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**WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2025**

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

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

**PRAYER**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**REMOVING RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT ON EMERGENCE FUND FROM  
THE ORDER PAPER**

Honorable members, I wish to make some adjustments on our Order Paper.

Looking at our Order Paper under Questions and Statements, I do have a request from the CEC Finance requesting that we give her more time on the statement that was to come up today, since she took over from the former CEC Finance CPA Chrispinus Barasa.

This is her request addressed to the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma, reference is the Bungoma County Emergency Fund.

We acknowledge receipt of the letter Reference CAB/CC/Sector, volume 4/74 of 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2025 on the above subject

Following the recent changes in the department, I have just completed the process of taking over and currently reviewing the recommendations and operations of Emergency Fund to enable us prepare comprehensive response to the issues raised in the above letter.

I wish to request your office to kindly reschedule our appearance before the whole House to a later date.

We thank you for understanding and regret any inconvenience caused.

It is signed by Caroline Makali, CECM - Finance and Economic Planning.

Based on this request, the statement that was sought by Hon. Ipara Okasida to the CEC Finance, I will kindly take it out for the same to be rescheduled so that we give them enough time. When we say enough time, we will give you enough time and that day will come again. You only postpone the day of reckoning.

To that extent members; the matter will come up at end of August and I am proposing that we have the same on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 2:30 p.m. session when the CEC and the Chief Officer of the department will appear to give us the response.

Hon. Ipara, have chance and say a word so that we take it out.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Hon. Speaker, based on the issue that was raised and the magnitude that it affects, I obediently accept the request and your direction.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ipara. The matter will come up on 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. session. We will proceed with the rest of the matter on our Order Paper as scheduled accordingly.

## MOTION

### THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SELECTION PANEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 58 (A) OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT ACT 2012

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, you will be the one to move.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I rise to move this motion that the nomination and appointment of members to the County Public Service Board selection panel pursuant to section 58 (a) of the County Government Act 2012.

Aware that section 58 (a)(1) of the County Government Act 2012 provides that whenever a vacancy arises in the County Public Service Board (CPSB), The Governor shall nominate and with the approval of the County Assembly appoint members to a selection panel for the purpose of selecting suitable candidates for appointment as members of the County Public Service Board.

Further aware that section 58 (a) (2) of the same Act provides that the selection panel shall consist of the following five persons;

- a) A chairperson not being a Public Officer
- b) One person from the private sector
- c) An advocate of the High Court of Kenya who is a member of the law society of Kenya
- d) An accountant who is a member of the institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya
- e) One person from an association representing workers

Noting that section 58(a) (3) provides that in nominating members to the Selection Panel, the Governor shall ensure that not more than two thirds of the nominees are of the same gender.

Cognizant that vide a letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to the Speaker, the Governor submitted the names of six nominees as follows;

- 1. Mr. Moses Narwenyi - Chairperson not public officer
- 2. CS Elizabeth Wanyonyi representing the private sector
- 3. Advocate Saul Wasilwa - Advocate of the High court of Kenya LSK member
- 4. CPA Rita Nabalayo - Member of ICPAK

5. Mr. Stephen Chemonges - Representing Workers Association

6. Mr. Julius Bakasa - Representing Community

Concerned that the nomination of six members contravenes section 58 (a) (2) which strictly provides for five members and further that Mr. Julius Bakasa does not fall within the five recognized categories outlined in the law.

Appreciating that the nominations, otherwise comply with the gender rule as required under section 58 (a) (3) and that five of the 6 nominees meet the statutory and professional requirement stipulated in law. Now, therefore this House resolves to

1. Approve the following five nominees to serve in the selection panel for the recruitment of members to the County Public Service Board

I. Mr. Moses Narwenyi- Chairperson

2. CS Elizabeth Wanyonyi representing the private sector

3. Advocate Saul Wasilwa - Advocate of the High court of Kenya

4. CPA Rita Nabalayo - Member of ICPAK

5. Mr. Steven Chemonges -Representing workers association

II. Reject the nomination of Mr. Julius Bakasa on the basis that his inclusion exceeds the legally provided number and his role does not align with the statutory categories stipulated in section 58 (a) (2) of the County Governments Act 2012.

I call upon Hon. Arap Masai to second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Stephen, there is no Hon. Arap Masai in this House. Francis Chemion Masai.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Hon. Speaker, I withdraw that. I call upon Hon. Francis Chemion Masai to second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. Hon. Francis Chemion, proceed!

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. We have a problem with our Public Service Board and in the near future, the board will not have quorum and there are very many things that are coming before us. There is a plan to recruit ECDE teachers and other technical staff but most of the Board members have left after coming to the end of their terms. So for the County to move smoothly, we need to start the process of replacing the commissioners that have left due to the expiry of time and section 58 of the law is there to help us get a Selection Panel that will help us come up with a list that will be brought before this House for vetting. So we need to be proactive as a House and now that we have the Selection Panel, I urge that we do approve so that the other processes can take place.

I second the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Francis Chemion. Honorable members, allow me be able to propose a motion for debate. A motion has been moved and seconded that this House approves the following five nominees to serve in selection panel in the recruitment of members to the County Public Service Board.

1. Mr. Moses Narwenyi - Chairperson

2. CS Elizabeth Wanyonyi representing the private sector

3. Advocate Saul Wasilwa- Advocate of the High Court of Kenya
4. CPA Rita Nabalayo - Member of ICPAK
5. Steven Chemonges representing workers association

Part two of the motion; reject the nomination of Mr. Julius Bakasa on the basis that his inclusion exceeds the legally provided number and his role does not align with the statutory categories stipulated in section 58 (a) (2) of the County Government Act 2012.

*(Question propose)*

Yes, Linda Kharakha.!

**Hon. Linda Kharakha:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity. I know section 58 (2) of the County Government Act provides a specific number, but I stand to appeal to this House, six names were proposed and there is a common practice that you as a Speaker and this House have a discretion however to consider.

I will draw you to a common practice of how most Counties constitute their Selection Panel to a number of between 5 -7. There is only one member who is being dropped. How I wish that we consider Mr. Bakasa to be among the same, as a practice that is in other Counties to represent community. If you are representing a community, it involves me, you politicians and other professionals.

On that ground, how I wish we know this person, we have interacted with him, we know his capacity, we know who he is in the community. Why can't we give him this opportunity with his expertise to serve on this board and allow the number from 5 to 6. Six is a good number, unless now we are talking on voting rights, but he can be an ex-officio member of that committee. How I wish we consider him.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Anthony Luseneke,

**Hon. Anthony Luseneke:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. My concern is that maybe we can consult the appointing authority why he included the 6<sup>th</sup> person instead of just giving us five and maybe what criteria did he use to remove the sixth person leaving the five. That is what I want this House to address because maybe the appointing authority had a reason why he chose that Julius Bakasa as a nominee.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Allan!

**Hon. Allan Nyongesa:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I am also of the same view as Honorable Linda and Luseneke. I am asking myself that the appointing authority who is the Governor has the County Attorney who advises him on matters law. Before he reached the decision of appointing six fellows on this board, he ought to have consulted with his advisors. My only question is, I don't know whether he had any backing notes as he was appointing these names?

Otherwise, I would wish that we approve the name of Bakasa.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Sudi!

**Hon. Isaiah Sudi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also want to join other Speakers who have spoken before me that we have interacted with Bakasa Julius. When you look at all those names, the person who has a public experience is Bakasa and why his name is being dropped is very suspicious because he is also the son of this soil.

Why can't we increase because actually the Selection Panel should have an odd number of 5,7,9 so the appointing authority can add another name so that the panel is seven instead of demeaning our own son who was once a Chair of the whole County. I think we must note that we are rejecting but we want to advice that this is a leader who was a Chair of Bungoma County Council. He sat in this Honorable House and then his name is rejected by his colleagues and we approve people who have never been to this House. We stand with people who have never been in this House, who we do not know, they have never been tested. We are not rejecting but requesting that Bakasa's name goes along. We remove what they have written that is dropped. We are not dropping it. Yes we do a vote on every name so that Bakasa is also voted. Let him realize that Sudi has voted for him.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Ipara!

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker for giving me this opportunity also to contribute. We are referring to Section 58(a) of the County Government's Act and the Law that we are talking about is the law that appoints the County Public Service Board to office and 58(a) tells us who they are. When you go to 58(2), it still talks about the County Public Service Board and it lists the members as the person who chairs that board is the chairperson, the second person is the vice chairperson and others and this does not speak on the panel that is supposed to be appointed.

I also want to plead like the other Honourable Members have done that there is no offense on all of them being included on the final list that we will approve. The Governor presented the names to us with one wish, that we give them the approval to take up the task assigned to them.

This is not a permanent office, after submitting their final submission, their work ends and the rest of the works will be now moved to the County Assembly who will approve the final two names that have been listed. Both Narwenyi Moses and Bakasa happen to be coming from my Ward and I don't have any problem for any of them or both of them to be appointed. I want to draw your attention to that particular section that has been used as an authority, it is not referring to the panel, it is referring to the Board.

**Hon. Everlyne Anyango:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I also want to add my voice on this issue before us today, by saying that we cannot sit in this House rejecting names because of some other reasons.

I also stand very firm, that we should not reject anybody because it is not an office that is even going to run for a year. It is just a very temporary office and its time will be over. Let us not throw out any name on this floor since all of them are from Bungoma County and we are not looking at the issue of qualifications or even credentials or if somebody has a bad record. I submit.

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I join other speakers that this House approves the six names in totality because as you have read, this is a panel that is going to carry its task just within a short period. The appointee has the obligation to inform this House as you have just read that this activity is going to be carried out and he wishes the following people to take charge.

In Chapter Six of the Constitution, mostly we look at the Integrity of the people to carry out an activity and as it has been read, we have not seen anybody being singled out as having an Integrity issue.

If we have to discuss on any of the names then the appointee should give us the guidelines in terms of noting because we are not the one who have analyzed each and every individual. In the thinking of the appointee, I am sure he was appointing Mr. Bakasa to represent the community and as other members have alluded, Bakasa is a public figure who has actively been part of this community.

We wish that the public is represented on this board, because we don't want in the future somebody to tell us this person we are appointing under the Public Service Board does not come from Bungoma as much as the Constitution allows us to have somebody from outside Bungoma County. We want somebody who can give us the history of the appointees to be selected as members of the County Public Service Board. With that I support that the list be approved. I submit.

**Hon. Aggrey Mulongo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to contribute towards Selection Panel issue.

I went to school with Mr. Julius Bakasa and this man has been a professional teacher. The appointing authority, according to me could have come up with the guidelines; to show us that when we want to reject or when we want to approve, this is the guideline. But otherwise, if it's just plain like that, then let us approve all the names, including Bakasa.

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me also at least contribute on this.

I don't know now who is right, I was convinced when Section 58(a)(2) of the Act was quoted but I have gone through that Act also and it is talking about something else. How I wish that if actually we want to get it right, we can hold on this motion so that at least we see if maybe we were also advised wrongly, we see way forward, so that at least we approve what the law also says about it.



Section 58(a) is talking about the Service Board, but not the panel. So I request that we hold on this motion so that at least we can do it tomorrow by going through those Acts, so that at least we get it right. That's my suggestion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Now, having said so, then you must get somebody to second so that we adjust the debate on this, so that we have a chance to look at it tomorrow.

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa:** Let me call upon Hon. Vitalis to second.

**Hon. Vitalis Sifuna:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The motion at hand is very important and just as our Leader of Majority has put it, because of not understanding how they have quoted, it's good to go and do research so that the House knows exactly the right route to take. I second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Members, I don't want to waste time going around on this issue, I am adjourning this motion to tomorrow, although he never came out clearly saying that under Standing Order 64, where you move a motion without notice to adjourn debate.

I will grant your wish so that it comes up tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. The Legal and Research departments to give us a feedback on this issue conclusively before we are able to have it tomorrow in the Order Paper.

*(Loud consultation)*

Hon. Violet, hold your horses, because we want to take it out. So it's taken out to tomorrow at 2:30p.m.

Next item,

*(Applause)*

Yes Hon. Luseneka.

**Hon. Anthony Luseneka:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Just for information, I thought that Honourable Leader of Majority has moved this motion within a motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is it, when you allow a motion within a motion, it means the main motion is adjourned, when you allow a motion of adjourning the debate of this motion, it means the main motion is adjourned.

**Hon. Anthony Luseneka:** That is okay.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, I think we are done with that one.

Next item,

## REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HOUSE RESOLUTION OF THE ADOPTED REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 2022 AND 2023



**Mr. Speaker:** Yes the mover.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Honourable members to the committee please be upstanding, Honourable Speaker, we have enough quorum

**Mr. Speaker:** It is me to confirm not you...

*(Loud consultation)*

Let me find out members Hon. Otsiula, Kaiser, Kirong, Ali Machani,. Psero, Okasida, Mukhongo, Obama, Vitalis, Nganga, Jack Kawa, Chikati, Rugut,. Mildred and Hon. John, it has a quorum, proceed.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. This is a report of Educational and Vocational Training Committee on implementation of House resolutions of adopted reports for 2022 and 2023.

I move to page 3,

### **Executive Summary**

Since the advent of the Third Assembly, the County Assembly has enacted several pieces of legislation, given policy guidelines and directions through sector committee reports for effective functioning of the County Government. It is worth noting that after the adoption and communication of the House resolutions to the relevant executive departments, implementation reports have not been forthcoming despite various attempts by the relevant committees to request for them from the executive.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 205(2) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, the relevant County Executive Committee Member under whose portfolio the implementation of the resolution falls, is mandated to provide a report, within sixty days of a resolution of the House or adoption of a report of a Select Committee, to the relevant Committee of the County Assembly in accordance with Article 183 (3) of the Constitution.

It is upon this premise that the County Assembly through the Liaison Committee requested implementation status of the House resolutions for sector committees for financial year 2022/2023 from the respective departments.

The reports were to clearly outline actions undertaken, progress achieved, challenges encountered, and timelines for full implementation of both the resolutions and recommendations contained in the adopted reports, as well as the provisions of the enacted county legislatures relevant to the department. Written submissions were brought through the Office of the Clerk to facilitate interrogation and reporting by the respective committees on 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.

Further, this decision sought to enhance the oversight role of Assembly committees through the Implementation Committee by pushing for implementation of the House resolutions as provided for in Assembly Standing Order no. 212.

Finally, the committee has comprehensively considered the implementation of three reports namely;

- i. Report by the Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training on the fact finding visit on the status of ECDE Centers for FY 2017/2018 and FY 2018/2019.
- ii. Report by the Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training on the Status of Sampled Vocational Training Centers in Bungoma County
- iii. Report by the Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training on the Bungoma County Government nine months financial statements for the FY 2022/2023 with respect to the Department of Education and Vocational Training

The Committee hereby presents this report for consideration by this House.

### **Guiding Constitutional and statutory principles**

In line with the oversight mandate granted to the County Assembly under Article 185(3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 8(1)(b) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and the County Assembly Standing Orders, the County Assembly requested for implementation status reports of the House resolutions for sector committees for financial year 2022/2023.

The committee carried out interrogations of the department focusing on the provisions of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders no. 205(1) and (2) on county Assembly resolutions;

*(1) The Clerk shall, within seven days of a resolution of the House or adoption of a report of a Select Committee, convey the resolution and where applicable, a copy of the report, to the relevant County Executive Committee Member, independent Commission or holder of a Statutory Body under whose portfolio the implementation of the resolution falls.*

*(2) Within sixty days of a resolution of the House or adoption of a report of a Select Committee, the relevant County Executive Committee Member under whose portfolio the implementation of the resolution falls, shall provide a report to the relevant Committee of the County Assembly in accordance with Article 183 (3) of the Constitution.*

### **Standing Order 212(4); Committee on Implementation states thus;**

*(4) The Committee shall scrutinize the resolutions of the House (including adopted Committee reports), Petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee and examine—*

*a) Whether or not such decisions and undertakings have been implemented and where implemented, the extent to which they have been implemented; whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary; and*

*b) Whether or not legislation passed by the House has been operationalized and where operationalized, the extent to which such operationalization has taken place within the minimum time necessary.*

*(5) The Committee may propose to the House, sanctions against any Member of the County Executive Committee who fails to report to the relevant Select Committee on implementation status without justifiable reasons.*

### **Committee Mandate**

The Sectorial Committee on Education and Vocational Training is constituted pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 217 of the County Assembly of Bungoma and executes its mandate in accordance with Standing Order 217(5).

### **Committee Membership**

The Committee on Education and Vocational Training as currently constituted comprises of the following Members:-

1. Hon. Benjamin Otsiula	Chairperson
2. Hon. Stephen Kaiser	Vice chairperson
3. Hon. Joan Kiron'g	Member
4. Hon. Ali Machani	Member
5. Hon. Jacob Psero	Member
6. Hon. Okasida Ipara	Member
7. Hon. Christine Mukhongo	Member
8. Hon. Abraham Obama	Member
9. Hon. Vitalis Wangila	Member
10. Hon. Everton Nganga	Member
11. Hon. Jack Kawa	Member
12. Hon. Timothy Chikati	Member
13. Hon. Angeline Rugut	Member
14. Hon. Mildred Barasa	Member
15. Hon. John Wanyama	Member

### **Acknowledgement**

On behalf of the Committee on Education and Vocational Training, I would like to express my gratitude to Members of the committee for their dedication and hard work. I also wish to express sincere appreciation to the Offices of Hon. Speaker and Clerk for their invaluable support and cooperation. Their efforts ensured that we had the necessary facilitation to carry out our duties effectively. Additionally, I extend my sincere thanks to the Department of Education and Vocational Training for their timely responses and cooperation throughout this process.

Therefore, it is my duty, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training to table this report on the implementation status of House resolutions adopted reports

by this committee during the FY 2022/2023 and recommendations for deliberation and adoption.

Thank you.

Report signed by Hon. Benjamin Otsiula Chairperson, Committee on Education and Vocational Training

**Analysis of the committee Reports for FY 2022/2023**

During Liaison Committee meeting, it was resolved that House resolutions for FY 2022 and 2023 be considered with regards to the extent of implementation of the recommendations as adopted by the House on the following reports by the Committee on Education and Vocational Training;

1. REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON THE FACT FINDING VISIT ON THE STATUS OF ECDE CENTERS FOR FY 2017/2018 AND FY 2018/2019
2. REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON THE STATUS OF SAMPLED VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS IN BUNGOMA COUNTY
3. REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON THE BUNGOMA COUNTY GOVERNMENT NINE MONTHS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FY 2022/2023 WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Interrogation of the implementation status of the house resolutions

On 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, the committee held a consultative meeting with the department of Education and Vocational Training to examine the implementation status of the three reports by the committee. The department submitted as follows:

**Submission of implementation reports**

On the requirement of the County Executive Committee Member under whose portfolio the implementation of the resolution falls, to provide an implementation report to the relevant Committee of the County Assembly within sixty days after adoption of a report by the House, in accordance with Article 183 (3) of the Constitution read together with Standing order 205(2) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, the CECM Education and Vocational Training submitted to the committee that her department had not responded to all resolutions within the stipulated timelines because the department had not received any adopted report from the Office of the County Secretary. There was no evidence to prove the assertions of the CECM. She promised to confirm with the County Secretary on the whereabouts of the adopted reports.

*Implementation status of committee recommendations*

Below is the report, response from the department, committee observation and recommendations on the implementation status of the committee recommendations contained in the three reports examined by the committee?

## **REPORT ON THE STATUS OF ECDE CENTERS IN BUNGOMA COUNTY FY 2017/2018 AND FY 2018/2019**

This briefing presents the status of implementation of the Report on the Status of ECDE Centers in Bungoma County FY 2017/2018 and 2018/2019, which was adopted by the House on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The inquiry was initiated arising from the challenges facing the ECDE centers including and not limited to; increasing ECDE learner enrollment, inadequate and shared sanitation facilities, lack of suitable classroom furniture, delayed procurement processes and poor supervision leading to substandard infrastructure.

In line with its mandate, the committee undertook this investigation to ensure accountability, promote value for money, and enhance the quality, safety and sustainability of ECDE infrastructure in Bungoma County.

### **House resolutions and the extent of implementation**

#### **House Resolution No. 1**

**THAT, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONSTRUCT AT LEAST TWO CLASSROOMS AT EVERY ECDE CENTRE TO CATER FOR PP1 AND PP2**

#### **Departmental response**

The department responded that a total of 34 ECDE Centers were constructed and they are yet to construct classrooms in 180 across the County. Further, they explained that Centers that have more than 2 classrooms were supported by the National Government.

The County has so far constructed classrooms in 643 ECDE Centers across the County.

#### **Committee Observation**

The committee observes that that the department has partially implemented this recommendation and thus insists that the department should allocate funds to construct at least 2 classrooms at every ECDE Center progressively in subsequent budgets.

#### **House Resolution No. 2**

**THAT, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO CONSTRUCT SUITABLE TOILET FACILITIES FOR ECDE LEARNERS AT EACH ECDE CENTRE SEPARATE FROM THOSE BEING USED BY THEIR PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNTERPARTS**

#### **Departmental response**

The department informed the Committee that 33 Pit Latrines were constructed and informed the committee that all ECDE centers in the county do not have toilets facilities.

The County Government under the department of Education is yet to construct toilets in 496 ECDE Centers across the County.

#### **Committee Observations**

The committee notes that only 33 pit latrines have been constructed at ECDE centers by the department leading to ECDE learners using pit latrines unsuitable to them.

The committee finds that this resolution is partially implemented hence recommends that the department going forward to ensure that construction of pit latrines should be included in the Bills of Quantities for construction of ECDE classrooms and provide sufficient funds towards the same course.

Equally, the department should submit to the Assembly a policy and regulations for registration of ECDE centers which are separate from Primary Schools for consideration by the Assembly.

#### **House Resolution No. 3**

**THAT, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROVIDE SUITABLE FURNITURE FOR THE LEARNERS IN ALL EARLIER CONSTRUCTED ECDE CLASSROOMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND ENSURE FUTURE CLASSROOMS ARE EQUIPPED AS PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT.**

#### **Departmental response**

The department of Education and Vocational Training noted insufficient chairs in 575 ECDE centres, while it has none in 248 ECDE centres but the process of procuring for furniture is on-going and only Namwela ward had received and 25 wards have been earmarked for provision of furniture.

Out of the 823 ECDE centers, 566 have insufficient tables while 257 have none as shown in the table below:

<b>No of Chairs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Insufficient</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>ECDE Centres</b>	248	575	823
<b>No of Table</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Insufficient</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>ECDE Centres</b>	257	566	823

### **Committee Observation**

It is observed that the department had initiated procurement of furniture for ECDE centers in 25 wards across the county a step in the right direction but still insufficient.

Therefore, this resolution is partially implemented and the committee thus directs the department to provide funds for procurement of adequate furniture for all ECDE centers across the county progressively in subsequent budget allocations.

Additionally, the department to include equipping as part of the Bills of Quantities when undertaking construction of ECDE facilities in future and provide sufficient funds for the same.

### **House Resolution No. 4**

**THAT, PROCUREMENT PROCESSES SHOULD BE EXPEDITED AND CONTRACTS AWARDED TO CAPABLE CONTRACTORS THROUGH DUE DILIGENCE TO ENSURE PROJECTS ARE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE EARMARKED FINANCIAL YEARS TO AVOID CARRY OVERS.**

### **Departmental response**

The department of Education and Vocational Training endeavors to adhere to the PPDA, PFM and any relevant regulations guiding budget implementation and financial reporting. Currently the procurement processes are initiated early to give successful bidders time to complete the projects within the project period within the financial.

### **Committee Observation**

The department only provided evidence of termination letters and default notices to contractors. Further the department indicated that procurement processes have been enhanced without any material evidence.

The committee observes that this resolution has not been implemented.

### **House Resolution No. 5**



**THAT, CLOSE SUPERVISION SHOULD BE DONE DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS AND ROGUE CONTRACTORS WHO DO SHODDY WORKS SHOULD BE BLACKLISTED TO ENSURE VALUE FOR MONEY**

**Departmental response**

The department informed the Committee that staff in the department undertake supervision projects and that the terminated contractors were automatically Blacklisted.

**Committee Observation**

There was no evidence that staff in the department undertake supervision of projects. Equally there was no evidence of blacklisted service providers by the department.

Thus the committee observes that this resolution has not been implemented in totality.

**House Resolution No. 6**

**THAT, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING SHOULD PROVIDE A KITTY FOR REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND RENOVATION OF ALREADY CONSTRUCTED CLASSROOMS**

**Implementation status;**

The department has not set aside a kitty for regular maintenance and renovation of already constructed classrooms. However, the department endeavors to implement the recommendations in consultation with members of the County Assembly over the CEF Projects and there is an ongoing advisory from the department over CEF to establish the kitty.

**Committee Observation**

The Committee observed that no kitty for regular maintenance and renovation has been established and the department should fast track the process of establishing the kitty. Therefore, this resolution has not been implemented.

**REPORT ON THE STATUS OF SAMPLED VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS IN BUNGOMA COUNTY**

**Background Information**

This report was adopted in the house on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.

The enquiry was necessitated by concerns over the absence of clear guidelines for training, growth, staffing, and administration within Bungoma County's Vocational Training Centers (VTCs). These critical issues underscored the urgent need for a thorough evaluation, including insufficient and delayed funding, inadequate infrastructure development and upkeep, lack of land ownership and registration with TVETA, no defined system for instructor development, low student enrollment, unreliable access to water and electricity and failure to meet the needs of learners with disabilities.

To fulfill its oversight responsibilities, the committee aimed to examine these deficiencies to ensure effective governance, better service provision, and accountability in the VTC sector.

### **House Resolution No.1**

**THAT, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING SHOULD COME UP COME UP WITH A POLICY TO GUIDE VTC TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT ON EXPANSION, STAFFING, ENROLLMENT, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT, ICT INTEGRATION, EQUIPPING AND QUALITY STANDARDS AND ASSURANCE**

### **Departmental response**

The Department responded that Draft regulations to the Bungoma County Youth Polytechnic Act 2015 and Draft Policy for the Bungoma County Youth Polytechnic Act 2015 are ready awaiting Public Participation.

### **Committee Observation**

The committee observed that this resolution is partially implemented and directs the department to expedite publication the said policy and regulations and forward to the County Assembly for consideration within 30 days after adoption of this report.

### **House Resolutions No. 2**

**THAT, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO COME UP WITH A PROPER CAPITATION AND FUNDING MODEL TO THE VTCS AND DISBURSEMENTS DONE TIMELY TO ENABLE VTCS OPERATE OPTIMALLY AND ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES**

### **Departmental response**

The Department responded that the Special purpose account has not yet been put in place to cater for VTCs. Further the department submitted that funds allocated towards capitation are insufficient.

**Committee Observation**

The committee observes that this resolution has not been implemented. Therefore directs the department to fast track creation of a special purpose account for VTC capitation. The department should also advocate for and allocate sufficient fund for capitation to VTCs in subsequent budget allocations progressively.

**House resolution No. 3**

**THAT, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO COME UP WITH A ROBUST PLAN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PERIODIC MAINTENANCE AND RENOVATIONS FOR ALL EXISTING VTC STRUCTURES ACROSS THE COUNTY.**

**Departmental response**

The department responded that priority had been given for periodic maintenance and renovation but the Budget is insufficient.

**Committee Observation**

It is observed that there was no material evidence to proof that the department had both prioritized periodic maintenance and renovation of VTC infrastructure or insufficient budgetary allocation towards the same course.

Therefore, this resolution has not been implemented and the department should provide sufficient funds for both renovation and maintenance of existing infrastructure in VTCs in subsequent budget cycles.

**House Resolution No. 4**

**THAT, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO ASSIST VTCs WITHOUT LAND TITLE DEEDS TO ACQUIRE THEM AND EQUALLY ENSURE THOSE THAT ARE YET TO BE REGISTERED BY TVETA TO BE REGISTERED.**

**Departmental response**

The department is working closely with the department of Lands to assist in the processing of title deeds and Seventy per cent (70%) have been registered by TVETA.

The process is hindered by allocation of insufficient funds.

### **Committee Observation**

The committee observes that 70 per cent of the VTCs have been registered by TVETA. Equally the department is working closely with the department of lands to ensure the remaining ones acquire title deeds so that they are registered by TVETA.

This resolution is partially implemented and the department is encouraged to speed up land registration process for the remaining VTCS and ensure they are registered by TVETA.

### **House resolution No. 5**

**THAT, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO COME UP WITH A POLICY FRAMEWORK TO GUIDE HUMAN RESOURCE TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER PROGRESSION FOR VTC INSTRUCTORS IN ORDER TO MOTIVATE THEM AND HENCE INCREASE THEIR EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS**

### **Departmental response**

The department informed the committee that draft regulations are in place awaiting public participation and there is need for more funding to facilitate the process of policy drafting as the department has come up with data of VTC Instructors that are due for promotions.

### **Committee Observation**

The department did not provide data for instructors that are due for promotion and the Organogram showing Career progression of the Instructors. The draft regulations were not availed to the committee for perusal hence the department is directed to conduct public participation on the said draft regulations, publish and submit to the Assembly for consideration within 30 days after adoption of this report.

Further the department should provide a list of instructors due and processed for promotion and evidence of an allocation in the budget for their promotions to the County Assembly within 30 days after adoption of this report.

### **House resolution No. 6**

**THAT, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN CONJUNCTION WITH VARIOUS VTCs SHOULD COME UP WITH REGULAR SENSITIZATION PROGRAMS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF TVET TRAINING IN ORDER TO ATTRACT MORE LEARNERS**

**Departmental response**

The department responded that there are Capacity Building programs in place in collaboration with strategic partners for example; TVETA, ZIZI AFRIQUE and GIZ.

There is a proposal for sporting activities and Branding of VTCs.

The Department has also launched the distribution of Furniture to VTCs.

**Committee observations**

The committee observes that there was no evidence as proof for capacity building initiatives having been put place including collaboration with the said strategic partners. Equally, there was no evidence for sporting and branding activities in the VTCs.

Therefore, this resolution is not implemented and the department is directed to implement the House resolution and provide evidence to the committee through a report.

**House resolution No. 7**

**THAT, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING SHOULD ENSURE THAT ALL VTCs ARE CONNECTED TO STEADY AND RELIABLE WATER AND POWER SUPPLY AND THAT THEIR STRUCTURES SHOULD BE COMPLIANT WITH THE NEEDS OF PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES**

**Departmental response**

The department responded that 40% of VTCs are connected with power and 60% have clean water and that all classrooms and workshops constructed comply with needs of persons living with Disability.

There is need for allocation of sufficient funds to facilitate power installation and water.

**Committee Observation**

The Committee observed that the department did not provide data to support the 40% of VTCs connected with power and 60% have access to safe, clean water and the structures comply with the needs of persons living with disability.

This resolution is not implemented; hence the department should provide status report on the same 30 days after the adoption of this report.

**House Resolution No.8**

**THAT, THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND REPORT BACK TO THE HOUSE WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THIS REPORT**

**Departmental response**

The department informed the committee that it had not implemented the resolution as the report was not available to them for their action.

**Committee Observation**

The committee observed that there was need to fast track movement adopted reports to reach the sector departments in time for implementation of House resolutions.

**REPORT ON NINE MONTH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2023 FY 2022/23**

**Background Information**

This report was adopted on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

**House Resolution No. 1**

**THAT, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO ABSORB ITS VOTES EARLY TO AVOID END OF FINANCIAL YEAR CASH CRISIS**

**Departmental response**

The department responded that commitment of funds is done early but not delays in procurement processes, delays in exchequer releases and contractors who don't complete works in time as probable challenges.

**Committee Observation**

The committee notes that there was no material evidence for early commitment of funds. Further, there was no proof of delays in procurement processes, delays in exchequer releases and contractors not meeting deadlines as challenges hindering full implementation of this resolution.

This resolution is not resolved and the department is therefore directed to ensure full absorption of the funds allocated to the department in every financial year.

**House Resolution No.2**

**THAT, THE COUNTY TREASURY SHOULD INDICATE WHAT EVERY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES IN EVERY EXCHEQUER RELEASE AND THE ACTIVITIES BEING FUNDED TO ALLOW EASY OF OVERSIGHT**

**Departmental response**

The department responded that it was the responsibility of the County Treasury to implement the resolution.

**Committee Observation**

The Committee agreed with the department, hence this resolution should be forwarded to the County Treasury for implementation.

**House resolution No.3**

**THAT, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD PRIORITIZE ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN AND THE TIMELINES (WORK PLAN) TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PROGRAMS**

**Departmental response**

The department responded that it had been implemented as activities are prioritized and implemented as per the work plans.

**Committee Observation**

The Committee observed that the department did not provide the work plans of the prioritized activities and that the work plan should be submitted within 30 days after the adoption of this report.

**House Resolution No.4**

**THAT, MEASURES SHALL BE DEVELOPED TO ENSURE THAT IMPRESTS ARE SURRENDERED IN TIME**

**Departmental response**

The department responded that no multiple imprests are done before surrender of the initial one and as such no pending imprests.

**Committee Observation**

There was no evidence to confirm that the department had no un-surrendered imprest. This resolution has not been implemented hence the department is directed to ensure surrender of imprests within the set timelines.

**House resolution no.5**

**THAT, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD ENSURE THAT VTCS SUBMIT THEIR CASH BALANCES BALANCE REGULARLY**

**Departmental response**

The department responded that bank reconciliation and cash balances are done on quarterly basis by the treasury but as by the new requirement they will submit in the 3rd quarter.

**Committee Observation**

This recommendation has not been implemented and the department should implement the same in subsequent quarters as they indicated to the committee.

**Committee Observations and Recommendations**

**Committee Observations**

1. ECDE Centers in the County do not have Toilets but only Pit Latrines which are in sufficient
2. Construction Contracts in the department do not include Furnishing and equipping of the classrooms
3. Close supervision should be done by the department to avoid cases of repairs and maintenance of classrooms (To ensure due diligence and professional ethics)



4. There is No kitty established for Regular maintenance and repairs of classrooms
5. We have inadequate budgetary allocations to the department to undertake most of the activities.
6. Adopted reports should be availed to the specific departments for Action.
7. There is delay in procurement processes.
8. No work plans for the department availed to the sector committee.
9. No availed lists of VTC Instructors shortlisted for promotion by the department.

### **Committee observations**

1. That most of the House resolutions were partially implemented by the department
2. No resolution had fully been implemented by the department
3. That some of the house resolutions cannot be implemented within a specific financial year rather progressively due to scarce resources and competing interests
4. There was no material evidence as proof of implementation of the House resolutions
5. House resolutions were communicated through the Office of the County Secretary and copies not made to relevant sector departments causing delays in implementation of the House resolutions

### **Committee Recommendation**

1. **THAT**, the department should adhere and implement all the committee recommendations illustrated herein and within the stipulated timelines. In case of failure, the committee will forward the matter to Implementation Committee for further action.

On the adoption of the schedule 15 members did append their signatures on the adoption schedule the rest are attachments to support what we have been saying in the report.

With your permission I want to take this opportunity to request the Chair of this committee Hon. Benjamin Otsiula MCA Khasoko to second the report.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Otsiula, you have the honor of seconding the report.

**Hon. Benjamin Otsiula:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. First of all, I want to laud Hon. Johnston Okasida for moving the motion eloquently and fairly enough for all of us to follow and digest as he was moving. I know he had reservations because he has some flu but he has done very well. Looking at this report the bottom line is that the department of Education and Vocational Training never implemented any resolution to the fullest.

In this House our key role is oversight and once resolutions are passed in this House rather recommendations emanating from various reports then it calls for the Executive to ensure that they implement and adhere to the resolutions of the Honourable House.

These shows that in all the three reports covering this particular motion they have not implemented entirely a single resolution. Most of the Implementations are partial implementations with no tangible evidence to prove whatever the department was saying.

This is a dangerous precedent as I think from the observation of the committee it requires urgent intervention, a report that was passed in 2023 we are now in 2025 there are still talking about we shall construct two classrooms, we shall construct toilets and we are coming to the end of the term. Therefore the department is dragging its feet as far as the implementation is concerned.

If I can refer members to page 14 of this motion they passed that the department responded that draft regulations to the Bungoma County Youth Polytechnic Act 2015 and draft policy of the Bungoma County Youth Polytechnic 2025 are awaiting Public Participation. This report was adopted on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 but as I speak these is very serious policies and regulations that will inform the operationalization of the Bungoma County Youth Polytechnic Act 2015 up to this moment they are not in place; we are still awaiting Public Participation. I don't know whether this Public Participation is now going to be conducted in 2026 or 2027.

I don't want to repeat what the mover has already pointed out but very many resolutions including on matters of ECDE compliance up to this particular time is not encouraging. Matters of VTCs registration and the same having the land title deeds, the department could not provide the correct report. They were saying they have connected electricity in 100% on this VTC's but when we started analyzing the data as per this report; you will realize that it is just but around 40%. Therefore as per the simple recommendation in this report the department must therefore adhere and implement all the recommendations as illustrated. From this end we are following up as a committee to see the progress and I can report to this Honourable House that the progress is very minimal and just recently we had procurement of Equipment for ECDEs and VTCs

Hon. Kikechi from Mbakalo sought a statement on the same in this Honourable House. If you look at the response from the department on how they have distributed the equipment, it leaves a lot to be desired. It means the department again is not following the resolutions of this Honourable House.

Finally the 90M that was set aside to ensure members are supplying again some are supplying chairs, ECD's and VTC's unto now we are still being told that they are still procuring. Therefore the key recommendation is that the department must adhere and implement the House resolutions the way they were passed in this Honourable House.

I beg to second.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Otsiula, Honourable Members allow me to be able to propose a motion of a debate.

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Henry Nyongesa,

**Hon. Henry Nyongesa:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I want to laud the mover and the seconder of the motion for bringing out serious issues in this motion. I want draw the members back to early this year when we were launching construction of more ECDE classrooms, and I want to say that what is on the ground is not ECDEs I think they are just structures which the department is calling them ECDE.

I remember there was a news item in National TVs and even Internationally that one of the ECDEs that were constructed in Bumula, the way it was looking and the amount used to construct was a laughter and embarrassment to this County and I remember apart from the department itself the CEO of the County pronounced himself loudly that all those ECDEs that are not in good condition be renovated. As you are talking now I think in reference it was seen in Bumula none has been done.

The seconder has even outlined one of the serious issues that in the ended financial year, when we started asking about Kshs 90 M that was meant for bursary, they were stories of doing procurement and even one of the serious issues, a letter of award was given to a contractor on 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2025, we start wondering are this people serious. Up to now the contractor has not stepped on the ground, now we start wondering is this department serious because this is the only department that is handling a serious devolved function...

Somebody came to this House to answer questions on how the money was spent for an officer to travel to Korea. I think the ship is not an animal, but it's a transporting agency, the Chief Officer said clearly that the furniture was on the ship coming, I don't know if it sank, or it is still coming, and when is it arriving. I think the Chair and the entire Committee should come out very clear on this thing, because they are in black and white, that the Korean Government has given us seats, and an officer spent almost a million shillings going to Korea. Now, it's a nightmare.

All children in this Country have a right to go to school. And you remember very well, as the Constitution is giving us a mandate to make sure that a young child who is going to ECD is being taken care of by the County government of Bungoma.

Those classes that were mentioned in Bumula are not being used, so we are going back to the old generation, where I was learning under the tree. I wish that the officers in charge do the necessary to ensure that our children learn in conducive environment. I submit.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Kennedy Wanyama.

**Hon. Kennedy Wanyama:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker for the opportunity. I also rise to support the motion by the Committee on Education and Vocational Training on the Implementation of House Resolutions for the Financial Year 2022-2023. ECDEs and VTCs are the core mandate of devolved units. First, I want to thank the Liaison Committee that in the just-adopted budget for the financial year 2025-2026, for the first time there was allocation towards VTCs and ECDEs.

And as a committee, we will do our oversight role to ensure that these funds are actually expended on the vote heads that were budgeted for. I want to appreciate the mover and the seconder of the motion who have brought out the issues affecting this department so well. And these resolutions are supposed to be implemented for the betterment of the department.

On the issue of infrastructure in ECD Centers, they are small kids, and most of this infrastructure, especially when you look at sanitation facilities; they actually share with the older pupils. And so the department needs to plan and ensure that ECDE Centers actually have separate sanitation facilities so that then these kids can learn in a good environment.

When you look at the issue of classrooms, just like *Mheshimiwa* Hentry Nyongesa said, most of the classrooms being called as ECD Centers, they don't actually meet the requirements. So there is a need to have these Centers standardized so that then our kids can learn in a good environment.

We also have the issue of equipping of VTCs and ECDE Centers. ECDE pupils actually need special furniture for them to be able to learn. And so the same should also be standardized so that then these kids can read from a friendly environment, VTCs, on the other hand, also need specialized equipment for practical lessons. So unless we allocate resources, then we may just end up having empty classrooms where these students will just sit without having quality education.

Lastly, the department should really ensure that there is proper capitation and funding models, capitation is actually meant to be a subsidy to support parents who may not be able to buy, for example, to buy training equipment, and so unless there is a proper capitation and funding models, we may also not be able to have enough students in VTCs.

We may not be able to have enough trainers in VTCs. So these are very important areas that the department should ensure that a proper model is in place. I support.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Johnston Okasida, you reply to the motion. Sorry I see Majority Leader wants to speak.

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will not take more than one minute. I want to appreciate the Mover of this motion. I also want to sincerely appreciate the seconder, who is the Chairman of the committee, listening to him keenly; you could see that actually the combination of Engineer Agnes and *Mwalimu*, who is the Chief Officer, are a great let down to this government. So if at all everyone was listening keenly to what the Chairman was saying, and then we need a reshuffle. I support the report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Violet Makhanu,

**Hon. Violet Makhanu:** Thank you, Speaker. I also want to briefly say something on this particular report. I want to appreciate Hon. Johnston Okasida for moving the report on this floor of the House and Chair of the Committee for elaborating on it.

But listening to this report, you realize that our department has failed us, and unless the Honourable Members has allocated money on an ECDE or a VTC, the department doesn't do anything. I was looking forward for these departments to at least do something. We do provide monies for ECDE Centers. Some of us have many schools in our Ward, saying that you cannot do ECDE in every school, but I was thinking that if the department was able to at least do some then elected MCAs also his/her part then we can achieve every primary school to have a ECEDE center.

I remember last regime when we had the CECM called Mayeko, she came to my Ward and was promising to do a Vocational Training Center in the name of a Center of excellence in Mihuu, I waited for it and nothing was done. She was telling me to allocate money on CEF to do the same.

But you realize that some of us, we have problems in our Wards; most of the problems are roads. So doing these ECDs become a challenge to some of us, How the Department on Education is able to do something? And a few ECDEs that have been contracted through CEF money, The Department should be able to at least equip these ECDEs.

The other day we had a launch of the equipment made for VTCs, and it was a shame, because every ward was getting 50 chairs for three VTCs, which means one VTC is getting 15 chairs, and maybe just one or two machines for the same, something that cannot even be of help to that particular VTC.

So I'm just requesting that if possible, the Department should just pull up their socks. But at least even they learned that I have done an ECDE, they are able to come and equip that same ECDE to allow the students learn in a very conducive environment.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Johnston Ipara.

**Hon. Johnston Okasida:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. First of all, I want to laud all the Honourable Members who have taken their time to remain behind. The reason is because we are discussing on core functions of the County.

Let me start with the Hon. Hentry Nyongesa, we don't have enough infrastructure across the County to cater for ECDE classes and also for VTCs. This is caused by lack of having a priority list by the County Government. Everything that is happening across the County is what is done by the Honourable Members through the kitty called CEF.

Maybe we also need to move a step further to see what do departments use the development allocation for; most of these departments pretend that what is happening across the County through CEF is what is in the department. And through our oversight, we have not checked on the development allocation safe for CEF.

On the renovations, these are simple things to be renovated. They are supposed to be catered by the department through the money they are left with through framework contracting. But actually, they are not doing this.

And even you find that when the Governor himself went to Bumula and made those unnecessary pronouncements, he never consulted the CECM Finance to find out whether there is money that they can apportion to cater for this demand that was not there.

I would like also to address what Hon. Joseph Nyongesa has said on ECD recruitment and promotion. The Governor directed that we must recruit and have those officers who have served in one position for a long time be promoted and others be recruited. It was shocking because when the budget came up, nothing had been apportioned to cater for the Governor's pronouncement.

And when the Liaison Committee looked for money and brought it to cater for this cause, it is the Governor himself who was the first one to burn the house that he was inside. I wonder what this man was thinking about, but that is the thing of the past.

On the furniture, the Governor during his maiden visit to Korea, together with the Chief Officer of Education, they were given some donations. They came with those donations, which have

remained stuck at the port of Mombasa, for all this time, and this shows that his incompetence of the highest order, exhibited through the leadership of the Governor himself.

We need to call the Governor to this House to tell us what happened to the donation that he was given in Korea

As a County we need standardization of projects so that what you see in Bumula is what you will see in Bukembe. What you see in Bukembe is what you will see in Mitua /Soysambu. And that is what I believe that all of us want.

Lastly, the only way we can encourage young men and women to go to Vocational Training Centers is where the County Government gives some capitation. But this is a government that is not willing to do anything that is good for the people of Bungoma County. What do we do? Do we remain disparate? Or we must take an action to correct this? We must start with the owner of the house, because if the father is not ready to give directions then we must show him the door.

The Majority Leader has talked, when I was seated with the Hon. Benjamin Otsiula, was telling me one thing, he is the best player we have, and that you can't change a winning team. The only time you can change a winning team is where that utility player has been injured. But Honourable Speaker, you remember what happened when Emachar and his team had started to pick up the pieces, he was moved out. The reason is he was changing the things that other people are used to. Where there...

*(Hon. Everton Nganga shouts Kenya Kwanza)*

Not Kenya Kwanza Hon. Everton Nganga. Kindly, have some respect for Kenya Kwanza.

The disservice was done to this department when the CECM was coming up to correct things, he was moved and we started from zero. And I'm even wondering whether we will be able to come out of the quagmire we are in? The shackles are all over, I don't know how we shall deal with them.

Lastly, Hon. Violet Makhanu has talked about a framework, and the 50 chairs that she received for three Vocational Training Centers, these are not enough. I want to believe that the department did not have a formula on how they arrived on those figures. And maybe if we bring the report that we are about to bring to this House, it will shock most of you, where you will find that a Ward with less than two vocational centers has more than 50, and Violet with three VTCs was given 50.



I want to plead with the Honourable Members that this is a very crucial and important report touching on the core functions of the County. Let's adopt the report in totality so that it can be implemented for the better future of our County. I submit.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Johnstone Okasida, for your reply to the motion. It was duly moved by you, and there were contributions.

Honourable members, allow me proceed and be able to put a question to the said motion so that the House can be able to make a decision of the same.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## BILLS

### BUNGOMA COUNTY VALUATION AND RATING BILL, 2024

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Johnston Okasida.

**Hon. Johnston Okasida:** Honourable Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 152 (2) I move a motion that the Bungoma County Valuation and Rating Bill, 2024, be now read a third time, and I call upon Hon. Francis Chemion, the Chairperson, to second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Francis Chemion.

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** I second the third reading.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, a motion has been moved and seconded under Standing Order 152(2) that the Bill be read for a third time.

*A Bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Bungoma to give effect to the provision of Article 209 3 of the Constitution to provide a comprehensive framework for the position of rates on Lands, buildings, and other immovable properties in Bungoma County, and for connected purpose. **Third Reading***

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable members, a Bill having been read for a third time, it now becomes an Act of this Assembly, and subsequently the same will be sent to His Excellency the Governor for assent within 14 days from the day of this approval.

Honourable Members, I'm duly informed by the table Clerks that was the last item on our Order Paper. We will be able to adjourn our sitting today and resume on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. session.

*The House rose at 4:18 p.m.*