NAIVASHA MUNICIPAL BOARD

1. Jonathan Kuria Warothe- (Appointed Through Competitive Process)
2. Joseph Mukoi- (Was Appointed Through Competitive Process)
3. Richard Cheruiyot Langat- (Was Appointed Through Competitive Process)
4. Nancy Mugure Waweru....Representing the Professional Body.
5. Peter Kimani representing the Private Sector.
6. Lucy Gikara representing the Neighborhood Community
7. Rose Njeri representing the Informal Sector.

We progress to Molo Municipal Board.

1. Florence Wairimu Kabii appointment through Competitive Process
2. Wesley Kipkemai Ruto appointed through Competitive Process.
3. Jemimah Njeri Kuria appointed through Competitive Process.
4. Kagai Thiongo representing the Professional Bodies.
5. Zahara Tiebo representing the Neighborhood Community.
6. Bernard Gitau representing the Business Community.
7. Evans Ngige representing the Private Sector.

And now, Her Excellency the Governor has appended her signature and also a Message. Now as such, this list has been committed to the Committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning.

MOTION.

RESUME SITTINGS

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Motion by Honourable Alex Langat, the Leader of the Majority Party.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Fadhili Msuri): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am standing in for the Majority Leader. And the Motion is as follows that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order no. 30 and 31. And further to the Communication made earlier concerning the House resumption for Regular Sessions. This House resolves to resume its Sittings, that is the Regular Sessions for the year 2023 on the 25th of July 2023 at 9:30am and proceeds with the rest of the Sessions as per the adopted Calendar of 2023. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Okay, thank you. That is the Motion you have someone to second.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Fadhili Msuri): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I hereby call the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader (Hon. Phillip Wanjohi): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, as the Majority Party whip has said I wish to second the Motion that Regular Sessions for this Assembly proceed from 25th of July. Mr. Speaker, we have had a break and a Session. Because as you are aware, Mr. Speaker, we formed an Association. There is a body that was born through that period. And actually, now we have been nursing that baby now the baby is of age (AMCA) Mr. Speaker you also realise that we have Bills pending in this House. We have Motions that are pending, we have Statements that are pending and we have other very big businesses to be done in this House. And therefore Mr. Speaker, I support that we proceed the rest of the Sessions adopted in the Calendar for 2023. Mr. Speaker, I second. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, the Motion is that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 30 and 31 and further to the Communication made earlier concerning the House resumption for Regular Sessions, This House resolves to resume its Sittings, that is the Regular Sessions for the year 2023 on 25th July 2023 at 9:30am and proceed with the rest of the Sessions as per the adopted Calendar. So that is the Motion and it is open for debate.

Honourable Hassan Hajji.

Hon. Hassan Abdi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also wish to support today's Motion that we resume for our regular session from 25th July, 2023. As you all know and the Minority Leader has put it well, that we formed an association called Association of Members of County Assemblies to agitate for the welfare of Members. I wish to Report that we made a good progress and it would be good that we resume our sessions because the matter has been taken up and we expect good progress.

We have pending Bills and Motion that is before us so it would be in order so that we continue with the Business of this House. I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Honorable Member from Malewa West.

Hon. Francis Kuria: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support this Motion.

Knowing very well that previously, we had resumed from Long Recess and due to some inconvenience, we halted the Assembly. I find it very well we can resume from 25th July. Remember, we have a big task ahead of us and we are people who are being elected by the great people of this Nation and we need to serve them accordingly.

I therefore rise to support this Motion so that we can do the oversight job well and the job will be well. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Honorable Member for Shabaab Ward.

Hon. David Wathiai: *Asante sana Bwana Spika. Nimesimama to second this Motion and huo mda wenye tumekuwa kwa Recess, unaona wengine wetu pia wamerudi lakini bado hawajajielewa vizuri. Ukiangalia Mheshimiwa Kuria amekaa kwa kiti ya wenyewe.*

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Member, do you want to insinuate that Honorable Members are not aware of themselves or what are you insinuating?

Hon. David Wathiai: Mr. Speaker sir, because of the hangover of staying away from this House for very long, *unakuta tunasahau sharia za hii Nyumba. Unaona Mheshimiwa Kuria amekaa kwa Kiti ya Majority na hapo hafai kukaa. Unaona our Chief Whip amevaa sweater. Hii sweater sijui kama inakubaliwa kwa hii Nyumba.*

I second this Motion *turudi ndio tuendeleo kufanya kazi kwa hii nyumba tukifuatilia sharia na maadili ya hii nyumba. Asante sana.*

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Honourable Member for Eburu Mbaruk.

Hon. Michael Gathanwa: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I also wish to support this Motion first of all because we have a lot of pending business but also as Members of County Assembly and having formed AMCA, we are aware that once we raise our grievances and that we know they are being looked into, we should go back into serving. The same way and the same spirit that we are using to ask the people in Opposition that they have raised their grievances; it is now time to let solutions come into place.

In the spirit of saying that *maandamano* cannot give a solution and asking the opposition to give Government time to be able to solve that they have listened to their grievances, I believe also as Members of County Assembly through AMCA, our grievances have been heard and it is time to come back, do our duties as solutions are being put in place. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. Hon. Member for Kamara.

Hon. John Maritim: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support this Motion and also to suggest that we are been out for long and I recall where I come from in Kamara, there is a time I was told, “Hon. Maritim, what are you doing? You have been here like you have been fired from the Assembly.” I told them that I just came to see whether they are okay or something like that. I think it is great so that all the pending Bills can be catered for.

Secondly, I think you can also put into question that we go through it because I know tomorrow we shall have a very hard task. We should prepare ourselves psychologically, spiritually and also physically to tackle them tomorrow. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Member for Kamara, what are the preparations about? I heard you talk about preparations. We missed that part.

Hon. John Maritim: Mr. Speaker you know that tomorrow we have *maandamano* and I believe that majority of us are not part of that *maandamano* so we need to prepare psychologically in a manner that if a stone is hulled against you there is a way that you can put it offside and not be part of it. That is what I meant when I talked about preparation. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for Soin, Hon. Degaulle.

Hon. Degaulle Naburuki: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support this Motion but before that I would like to remind our MCA from Shabaab that he is criticising other MCAs yet he is also sitting in the wrong place so I think that before he says anything he should know what he is doing. I stand to support this Motion because we have been away for some time and we have so many pending Bills which we should tackle so that we can take our County forward. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for Naivasha East.

Hon. Stanley Karanja: Thank you Mr. Speaker I will not take long. Let me first of all...

Hon. Grace Mwathi: Mr. Speaker I have a concern

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Yes Hon. Member for Bahati.

Hon. Grace Mwathi: Member for Naivasha East is not properly dressed.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you for the information. The Majority Whip kindly confirm and enforce the necessary measures if that is true.

The Majority Whip (Hon. Fadhili Msuri): Mr. Speaker sir, in this case even the blind can see that the Hon. Member is not dressed appropriately so we kindly urge the Member to step out and come back properly dressed.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Member go do the necessary and come back. Was that the same information the Hon. Member or Lari wanted to pass?

The Minority Leader (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Yes, Mr. Speaker the dress code for Member for Naivasha East was wanting and that is what I wanted to bring to your attention. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for Naivasha East

Hon. Stanley Karanja: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I said I will not be long. First, let me thank your office and you for the organisation that you have done for us to be back. You know that we left this place because of some issues which are being addressed as Hon. Members have said. One of the things that we want to address is that Members of any County Assembly in this Republic should be treated the way Members of the National Assembly and the Senate are treated. Anything that is lesser than that I do not think that Members will accept that. I also take this chance to thank you and your Office because you have been of great assistance to us. We hustled to make sure that some of the problems we have are addressed. Let me inform Members that the issues we have been dealing with has been picked by the Senate. We went to the Senate and I want to thank you Members for really supporting us. The Senate heard us and it is pursuing the issue. We also went to the Chair of the Council of Governors Hon. Waiguru, the Governor for Kirinyaga who also promised that he will be addressing the president. We also did have a meeting with the SRC and the problem that we have is that the SRC thought that we are employees of the Board which we are not. We told the SRC that when they were doing the job evaluation and when they were getting the information they got it from the wrong quarters because we are the ones who employ the Board. We come here choose the Speaker who is the Chair of the Board therefore we have two Members in here who form the Board and other Members from outside. Those Members are vetted and

approved here at the House, the same the Creator cannot be inferior to the created. That is what we said that we are not employees of the board and therefore Mr. Speaker that is the information that we will be working on to move us from job group. Mr. Speaker you can imagine we are placed in job group D4 that is why we are being paid Kshs 86,000 and that one the basic salary therefore will translate to poor Medical Cover because with a job group also determines your Medical Cover; it will also translate to your Gratuity therefore when we leave here, we will have little Gratuity just because we are in the wrong job group. Therefore, Mr. Speaker I know that you will continue fighting for us and I will not fail to say that if in one month the issue will not be dealt with, Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to say we will go back to where we were until our grievances are heard. Thank you, Hon. Members...

(Applause)

and this one Members, thank you for your support and I know, Mr. Speaker as I leave here, I am headed to Nairobi and I know I will communicate today; I have been told that the President has called and I know things will be good; and therefore Mr. Speaker, your salary and us will not be like earth and Heaven;

(Laughter)

Whereby what we require we need an intermediary; it is really wrong when the salary of maybe the Speaker is higher; it is as if we are dealing with the roles and the trinities when we come to the Russians. Mr. Speaker what you need to do, you and us we need to come together so that even when the Russians and Germans Mr. Speaker that is why we are saying it was immoral for SRC to demean an MCA. The three roles should be paid equally; the Representation, Oversight and also Legislation. I cannot be here passing a whole budget of Kshs 18 billion yet I am paid like a chicken. Mr. Speaker that is what we were against and thank you for your support; I know you will continue supporting us, I know you have something for these Members keep them happy Mr. Speaker and you will also be happy in Heaven. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Ali Abdi: Point of information Mr. Speaker

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Yes Hon. Ali

Hon. Ali Abdi: Yes, *Mheshimiwa* Speaker we still have two more Members who are not properly dressed; we have *Mheshimiwa* Senior Member from Njoro who is not properly dressed and *Mheshimiwa* from Shabaab Ward who has already left. This is nothing to do with *sisikii poa Mheshimiwa*. We are all honourable Members and this House is of rules and regulations. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. John Maritim: Mr Speaker

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it the Hon Members for Kamara.

Hon. John Maritim: As a Senior Member here, what you want to afford is curses; Hon Members from ASAL you need you apologise to this senior citizen. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Before putting it to question., I want to recognise the fraternity of Tumaini Primary School who are visiting with us amid to understand that the teachers and pupils from Tumaini Primary School coming from Visoi Ward; you are most welcome this your House as Hon. Members and Hon. House, we sit to work on your behalf and to discuss the things that affect the whole population of Nakuru County. So *Karibuni tena* this your House. Hon Members I now want to put it to question

(Question proposed that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 30 and 31 and further to the Communication made earlier concerning House resumption for Regular Sessions, this House resolves to resume its sittings that is Regular Sessions for the year 2023 on 25th July 2023 at 9.30 am and proceed to the rest of the sessions as per for the adopted Calendar for the year 2023).

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

This House adjourns from today and resumes on 25th July 2023 at 9.30am

The House rose at 4.05 pm