

# COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

## THE HANSARD

Thursday, 15<sup>TH</sup> December 2022

*Assembly Building*

*The House met at 10: 35am*

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

### PRAYER

### PAPER

#### APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE VETTING OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINEES

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Paper to be laid by the leader of Majority Party.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Alex Langat): Thank you Honorable Speaker, I want to lay the Report of the Committee on Appointment on the Vetting for Appointment of the County Executive Committee Members Nominee to their respective County Departments. Honorable Speaker I wish to lay the Paper before the House, thank you.

*(The Report was laid on the table)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Leader of Majority Party. Next order.

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

#### HOUSE DEBATES THE APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE VETTING OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINEES

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): We have a Motion from the Leader of Majority Party.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Alex Langat): Honorable Speaker, I want to move a Motion;-

THAT notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 49 (Notices of Motion), this House resolves to debate the Report of the Committee on Appointment on the Vetting for Appointment of the County Executive Committee Members Nominees to the respective County Departments.

Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): A Member to second the Motion.

**Hon. Philip Wanjohi:** Thank you Honorable Speaker, I rise to second the Procedural Motion as presented by the Leader of Majority on the Report of the Committee on Appointment on the

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Vetting of the Members of the County Executive Committee Members Nominees to their respective Departments. Honorable Speaker I second.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, the Procedural Motion is that notwithstanding the provision of Standing Order 49(Notices of Motion), this House resolves to debate the Report of the Committee on Appointment on the Vetting for appointment of the County Executive Committee Members Nominees to the respective County Departments. The Motion is open for debate. Honorable Karanja.

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Thank you Honorable Speaker, due to whatever the Leader of Majority has said and seconded by honorable Wanjohi who is the Minority Leader, I ask if we can put the question because we do concur.

**Hon. Joseph Muraya:** Thank you Honorable Speaker, I think I also echo the sentiments of Honorable Karanja that the Motion that was moved by the Leader of Majority and I can see also the Leader of Minority seconded the Motion, I beg that you put it into question.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Honorable Majority Whip.

**The Majority Whip** (Hon. Hamisi Fadhili): Thank you Honorable Speaker, I rise to support that you put this Motion to question and I want to thank my brother Honorable Karanja. You know he is the one who likes giving us very long lectures on speeches and cracks our ribs and I have seen he has shaved his hair so I see that as some wisdom being detected there. I think this time we support him and we follow what he has just proposed. I ask you also to put it to question, thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honorable Wathiai.

**Hon. David Macharia:** Asante sana Bwana Spika, nasimama kuunga mkono Mjadala huu. Mimi nasema kwamba tuulizwe ile swali huatunaulizwangwa tumalize hii mambo haraka haraka hapa badala tuendeleo kukaa hapa na naona kila Mtu amekubaliana na huu Ripoti. Ni swali ndio tunangoja tumalize hii maneno haraka alafu twende pande ule mwingine. Asante sana Bwana Spika.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): I put question that, that notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 49 (Notices of Motion), this House resolves to debate the Report of the Committee on Appointment on the Vetting for appointment of the County Executive Committee Members Nominees to the respective County Department.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri):** Next order?

### MOTION

HOUSE ADOPTS THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENT ON THE VETTING  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Alex Langat): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a Motion;-

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THAT pursuant to the provision of Article 179 (2) (b), of the Constitution, as I read together with Section 30(2) (d) of the County Government Act number 17 of 2012, this House adopts the report of the Committee on Appointment on the vetting for appointment of the County Executive Committee Members, who are actually the nominee to their respective county departments.

Mr. Speaker, allow me sir, to actually thank the Appointment Committee for the diligent work that they have done and the efforts that they have put to vetting these individuals who will serve the Nakuru County in their various departments.

The diligence that was involved, the critical analyzing of the documents right from when we looked at their CVs, we tried to understand their qualifications, the various places where these members have actually worked before, the types of experience, and their suitability, including critically looking at their ability to meet the requirements of chapter six, and the personal integrity.

It was a tedious job. And I also wish to really pass my appreciation to the whole committee, including also the work that the Secretariat of this honorable house has done and the inputs that they have put. The list of our nominees roughly, in totality they were about 10 of them. And we looked at each individually.

Mr. Speaker, in summary, I would want to just pass a bit of the recommendation, that the committee, during the vetting exercise, actually made some very critical observation that the nominee satisfied the requirement of Chapter Six and the leadership and integrity Act which is a key issue, Mr. Speaker, when one is being appointed to any public office.

We also found out that the nominees actually demonstrated vast knowledge and experience in their respective fields. I therefore, Mr. Speaker, sir, want to pass that having conducted an approval hearing of the nominee pursuant to Article 179, (2) (b) of the Constitution, Section 35 of the County Government Act 2012. The public appointments, that is the County Assembly Approval Act of 2017.

The Committee recommends that the county assembly of Nakuru approves the nomination of the following

1. Jacqueline Mong'ina Osoro to the position of CECM

Health Services within the county assembly.

2. Stephen Muiruri Kuria to the position of CECM Trade, Culture and Tourism. Mr. Speaker
3. John Karanja to the position of CECM Lands Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development.
4. Zipporah Wambui to the position of CECM Education, Youth and ICT, Mr. Speaker.
5. Leonard Kipkoech Bor to the position of CECM Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives.
6. Roseline Wanjiru Mungai to the position of CEC Public Service Management.
7. Josephine Atieno Achieng to the position of CECM Sports, Gender and Culture Services.

8. Dr. Nelson Maara to the position of CECM, Water Environment, Climate Change and Energy.
9. Stephen Iribe Njogu to the position of CECM Finance and Economic Planning. And lastly, Mr. Speaker that this House approves
10. Engineer Michael Kamau Karanja to the position of CECM Infrastructure.

I thank you so much, and I thank the whole House for their approval in advance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request the House to approve.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): ... Thank you. A member to second.

**Hon. Isabella Makori:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I second.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Motion is that pursuant to the provision of Article 179(2)(b) of the Constitution read together with Section 30(2)(d) of the County Government Act number 17 of 2012, this House adopts the report of the Committee on Appointment on the vetting for appointment for the County Executive Committee Member nominees to the respective county departments. The Motion is open for debate.

Hon. Mwathi then Hon. Karanja, in that order.

**Hon. Grace Mwathi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support the report of the appointment committee because today marks the history of this House. We have been waiting for this report and we know this is the right time for it. We were given the profile of these nominees and we have gone through them and we can see they are equal to the task and you know, we can never do anything without the CECMs. I support. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Mheshimiwa. Hon. Karanja.

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Appointment Committee. I know that it is not easy. When I look at the recommendation, the observations that the Committee did; recommendation number 5, it says that the nominees satisfies the requirement of Chapter Six of the Constitution. That one alone is very important because the Constitution is very clear that we need somebody who passes that one, is not a thief, he is upright. Also, I echo the committee when they said that the nominees demonstrated vast knowledge and experience in respective areas that they were nominated in, that is now the gist of what we came to do here. In all those departments and I have checked, some have worked in the Counties, some were Members of Parliament who had taken responsibilities of CDF; you have seen engineers. With that vast knowledge, the County will go far and therefore, I will not belabor on all what the committee has said. If you look at the members of the Appointment committee, they know exactly what we are looking for. I know Hon. Palang'a was in the other Committee in the last regime where the report came up and said that after re-looking at what the experience and whatever the members had and education qualification, they brought 4 and the other 4 did not pass. Therefore, when I see Hon. Palang'a there, I know that that one has been taken care of.

When you look at the Minority Leader who has also been a teacher for a very long time, I know that we are dealing with an academician; somebody who knows the psychology, sociology and knows the knowledge of individuals. Therefore, I know this one is taken care of.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mheshimiwa Mwangi, you want to inform the House or Mheshimiwa?

**Hon. Mwangi Muraya:** Mheshimiwa.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Do you want to be informed, Mheshimiwa?

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Mr. Speaker sir, let him inform me so that I know the paradigms of his information. Let us give him that chance. Maybe he will not get another one.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Mwangi

**Hon. Mwangi Muraya:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, by the fact that I am standing to inform him, I am not saying that he does not know but I was informing you that members here want to contribute and you are taking a lot of time. I was informing you that you be brief so that we can also make and give our contributions. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Karanja, kindly do your final submissions.

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, when you are dealing with a virgin land, you take a lot of time to do it ...therefore he is coming as secondary. I was trying to analyze so that the Members know the competence of the Committee that was set aside to come up with this report. If you look at the doctor who is also the Majority Leader, he cannot mislead us because he looks humble and he is a man of God so things are okay. As I summarize, when you are also there Mr. Speaker *na pia wewe ni mzee wa kanisa. Mambo haiwezi haribika*. Therefore, this report is as good as the Members who came with the report. That is what I was saying and so your information is well taken care of. I was just trying to open your mental vacuum so that I fill it with something that people came up with. I concur that this report is as good as this House. Thankyou.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. Hon. Hassan Duale. We want to believe that you have taken an affidavit with the effect that Duale is your name.

**Hon. Hassan Abdi:** Yes. Mr. Speaker I am in the process of taking an affidavit. I also want to take this opportunity to support this Motion and I believe that also the Appointment Committee have done a tremendous job. I want to tell this House that as Nakuru county government and as the citizens of this county we have wasted like three months and there is nothing that has been happening in this county. January our students are going back to school and now we are going to have bursaries for them. They will be going back to school very happy. I want to mention something about the submission of memorandum, this is the report I am reading from the Appointment Committee. All the Petitions that were sent to this House support these nominees that means the residents of Nakuru were tired and wanted services. I have not seen any Petition

that someone was rejecting or not supporting the nominees. It is time that Wanjiku get what they deserve by receiving the services they have always needed. Last but not least, is about the address that the Governor gave some time back, these are the people who are going to invest on the manifesto of the Governor and we also wish to support them and support this report from the Appointment Committee. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): thank you. Hon. John Maritim from Kamara.

**Hon. John Maritim:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion on the report of the Appointment Committee and also support the report from this Committee. I have seen they are six Members and they are very intelligent. From Hon. Palang'a going to Hon Rose, they are the senior most people and I believe they did a good job. You the Speaker being the chairman, God descended to Nakuru County. People out there have been complaining a lot about what is happening but now that we are through with the vetting, I believe that all the functions of this county will go on well. We are now on the right track.

**The Speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): Hon Hellen Chemutai. Hon Peter Njoroge has really been on his microphone. The last person will be Hon Rose Chepkoech then later the mover will respond. In that order.

**Hon. Hellen Chemutai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for this opportunity. I rise to support the report of the Appointment Committee and also thank the Committee for the good job that they have done. I can say that freedom is coming and it is coming today to this House. Since we were elected in our wards, we have stayed for so long without working for our electorates and we believe that we are going to be working everyday beginning today. I know that you have also done a good job as the chairman of the Committee and we know that this House is happy and appreciative for the good work. Thank you so much.

**The Speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): Hon Peter Njoroge

**Hon. Peter Maina:** Mr. Speaker, in my view I think as a county we are behind the schedule because like many other counties we needed to have the CECMs in place like three months ago. You realize that a lot of time has been wasted. Our electorate are beginning to get agitated because some of the roads are not in good shape.

Some of our dispensaries do not have drugs and off course January is around the corner and many students will be wanting to have bursaries so that their fees are waived and without the CECMs in place, I think this county is in trouble. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I would want to express without much ado, Mr. Speaker, I support

*(Laughter)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Hon Peter Njoroge. The Hon. Rose and then we move to the Leader of Majority party



**Hon. Rose Chepkoech:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I think our county will be coordinating well and implementing of the projects will be ongoing. Another thing is about budget and issues to do with planning. It will be easy because the CECM will be around. Thank you

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, the Hon. Leader of Majority Party

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, going by the debate and reading the mood of the House, allow me to thank this House in advance for positively accepting this particular report and I would want it to go on record that we as a County Assembly of Nakuru, we are law abiding Assembly. My colleague has just alluded that we are actually behind schedule and time. Mr. Speaker, we know it was not because of our own making but because some of our colleagues and friends who had actually dragged this House to the courts. It actually took time, Courts made their rulings, and as you are aware, when the ruling came back to us, allow me sir, to also thank her Excellency the Governor because when she was asked to reconstitute her list, she went head and reconstituted a new list that she brought back to this House. We thank her for also being law abiding and we also take this opportunity to thank also the petitioners because as you realize today, the Committee on Appointment has sat in a very open environment, they have also been able to scrutinize the list in a very open environment without the petitioners again taking us to court, this one, Mr. Speaker, is a clear show that while they are outside there, they also appreciate and reciprocate and accept the kind of list that has been brought and the wisdom and various considerations which according to them was missing earlier. This list as constituted of each and every sub county being given a CECM without duplication Mr. Speaker sir. So in the wisdom of Her Excellency the Governor and also in the wisdom of the committee; having looked at what has happened, the *Wanjiku* who sent us to represent them in this House even as we pass the list, are going to receive value because every part of the Nakuru County has been taken care of by this list other than the qualifications, the knowledge, experiences and the act that they have been able to meet the Chapter six of the constitution. Therefore, allow me at this juncture to thank this Honorable House and once more request them to be able to pass these names; so that this Kenyans who equally qualify because indeed we did not look at it in terms of tribes but we want service delivery. That they may go and deliver the services to the wananchi regardless of the tribes and regardless of where they are coming from that they may also be given an opportunity to go and serve in their various dockets. Mr. Speaker, I request this House that they may be able to adopt this list once again.

(Applause)

Thank you so much Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you I now propose question

*(Question proposed that pursuant to the provisions of Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution, as read together with Section 30 (2) (d) of the County Government Act No. 17 of 2012, this House*

*adopts the report of the Committee on Appointment on the vetting for appointment of the County Executive Committee Members nominees to the respective county departments)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Applause)*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Thank you, Honorable Members this House adjourns up to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 9.30am

*(The House rose at 11.00am)*