

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA

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THE DAILY HANSARD

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Afternoon Sitting

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The House met at the County assembly Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker [Hon. Stephen Wamalwa] in the Chair)

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FRFROM THE CHAIR

Honourable Members, I have some communications to make:

1. COMMUNICATION ON COMMENCEMENT OF THE FOURTH SESSION

The first communication concerns this Fourth Session of the Assembly. I stand before you today at the commencement of the Fourth Session of the Third County Assembly, marking the midway point of the Third County Assembly period that commenced in 2022.

This is a time for reflection, accountability and a renewed commitment to the people we serve. First, I would like to thank all Honourable Members of this County Assembly for your dedication and hard work in the previous three sessions. Your engagement, debates and decision making continued to make a profound impact on our county. I also acknowledge the efforts of our staff for their support in ensuring that the work of the assembly continues without interruption.

Further, I thank the members of the public for taking interest in the affairs of the assembly by taking part in assembly activities through presentation of petitions, attending public participation forums, submission of memorandum, attending public hearings, consultative meetings and live proceedings of the assembly from the gallery.

Additional, in third session we marked notable achievements. We considered five bills, 21 policies, 113 motions and four petitions. On budgetary matters and development projects we have made... Honourable members, you can take your seats please. Thank you.

On budgetary matters and development projects, we have made positive strides in fulfilling our responsibilities while at the same time acknowledging areas where we can improve and continue to work towards more effective governance.

Our focus for the fourth session will be on the goals we set at the beginning of this assembly period.

This session will be critical in ensuring that we push forward with the necessary legislation and oversight requirement required for the success of our county. I encourage all members to prioritize the needs of our constituents, particularly in areas of healthcare, infrastructure and education, which remain at the forefront of our work. The importance of cooperation cannot be overrated.

I call upon each one of us to continue working together across party lines to ensure that the needs of the people are met. The assembly's success lies not just in the legislations we pass but in our ability to listen, debate and collaborate while respecting each other's views for the greater good. As we proceed let us not forget our critical role in the oversight of the county executive.

This session will see increased attention on how the executive's budget and plans are being implemented on the ground. I encourage all committees to stay put in their duties to ensure the public resources are being used effectively and efficiently.

Honourable Members, in conclusion, let this session serve as a reminder of the trust placed in us by the people. Let us continue to act with integrity, focus on development and work towards a better future for all. Thank you all, Honourable Members and God bless the County Assembly.

2. COMMUNICATION ON VISITING SCHOOL

This is to recognise the presence of a school from Mount Elgon, sub-county, Elgon Ward with a delegation of 45 students, that is, form three students and six teachers plus their driver. I call upon the students to arise. All the students arise. We can appreciate them, Honourable Members.

(Applause)

You can now take your seats. Accompanying the form three students are their teachers. When I call your name you will be upstanding”

1. Colin Silla-Tendet.
2. Collins Mekan.
3. Falex Kipsiasei.
4. Kinjo Edwin.
5. Irene Kipsoy
6. Silas Kipsuge, and
7. Daniel Kasuti, the school driver. Let's appreciate them Honourable Members.

(Applause)

You can take back your seats. At the appropriate time on our Order Paper, we shall give the Area MCA a chance to make some few remarks. Then there will be a female Member of the County Assembly and lastly, the Chairperson of Education in that order. Thank you, Members.

PAPERS

LIST OF MEMBERS NOMINATED TO SERVE ON HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR THE 4TH SESSION OF THE 3RD COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Mr. Speaker: Leader of Majority, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Thank you Speaker. Allow me table the list of Members nominated to serve on the House Business Committee for the 4th Session of the 3rd County Assembly.

(List of Members nominated to serve on House Business Committee laid by Hon. Joseph Nyongesa the Leader of Majority)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Members. This list having been tabled becomes a property of this House. Next.

THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE 4TH SESSION OF THE 3RD COUNTY ASSEMBLY 2025

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Nyongesa, Juma.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you Speaker. Allow me again to table the Legislative Calendar for the 4th Session of the 3rd County Assembly 2025.

(Legislative Calendar for the 4th Session of the 3rd County Assembly 2025 laid by Hon. Joseph Nyongesa the Leader of Majority)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Leader of Majority. Honourable Members this calendar having been tabled again becomes a property of this Assembly. We move to the next item.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. NOTICE OF MOTION ON THE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Speaker. Allow me to give this Notice that Pursuant to the Provision of Standing Order 173 1 (g), this House approves the nomination of the

following Members to serve in the House Business Committee for the 4th Session of the 3rd County Assembly. I give the Notice.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Honourable Members a notice having been duly issued, I now inform the House to take note because it's coming up as a procedural motion shortly. Next item.

2. NOTICE OF MOTION ON THE APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Thank you Speaker. That Pursuant to the Provision of Standing Order No. 31 (1), the House approves the County Assembly Legislative Calendar for the 4th Session of the 3rd County Assembly 2025. Those are regular sessions of the County Assembly for the year 2025, February to December 2025.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Leader of Majority. Honourable Members, notice having been issued again, I implore you to take note as it is coming up today as a procedural motion on the Order Paper.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Mr. Speaker: At this juncture Honourable Members, let us allow the area MCA, representing Elgon Ward to make remarks concerning the visiting entourage of the school who are in the gallery. The Hon. George Tendet Member for Elgon.

Hon. George Tendet: Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir. I want to thank God first for the journey mercies. They came all the way from the mountain to this place. I would like also to laud the assembly leadership for allowing the same school to visit for the second time. You remember last year this school visited and they are here again. I say thank once more for allowing them to come. This is the only school in my Ward which has visited this school twice. I thank the management of the school for doing that.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Tendet, it has visited the Assembly not the school!

Hon. George Tendet: I am sorry. Thank you for that correction. I also want to thank the leadership of the school for this trip because it is not easy. You can remember this is their second time and other schools have not done the same. That tells me that the management of the school knows what it is doing because from here, these students will not be the same.

For the students, I would like to tell them that the secret of success is very simple if they can follow the following steps:

Put God First in everything you do. In your studies you need God. If God is not on your side things will go hay way.

Obey your teachers and parents, in fact it is said in the bible that respect your parents as well as the teachers. Be disciplined because you cannot succeed when you are not disciplined.

Work hard, avoid wrong company and put mobile phones away from you. You do not need them at this stage; you can indulge with them after form four.

Boys to girls relationship will also distract you from learning, so, everything comes at its own time. This is not the right time for you to indulge in the same. Remain focussed and be closer to your teachers. Do not indulge yourself in illicit drugs.

Wishing you safe journey back home, God bless you.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. George Kwemai Tendet for your remarks. A female Member of County Assembly to encourage the boys? Hon. Rugut, you can encourage the boys!

Hon. Angeline Rugut: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I take this opportunity to encourage our students in the Gallery. This is a new year and as your area MCA has said, we thank God for this far. We started well and the teachers have made it upon themselves to make sure that you at least have a visit to this place to know what is happening and as you are given this chance don't take it for granted. Get to learn something.

I am sure you have observed and noted that here we have female and male legislators and therefore as students you are also growing up. Grow up with aspirations not only take up other careers but also prepare yourself for leadership. As you grow up, make sure that you grow up into leaders, you are already leaders because you are managing yourselves as students. You are growing up to be responsible citizens of this country and therefore prepare for that because you will not remain children forever.

Take seriously what the teachers tell you because they mean well for you. Make sure that you make the right choices because choices have consequences. Always choose to do the right thing even if no one is seeing you. Teachers will never mislead you, they are your parents and they know what they want from you. They are the only people who can celebrate when other children perform. So, whatever they say, take that seriously. We wish you God's blessings and for the teachers, never tire doing good for these students. God bless you.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Angeline Rugut for your remarks. Let me now welcome Hon. Jacob Psero Maruga to speak on behalf of the Chairperson Education Committee.

Hon. Jacob Psero: Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to take this opportunity on behalf of Education department and on behalf of the Chair Education Committee Hon. Otsiula to welcome Chemwesus High School, both the teachers and the students to this particular House. Welcome to this House. It is a House of respect, a House that is there to represent the people particularly at the ward level and the same time do oversight of the various activities and projects that we have within our County. Apart from that, this House also does legislation;

that is to say we make laws governing the various activities in this County and that is why these honourable Members are here.

I want to say that Chemwesus High School is a school I know very well. It's a school that came up when I was already a principal in Mt. Elgon, Principal of Moi High School Kaptama. We saw the growth of Chemwesus High school and I am happy that the school has grown fast.

I want to sincerely thank the teachers who are here and those who are not here for the good work that Chemwesus High school. Honourable Members, I want to inform you that this is a school that we depend on in the mountain. It's challenging some of the old schools and I am sure even last year the mean was above average. I may not be able to quote it now but I know it's one of the schools that performed well...

(Applause)

Thank you. I want to ask the teachers and the students, when you go back thank all the teachers, the Principal who is my former student at Toroso High School. Greet your Principal; tell him your teacher is doing well in the County.

(Applause)

For teachers who have come here today, this House has a number of teachers and let me mention a few starting with your area MCA. Your MCA is a former teacher and I am sure he might have taught some of you if not he might have taught some of the teachers who are present. I am happy that I sit close to him because he is a good man and he is also doing a good job in this House. Apart from him we have Hon.Allan sitted on the far end representing the youth. He is closer to you in terms of age so he has alot to share with you outside this room.

We have Hon. Christine Mukhongo, the MCA of Kimilili one of senior teachers. She has done a good job and she is an important person in this House. I cannot forget the person that gave you pieces of advice Hon. Rugut who is on the far end, a former Principal of a prominent school in the Rift Valley. Your neighbour Chemion is also here. He was once a soldier who later became a teacher and now he is a legislator.

(Applause)

When you do a good job outside there, you might be able to have an opportunity to reach this House. Sorry I was forgetting; the Speaker is one of them, a senior teacher and he must have taught English and perhaps Kiswahili because...

(Laughter)

The language he uses here is very nice and I admire his accent. Mulongo am told is a teacher of Gumbu

(Laughter)

(Applause)

He is an active teacher in this House. He is doing a good job.

Otherwise, I want to say that we are happy to receive you here. Understand why you came, I am sure you are among the few that are here. The rest of the students are at school and I guess you must have performed well in school that is why you have been given an opportunity to come to this House.

When you leave this place, ensure that you go back and double your effort because if you do not do it, maybe next time you might not get such opportunity to visit either this place or another place, do your best. Continue serving the name of Chemwesus well and be able to excel. We appreciate your coming and I want to believe you have learnt a lot here. When you go back, transfer the same message to your colleagues that you left at school.

Teachers, that is a noble job you are doing, keep it up and continue doing well. God will bless you one of these days. We assist God in his creation, He creates and we mould. We are doing an important job reason I left Kaptama moved to Cheptais and I am now here because of the good work I did as a Principal. As you go back home, greet your parents and I want to tell you that ask them to support your MCA because he is equal to the task.

(Applause)

God bless you, we shall be able to talk and meet outside this House maybe for a final word. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Honourable Jacob Psero Maruga for your remarks and encouragement to our students.

Finally, I also want to convey on behalf of the entire Assembly my appreciation for your coming and urge that as you go back with what you have learnt, share with others who are not here. Pass our regards to the school Principal alias 'Mamboleo' that we accorded you necessary assistance for learning during the tour of this Assembly. May God bless you as you travel back home. Thank you. Next item!

MOTION

1. PROCEDURAL MOTION FOR NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Leader of Majority, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa Juma!

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Before going through the procedural motion, allow me appreciate the school and teachers who are with us and also choosing to visit this institution.

This learning tour is timely and I believe they were guided by their area MCA who is a disciplined MCA's in this House. For the teachers, you chose the right person regardless of his age. Looking at his character he is well mannered and some of the honourable Members are young but he respects them all.

Allow me now move the procedural motion that pursuant to the **Standing Order 173(g)** the House approves the nomination of the following Members to serve on the **House Business Committee** for the Fourth Session of the Third County Assembly laid on the Table of this House Tuesday 11th February 2025.

1. Hon. James Mukhongo
2. Hon. Violet Makhanu
3. Hon. Jack Wambulwa
4. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa
5. Hon. Johnston Ipara
6. Hon. Cornelius Makhanu
7. Hon. Jacob Psero
8. Hon. Metrine Nangalama
9. Hon. Mildred Barasa

Those are the 9 Members, other Members are automatic members of this committee courtesy of the positions they hold in this Assembly.

Having said that, allow me now call upon the Chief Whip of the Minority side Hon. Milliah Masungu to second this motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Joseph Juma Nyongesa, our Leader of Majority. Hon. Milliah Masungu, Chief Whip Minority Coalition you can now second the motion.

Hon. Milliah Masungo (Chief Whip, Minority Coalition): Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance. First and foremost, I want to appreciate the students from Mt. Elgon who have paid a courtesy visit to this House.

Secondly, I thank God for the gift of life He has given us all throughout our recess period. We had engagements and we thank God we have come back jovial and healthy ready to work.

I now want to second the motion as moved by the Leader of Majority on the membership to the House Business Committee. I urge that this House approves the list as tabled. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Milliah Masungo, MCA Misikhu Ward and Chief Whip Minority for seconding the motion.

(Motion proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

2. PROCEDURAL MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE 4TH SESSION, THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY 2025

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa Juma (Leader of Majority): Thank you Speaker. Allow me move this procedural motion that pursuant to the provisions of **Standing Order 31(1)**, the House approves the **County Assembly Legislative Calendar for the 4th Session** of the Third County Assembly 2025.

Regular sessions of the County Assembly for the year 2025 from February to December 2025

Regular session from Tuesday 11th February to Thursday 4th December 2025

Part/sections	Activity	Dates
Part 1 A	Normal sittings	11 th February to 20 th March 2025 on Tuesday at 2:30pm, Wednesday at 9:30am and 2:30pm and Thursday at 2:30pm
B	Short recess	Friday 21 st March to Monday 31 st March 2025
Part 2 C	Normal sittings	Tuesday 1 st April to 1 st May 2025 on Tuesday at 2:30pm, Wednesday at 9:30am and 2:30pm and Thursday at 2:30pm
D	Long recess	From Friday 2 nd May to Monday 26 th May 2025
Part 3 E	Regular sittings	Tuesday 27 th May to Thursday 10 th July 2025 on Tuesday at 2:30pm, Wednesday at 9:30am and 2:30pm and Thursday at 2:30pm
F	Short recess	Friday 11 th July to Monday 21 st July 2025
Part 4 G	Regular sittings	Tuesday 22 nd July to Thursday 28 th August 2025 on Tuesday at 2:30pm, Wednesday at 9:30am and 2:30pm and Thursday at 2:30pm
H	Long recess	Friday 29 th August to Monday 22 nd September 2025
Part 5 I	Regular sittings	Tuesday 23 rd September to Thursday 30 th October 2025 on Tuesday at 2:30pm, Wednesday at 9:30am and 2:30pm and Thursday at 2:30pm
J	Short recess	Friday 31 st October to Monday 10 th November 2025
Part 6 K	Regular sittings	11 th November to Thursday 4 th December 2025
L	Long recess	Friday 5 th December 2025 to Monday 9 th February 2026

I now call upon the Deputy Leader of Minority Hon. Mutiembu to second this motion. Thank you Speaker.

Hon. Everlyne Mutyembu (Deputy Leader, Minority): Thank you Speaker. I stand to second the motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Mutiembu Everlyne. Honourable Members, I now propose a question to the motion as moved and seconded;

(Motion proposed)

Hon. Milliah Masungu: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Aware that this is a House of rules and procedure, the approval of our legislative calendar will assist these Members in operationalization of our activities in this House. I want to laud the Leader of Majority for tabling this legislative calendar for the members to know what we are supposed to do in this Fourth session, I support.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I now call upon the mover to reply to the motion.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): (Mover to reply) thank you Speaker. I appreciate the support from the House. Members from what we have heard from the Speaker, we are up to the task and our focus is to legislate as we have been doing. Also put in mind that we have committee sittings, as members it is upon us to ensure attend committee sittings. Otherwise I appreciate you. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you our Leader of Majority Hon. Joseph Nyongesa Juma for your reply. Allow me now put a question to the members;

(Question put and agreed to)

The calendar is approved. I call upon the House Business Committee to converge at the old Speaker's Chambers office to ratify the programme for the coming week

ADJOURNMENT

There being no any other business we adjourn and meet tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

The House rose at 3.19 p.m.