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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA

THE DAILY HANSARD

WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2026

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

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Honourable members, today in our public gallery we have 150 Form 3 and Form 4 History and Government Students from Bungoma High School accompanied by their teachers. I'm told they are around 500 so in our next sitting, we will be seeing them coming in shifts and they will all be part of this sitting accordingly.

All be upstanding for recognition.

(Students rise)

Kindly be seated.

(Students resume their seats)

(Applause)

They are accompanied by their teachers,

1. Mr. Cyril Naibei,
2. Mr. Nyukuri,
3. Mr. Barasa Edwin,
4. Mrs. Nelly Nasambu,

Kindly be upstanding.

(Teachers rise)

Kindly resume your seats accordingly.

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(Applause)

Honourable members, at appropriate time on our Order Paper, I will allow a few members to make brief remarks about our visitors in our public gallery accordingly. We proceed.

PAPERS

REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMUNITY ON ROADS, TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS ON THE CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2025

Mr. Speaker: Any member of the sector Committee on Roads, Transport, and Infrastructure, Public Works, Hon. Ipara.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to table a report of the sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on the consideration of the financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025. I table.

(Papers laid by Hon. Johnstone Ipara)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, the report by the sector Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on the consideration of the financial statements for the period ending June 30th, 2025 is hereby tabled by the committee. The same becomes the property of the House accordingly.

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER, CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2025

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Alice,

Hon. Alice Kibaba(Member, Gender): Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to table a report of the sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare on the consideration of financial statements for the period ended June 30th, 2025.

(Papers laid by Hon. Alice Kibaba)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, the report by the sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare on the consideration of financial statements for the period ending 30th, June

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2025 is hereby tabled by the Committee and the same becomes the property of the House accordingly.

**REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND
ICT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD
ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2025**

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Chemion.

Hon. Francis Chemion: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to table a report of the sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT on the consideration of financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

(Papers laid by Hon. Francis Chemion)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, the report by the sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT on the consideration of financial statements for the period ending 30th June, 2025 is hereby tabled by the committee and the same becomes the report of the House accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION

**REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS, TRANSPORT,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS ON CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2025**

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ipara, you proceed.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to issue a notice of motion:

THAT, this House adopts the report of the sectoral committee on Roads, transport, infrastructure and public works on the consideration of financial statements for the period ended June 30th, 2025.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, a notice of motion has been duly issued by the sectoral committee, the same will be shared with the Honourable Members on their gadgets. It is going to be based on an Order Paper once the same is scheduled by HBC accordingly.

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REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER, CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2025

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Alice, you proceed.

Hon. Alice Kibaba: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report of the sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare on the consideration of financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, equally the sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare has issued, I will urge the table clerks equally share with the Honourable Members on their gadgets. It is going to be on the order paper once scheduled by the HBC accordingly.

REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND ICT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2025

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Francis Chemion,

Hon. Francis Chemion: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I rise to give a notice of motion that this House adopts the report of the sectoral committee on Public Administration and ICT on the consideration of financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, equally, a notice of motion has been newly issued by the sectoral Committee, the same will be shared with the Honourable MCAs on their gadgets. It is going to be on the Order Paper once scheduled by the HBC accordingly.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Honourable Ipara, you will share the tentative Order Paper of the House starting next Tuesday to Thursday.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. This is a tentative weekly programme of the Business of the County Assembly to run from commencing from Tuesday, 17th to Thursday, 19th February, 2026.

On Tuesday, 17th February, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

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Papers

1. County Revenue fund statements for financial year 2025-2026 for the period ended December 2025.
2. Receiver of revenue statements for the financial year 2025-2026 for the period ended December 2025.
3. Equalization fund statements for financial year 2025/2026 for the period ended December 2025.
4. Bungoma County executive financial statements for the financial year 2025/2026 for the period ended December 2025.
5. The Annual report of the County Public Service Board for the year 2025.
6. Second financial statements for the second Kenya Devolution Support Programme financial year 2025/2026.
7. Report of the Public Accounts and Investment Committee on the reports of the Auditor General on the Bungoma County level four, health facilities financial year 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024.
8. A report of the Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and supports on the financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

Notices of Motion

1. THAT, this House adopts the report of the Public Accounts and Investment Committee on the reports of the Auditor General on the Bungoma County level four, health facilities financial year 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. it will be done by the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Public Accounts.
2. THAT, this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and supports on financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025. It will be done by the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Youth.

Questions and Statements

Statement by the Member for Ndalutabani Ward, Hon. Timothy Chikati to ask a question to the CECM, Health and Sanitation in relation to the status of construction of Ndalutabani Maternity Wing.

Motion

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Report by the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on the consideration of the Bungoma County Food Safety Coordination Bill 2025

Wednesday, 18th February, 2026 at 9:30a.m

1. Bungoma County Disaster and Emergency Management Fund quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended December 31st, 2025.
2. A report of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Urban, Fiscal Planning and Housing on the task force report on the land inventory in the Bungoma County 2019.
3. A report of the Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources on BWASCO operations.

Notices of Motion

1. THAT this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Urban, Fiscal Planning and Housing on the task force report on the land inventory in the Bungoma County 2019.
2. THAT this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources on BWASCO operations.

Questions and Statements

Statement No. 36 of 2025, nominated member Hon. Allan Nyongesa to get a response from the Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports. The statement is in respect to the contract implementation status of the construction of Masinde Muliro Stadium.

Motion

A report of the Public Accounts and Investment Committee on the reports of the Auditor General on the Bungoma County Level 4 Health Facilities for the financial year 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024.

Bills

The Bungoma County Food Safety Coordination Bills 2025

Committee of the Whole House

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The Bungoma County Food Safety Coordination Bill 2025

Wednesday, 18th February, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

Papers

1. Bungoma County Trade Development Loan Fund.
2. Bungoma County Climate Change Fund
3. Report of the Sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT on the status of the personnel emoluments for the County Executive as at December 2025.
4. Report of the Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on Review and Oversight of Youth Inclusivity and Empowerment Programs in Bungoma County.

Notices of Motion

1. THAT, this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT on the status of personnel emoluments for the County Executive as at December 2025.
2. THAT, this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on Review and Oversight of Youth Inclusivity and Empowerment Program in Bungoma County.

Motion

Report by the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the consideration of the financial statements for the period ending June 30th 2025

Bills

The Bungoma County Food Safety Coordination Bill 2025 by the Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Agriculture.

Thursday, 19th February, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

Papers

1. Report of the Committee on Delegated County Legislation on scrutiny of Public Finance Management, Bungoma County Disaster Management Emergency Fund Regulations of 2020.

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2. Report of the Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities on the consideration of the financial statement for the period ending 30th June 2025.

Notices of Motion

1. THAT, this House adopts the report of the committee on delegated county legislation on scrutiny of public finance management, Bungoma County Disaster Management Emergency Fund Regulations 2020.
2. THAT, this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities on the consideration of the financial statement for the period ending 30 June, 2025.

Questions and Statement

Statement by a member of House Business Committee informing the House on upcoming business

Motion

Report by the Sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on the consideration of the financial statement for the period ending 30th June, 2025

This is a tentative program for next week.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, this is our tentative Order Paper for next week starting from Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th of February, 2026. We may have some adjustments once we confirm some things with the Clerk, so we will proceed from there.

Honourable Members, I will have some few Honourable Members making remarks; the host who is our landlord will start, Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba.

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Asante Bwana Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii haswa kuwakaribisha wanafunzi wa shule kuu ya Bungoma shule ambayo iko nyuma hapa kutoka kwenye makazi yenye tuko sasa hivi. Shule hii ni shule ambayo ninajivunia mimi nikiwa mwanafunzi wa zamani wa shule hii miaka ya mbele ya themanini kule ambapo nilisomea hapo kutoka kidato cha kwanza hadi kidato cha sita. Kwa hivo najivunia kuwa mmoja wenu.

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Mkiwa shuleni ama ukitaka uje uwe kama mimi lazima uweke bidii. Tieni bidii katika masomo muwe wanafunzi wenye nidhamu na cha mno muweke Mungu mbele katika maswala yenu. Tunajivunia shule hii kwasababu imetoa viongozi wengi katika nchi hii, tukianza kuhesabu msururu hii haiwezi isha. Nawatakia wakati mwema mtakapo kuwa hapa na ikiwa nyinyi mnaenda kufanya mtihani wa kidato cha nne anzeni sahizi na mtafaulu lakini zaidi muwe na nidhamu. Asante .

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Yes, I will have Hon. Makari

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When Hon. Jeremiah was saying he was there in the 80's you know even some teachers were not born at that time.

(Applause)

So they are wondering which year was this.

I want to first of all congratulate the students plus the teachers that have come today. This is the County Assembly of Bungoma which they know. As I welcome them, I want to remind the House about one thing. This school usually hosts our tallying centre when the elections are being done and you know my Musikoma Ward neighbors Hon. Jeremiah's ward. So maybe some of the students many of them could be, you know, Jeremiah doesn't have residents.

The residents that vote for Jeremiah come from Musikoma and Khalaba wards because there's nobody. There are only *Wahindis* that reside in town, but other people are from elsewhere.

I want to appreciate the school administration. When the elections come, those of us from Kanduyi, our tallying centre is usually in Bungoma High School and in 2017, I hope you know what happened to Hon. Jeremiah. When we were in the tallying centre and Hon. Jeremiah had won with 11...

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari, you know members may not be aware, so you need to explain on what happened.

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Hon. George Makari: Hon. Jeremiah had won the election with 11 votes. But do you know what happened? Hon. Jeremiah got excited and began ringing home to prepare for celebration and you know, in between the results were getting cooked. He went out to smoke and when he came back the same very votes he defeated his opponent with, had been overturned. His competitor was now leading him with the same 11 votes. So that was how the paradox was.

I want to underscore that this school plays host to us during vote tallying. I think is it Bungoma County or the larger Kanduyi constituency? I think there's usually a very large conglomeration of people there.

I want to encourage the students that here's a time you will be here, not all of you, but some of you I know will end up here. What I want to say, let there be discipline. Even in very well-localized teams, I want to refer to my own team, Arsenal; if the best player is indiscipline, the coach will not allow him play. Even if he's the best striker and has no discipline, the coach will not field that player because that indiscipline aspect will rub on other players and there's nowhere that team will go. So my encouragement to the students is be disciplined. Obey your teachers and move forward and you'll have a very great future.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Jack Wambulwa.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker for giving me an opportunity so that I also talk to Bungoma High students.

I want first of all to appreciate the current management of Bungoma High. As you are aware, Bungoma High School has been a uniting school for Bungoma County. Previously, it has not been doing well but I want to thank the current management from last year going by the results that we received, I want to say congratulations to the management.

(Applause)

Like Mheshimiwa Makari had put it Bungoma High is a home of Bungoma bright students and like he puts it, I come from Bumula and when they came in I found several students reaching out to me and saying hello *Mheshimiwa*. Bumula could be 80% of these students who are present here. I want to encourage them that discipline is number 1 and now that you have come to the House of Legislation, this is Bungoma County Assembly. It is one of the best Assemblies in Kenya that as you look around, I am sure you were taken around by the Sergeants-at-Arms, we have an administration block. Where you were taken it could be the best in Kenya because we

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work hard to ensure that as you come to benchmark, you find us ready for you. It is because we want to lead from the front.

We want to encourage you that as you work hard, make sure that you respect your teachers. It is these teachers who will make you be different and the only way you can be different is by passing your exams, making it to a higher level so that next time you meet with your teacher in town let it not be you asking your teacher to give you transport but you asking the teacher welcome for lunch on my bill. After he has eaten your lunch, you give him pocket money like Kshs 3000 and tell him travel well *Mwalimu*, if it were not for you I wouldn't have made it. That is what we are looking forward to.

Don't encourage amongst your colleagues to bring in drugs in school. Drugs start with bhang, which is what has damaged most institutions in Bungoma. So as Bungoma High being our pride please don't encourage that. Whenever you see someone coming in and trying to introduce it to the school, reach out to the administration and create an alert so that we whip out that character who wants to mess out with Bungoma High School.

Otherwise I want to thank you and welcome you to Bungoma County Assembly. This is the majority side, the other side is the minority side where Hon. Kuloba is talking from so as you are here that is the Speaker of the House. Those are our clerks the ones in color blue and green and these are the Honourable members. We are here as a team of elected and nominated members. We fight for what we say representing the common *mwanaanchi* oversight, representation and legislation is our role as a County Government. I want to wish form fours who are going to sit for their exams success.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jack. I will have Hon. Caleb.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I also want to join my colleagues to encourage the students of Bungoma High School. It is a reputable school in terms of performance and discipline and that's why we get leaders like Hon. Jeremiah even the area MP from this region Hon. John Makali is also a former student of Bungoma High School, Hon. Mulongo and many others. So mine is just to...

Mr. Speaker: To correct you Hon. Mulongo is an alumni of Chesamisi, where he schooled with our current Governor. I will confirm if they were age mates in the same school or not.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Mine is just to build on what my colleagues have said knowledge is power that liberates us from the prison of manipulation and

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intimidation and knowledge is acquirable but wisdom is God given. Even if you succeed but your characters you are not disciplined just as my colleagues have said you will still find it difficult outside here. So mine is just to encourage the students that you need to listen to your teachers every advice they give you.

They are giving you out of experience. They were there, they were students like you. Some of us were students like you and what has propelled us to success is discipline and when we talk about discipline it begins with you. Right now if you look at our Country there is a lot of going on especially in this digital era where a lot of young people engage in a lot of verbal abuse, abusing leaders this and that.

Failing to understand that anything you do you will be judged because currently even flying outside the County they have to look at your social media, what you were engaging in, what were you doing on your social media so I want to encourage our students who are here please now that you have a Principal who is also a Bishop no wonder the results are appealing as they are. Mine is just to encourage you do not forget God in your education. Put God first and you will succeed.

Otherwise, there are a lot of things at school and outside there. Right now, a boy child is an endangered species and that is why parents who are here are really concerned about the generation to come because there are a lot of things happening just like one of my colleagues said about bhang. There are a lot of hard drugs like cocaine, heroin even if you have a good vision or dream, the moment you begin engaging into drugs and other things, you will be a disappointment to your family and to the community but you need to know that your parents have higher hopes on you.

Imagine schooling with your colleagues and meeting those who are disciplined and successful in their future life but you are not successful. It is very demeaning and hurting. Mine is just to encourage you to put God first and you will succeed, don't engage into homosexuality. There are a lot of things our young people are just entering, they do not know but once you enter into homosexuality, it will destroy you or your future. You will not be able to bear children because you will have messed up your children. Just focus and God will give you success. I wish you all the best as you prepare for your national exam. I know now that you are on the good track, you will succeed.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Let me have Hon. Cornelius!

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Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Thank you Hon. Speaker for this opportunity also to join my colleagues who have spoken ahead of me led by my neighbor here Hon. Jeremiah to welcome the teachers and the students of Bungoma High school in this Honorable House.

This is a school that carries the name of our County and I would even just like to call them Bungoma school. Nowadays I cannot call a school like that Bungoma High School, I call it Bungoma school. This is one of the schools that is most populated as we have been told, the current candidates are over 500 so this is a school that we are proud of. The students might not know but my colleague Caleb has said we have an MP who comes from my ward Hon. John Makali but I want to tell the students that that school has two MPs who went through that school that is Dan Wanyama of Webuye West, I do not know of any other.

I am told even Omboko Milemba is also an alumni of this school. Your coming here is an inspiration, some of you maybe MPs or even MCAs in future, so you have to put in more efforts to make sure that you carry that flag and the name of this County high.

We want to congratulate you for your last year's KCSE results because of the management of this school. I was told even the Chairman of the Board of Management is professor Ipara, the Vice-chancellor of Kibabii High School. They have even bought a very nice Scania Bus which sells the name of this County.

We are proud of you and we say congratulations for those good results. I cannot also forget to congratulate the former principal the late Mr. Andanje. I will congratulate him posthumously because of what he did. Today if he did not die, he could be the MP of Malava. It is a school that we pray and hope that you continue shining.

Finally, we have 47 County Assemblies like these ones so, we have a replica of this across the County then we have one National Assembly so collectively they are 48.

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, who are disturbing Hon. Cornelius, hope he is not Hon. Jeremiah because sometimes these animal called age is a problem. Let us proceed!

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Mr. Speaker, as I finish I wish form four candidates success in your studies as we hope you are even going to post better results than last years. The major thing is discipline, as you have heard from my colleagues; discipline and hard work will produce good result, so success as you go back. I know you just walk from here, I hope you did not collect any money to come here. I know many students would like to have a trip but whether you go to Nairobi or other counties, you will just find something like this. Just be contented walking here and back, next time you will go for other trips but here you have learnt a lot. So welcome back again and again.

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Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cornelius. Hon. Everlyne Anyango

Hon. Everlyne Anyango: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. It will be an abomination if a boy child can be in the gallery visiting this Honorable House and go back to school without a voice of a mother. I want to take this time and opportunity to welcome our sons of Bungoma School to this Honorable House. This is a House of rules and order and as your parents, mothers and fathers in this Honorable House, we are following rules and orders as stipulated in the rules of this House.

My word to you as our sons, Bungoma School has produced as my senior members have just said, very senior people in this nation. It is my request and advice to you our sons that when you go back to school now that some of you are going to do exams this year, I want to wish you all the best in your exams but you cannot do well in your exams if you are undisciplined and respect will earn you a better place or education can propel you to a higher level but it is only discipline that will hold you in the higher place that education propels you to.

I want to appreciate the teachers who are here...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Waiti, what is the problem? Hold on Hon. Everlyne!

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Our students before us are here on a learning mission.

Mr. Speaker: So, is your point of order, information or a point of what?

Hon. Wafula Waiti: It's a point of information.

Mr. Speaker: Under which Standing Order?

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Honorable Speaker,

Mr. Speaker: Under which Standing Order before you proceed! Hon. Makari you are out of order!

Hon. Wafula Waiti: I stood on Standing order 96 (2)

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Proceed!

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier, our students and teachers are here on a learning mission and when they are in this Honorable House, I want the member who is on the stage if he is in order to inform the students before us that these Honorable members are mothers and fathers. Let them...

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Mr. Speaker: Hon. Wafula Waiti, I think you are the one who is out of order. Unless facts have changed, I am a parent and she was saying she is a mother so, Hon. Waiti I think you are...

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Hon. Speaker if you left me finish my point...

Hon. Wafula Waiti: You know they are here. In your opening remarks you said that these students are a class of History and Government. They have come to learn.

Mr. Speaker: Do you know what she said. She said it will be wrong for a mother to fail to add a voice and she has gone ahead. I think resume your seat, you are out of order! Hon. Everlyne proceed!

(Applause)

I think he is seeking attention to go and buy for him lunch. You make local arrangements please.

Hon. Everlyne Anyango: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for protecting me. The voice of a mother trembles and when a male Honorable member hears it, they tremble where they are because it is a voice of a lion.

I am going back to my points because I am addressing my sons in the gallery and I had reached at a point where I was talking to the teachers. If my mind serves me very well, I said that I want to congratulate them for the exams, they posted very good results and it is all out of discipline and I will say this because I am a resident of Kanduyi. The whole of last year we did not see uniforms of Bungoma High loitering on motorbikes, vehicles or just carrying books and going to relax at Shariff center.

In the past years, I used to say what is happening with our school. This is the pride and giants of Kanduyi. You shaped our place and gave us good results. Congratulations our teachers and sons and I wish you the very best in the forth coming exams that you do much better and shame the devil.

Bungoma School is now the cue of Kanduyi, not even Kanduyi alone, you are the cue of the whole of Bungoma County. Make it workable. God bless you and take my regards to the Principal because he is doing good work. God bless you once more.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, allow me on behalf of the House leadership, the entire management of the Assembly and other Honorable members who have not had a chance to speak, take this chance on your behalf to wish the candidates who are in forth form the best of luck and ask that the way they have spoken, be disciplined, work hard and you will have good results.

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REPORT OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE ON THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY DURING THE FOURTH SESSION 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025 TO 9TH FEBRUARY, 2026

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Allow me first of all to state the following; This committee as currently constituted has 14 members and right now out of 14, 6 of our members are away on official duty and are 7 but due to the requirements of the law one of our members who happens to be the Speaker will not form the quorum of the ones that are inside here. We are 6 inside here so that on that basis...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ipara, proceed!

Hon. Johnston Ipara: On that basis, we meet...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Waiti, what is your issue? Let me hear Hon. Waiti first!

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Honorable Speaker, as you are aware, we have just come from recess and before we proceeded for recess, we had a culture here that before any motion is read to this Honorable House, the reader must determine the quorum which must be 7 plus 1. As he has been reading the number of the members in this committee, let him confirm without challenging the House.

Mr. Speaker: Can I have HBC members be upstanding, before I make my determination. Honorable members, resume your seats. We will proceed on the following reasons. Let me finish first Hon. Makari, five members are away in the Committee of Tourism, they are away on my permission as the Speaker. Hon. Stephen Wamalwa, the Deputy Speaker is representing my office in Kakamega Assembly where the Governor is giving his address. Those are 6, so the quorum is overflowing. Proceed!

Honorable members, before I allow Hon. George to speak, you remember before we went for recess, the Labor Committee was out. The committee reports came here and we allowed them to proceed on the same grounds. Equally, the Budget Committee was out, I allowed the motion to be moved. Hon. George, let me hear you!

Hon. George Makari: Honorable Speaker, that is not what we agreed. We said physical members present in a committee, not members that have been sent out on official duty.

Mr. Speaker: Those present are how many?

Hon. George Makari: If any member of the committee is out, we do not count...

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Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari, we would not change rules here.

Hon. George Makari: No, Honorable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari, resume your seat!

Hon. George Makari: Honorable Speaker, you should also listen.

Mr. Speaker: Resume your seat first. Members you are all here. Hon. Makari, you are on Budget Committee. When you were away and the budget report came here, if you recall, I allowed them to proceed. Equally, the Committee of Labor chaired by Hon. Hentry, members who were here and are in that committee because they were working with my permission to be away. With my permission, I allowed them to proceed. You now want to change rules because I am the one chairing. I will not change the rules, proceed!

Hon. George Makari: Mr. Speaker, it's you that is changing the rules. The agreement in the Liaison committee, Hon. Waiti and Ipara who is moving the motion were present and this is what we said; Physical members present.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari, unknown to you, the Standing Order of the HBC quorum is five not even 7 plus like other committees. Its 5 so, like when I am saying I have read the Standing Orders I am aware of what I am talking about. We will proceed. Hon. Ipara proceed!

(Applause)

(Loud Consultation)

Mr. Speaker: We will proceed Honorable members. Order!

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As Hon. Makari George was contributing towards the visiting students from Bungoma High, he said that Hon. Jeremiah is lucky that all the people who vote for him reside in Musikoma and he said that the only people who live in town are Indians, so I was wondering are Indians animals or human beings? I proceed!

This is a report of the affairs of the County Assembly during the fourth session from 11th February, 2025-to 9th February, 2026.

On page 2 is the table of contents. Mr. Speaker, with your permission I proceed!

Mr. Speaker: Proceed!

PREFACE

The objective of this report is to provide information on the business transacted by the County Assembly during the period commencing 11th February, 2025 to 9th February, 2026. The focus is

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on consideration of, Papers laid, Notices of Motion issued, Motions, Petitions, Policies, Statements or Questions and Bills. During the period under review, the House did play its role in Legislation, Representation and Oversight as provided in Article 185 of the Constitution.

Great impact was particularly realized through adoption of reports on various issues, passage of Bills, vetting of nominees to public offices with the aim of ensuring sound leadership in the management and running of public affairs and seeking responses from the County Executive Committee Members through Statements and/or Questions. The House was also involved in analysis and passage of the first Supplementary budget FY 2024/2025, the annual budget FY 2025/2026 and the first Supplementary budget FY 2025/2026.

Further, the House continued to engage the public in its affairs through a variety of avenues as per the provisions of the Constitution. The actualization of the Committees' activities as highlighted in the work plans were also a great success. These activities encompassed weekly Committee sittings, inquiries and all activities which were carried out either within or outside the Precincts of the County Assembly.

Establishment and mandate of the Committee

Honorable Speaker, with your permission, allow me to leave that part.

Mr. Speaker: Leave that one out, go to the next item.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: I proceed with committee membership

Committee Membership

The Committee as currently constituted comprises of the following Members:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Hon. Emmanuel Situma | Speaker (Chairperson) |
| 2. Hon. Stephen Wamalwa | Deputy Speaker |
| 3. Hon. Joseph Juma | Member |
| 4. Hon. Vitalis Wangila | Member |
| 5. Hon. Meshack Wekesa | Member |
| 6. Hon. Aggrey Mulongo | Member |
| 7. Hon. Violet Makhanu | Member |
| 8. Hon. Jack Wambulwa | Member |
| 9. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa | Member |
| 10. Hon. Johnston Ipara | Member |
| 11. Hon. Cornelius Makhanu | Member |
| 12. Hon. Jacob Psero | Member |
| 13. Hon. Metrine Nangalama | Member |
| 14. Hon. Mildred Barasa | Member |

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Acknowledgement

The Chairperson of the Committee takes this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their immeasurable contribution. In equal measure, the Committee conveys its gratitude to the offices of the Speaker and Clerk of the County Assembly for the support accorded to it in the execution of its mandate during the compilation of the report.

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, to present the report to the House.

Report signed By Hon. Emmanuel Situma Speaker of the County Assembly

INTRODUCTION

The fourth Session of the third Assembly began on Tuesday, 11th February, 2025. This report, therefore, details the legislative and other businesses transacted in the County Assembly from commencement of the Session on 11th February, 2025 to 9th February, 2026.

Resumption and Sittings of the fourth Session

Standing Order 30 directs that regular Sessions of the County Assembly begin on the second Tuesday of February and end on the first Thursday of December. Standing Order 30 (2) empowers the House, by resolution, to alter these dates for a particular Session.

The fourth Session of the third Assembly commenced on Tuesday, 11th February 2025, and concluded on Monday, 9th February 2026. At the opening of the Session, the House approved the House Business Committee in accordance with Standing Order 173 (1) (g) and the Calendar of the House (Regular Sessions) for 2025 pursuant to Standing Order 31.

The approved Calendar scheduled one hundred and thirty-six (136) Sittings. During the Session, however, the House altered its Calendar thirteen times under Standing Order 33 to address emerging priorities. The issues prompting these alterations were as follows:

1. Members required time to attend the County Assemblies Forum meeting (February, 2025).
2. Sectoral Committees needed adequate time to interrogate the 1st Supplementary Budget Estimates for FY 2024/2025 (March, 2025).
3. Adjustment of the short recess to prioritize consideration of the Supplementary Budget (March, 2025).
4. Temporary adjournment of Sittings to realign legislative timelines (March, 2025).
5. Facilitation of Committee work on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (April, 2025).
6. General alteration of the Calendar to accommodate emerging Business (April, 2025).
7. Engagement with County Assemblies Forum leadership (July, 2025).
8. Rescheduling of the long recess to align Business and Committee schedules with legislative priorities (August, 2025).

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9. Committee interrogation of the Annual Development Plan FY 2026/2027 (September, 2025).
10. Committee interrogation of Financial Statements (September, 2025).
11. Suspension of afternoon Sittings in preparation for CASA Games, with morning Sittings designated for essential business (October, 2025).
12. Adjournment of Regular Sittings in further preparation for CASA Games (October–November, 2025).
13. Conversion of a recess period into a Sitting week to transact pending Business (November, 2025).

This summary only points out to the substantive issues that necessitated each alteration, without detailing procedural language.

Special Sittings of the County Assembly

During the fourth Session, the House held three (3) special Sittings on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December, 2025 convened Vide Kenya Gazette Notice No. 18597 of 17th December, 2025. The businesses transacted by the House during the Special Sittings were:-

1. Tabling of the report of the Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities on the vetting of the Members to the County Public Service Board.
2. Tabling of the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Bungoma County 1st Supplementary Budget FY 2025/2026.
3. Second reading of the 1st Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2025.
4. 3rd Reading of the 1st Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2025.

Public Pronouncement Of the Budget Policy Highlights

The County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning appeared before the House on 30th April, 2025 and made a public pronouncement of the County Budget Policy highlights and revenue raising measures pursuant to Standing Order (55).

Public access and participation

Visiting institutions

In compliance with Article 196 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the County Assembly conducts its business in an open manner, holds its sittings and those of its Committees in public and facilitates public participation and involvement in legislative and other Assembly business.

Aligned with this constitutional requirement, Standing Order 201 (1) of the Bungoma County Assembly Standing Orders expressly provides for public access to both Assembly and Committee business. This Standing Order operationalizes the constitutional principle by ensuring that members of the public are welcomed to follow proceedings from the Public Gallery and to participate in Committee processes.

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During the period under review, the Assembly continued to welcome institutions and members of the public to its Chamber and Committee business. Several schools visited the Assembly and observed proceedings from the Public Gallery, including:

1. Chemweisus S.A Secondary School, Elgon Ward – 11th February, 2025
2. Nang’eni Girls Secondary, West Bukusu Ward – 13th March, 2025
3. Eluuya Friends Girls School, Milima Ward – 25th March, 2025
4. St. Augustine Girls Lukhuna, Tongaren Ward – 3rd June, 2025
5. Friends’ School Kamusinga, Kibingei Ward – 5th June, 2025
6. Mungore Girls Secondary School, Khasoko Ward – 10th June, 2025
7. St. Francis Asis Miyanga, Kimaeti Ward – 11th June, 2025
8. St. Francis High School Makemo, Ndivisi Ward – 12th June 2025
9. St. Monicah Bukokholo Girls Secondary School, Malakisi/Kulisiru Ward – 17th June, 2025
10. Little Marafiki Academy, Township Ward – 1st July, 2025
11. St. Jude Sioya Secondary School, Kabula Ward – 3rd July, 2025
12. Cheptais High School, Cheptais Ward – 8th July, 2025
13. Kisuluni S.A Primary and Junior Secondary School, Bukembe West Ward – 10th July, 2025
14. St. Jude Muanda Primary School, South Bukusu Ward – 24th July, 2025
15. Shekinnah School, Kibingei Ward – 24th September, 2025
16. Marobo Girls Secondary School, Luuya/Bwake Ward – 25th September, 2025
17. Kituni High School, Misikhu Ward – 2nd October, 2025

Further, in line with Article 196 of the Constitution and Standing Order 201 (1), Committees have opened their sittings to the public. Notably, during vetting exercises, the public was invited to attend and given the opportunity to submit their views through memoranda, thereby reinforcing transparency, accountability and inclusivity in the legislative process.

State of the County Address by H.E. the Governor

Section 30(2) (k) of the County Governments Act, 2012 read together with section 4 of the Bungoma County State of the County Address Act, 2023 and Standing Order 26(1) of the Bungoma County Assembly Standing Orders mandates that the Governor to deliver an annual State of the County Address during a Special Sitting, not later than the 30th day of March each calendar year. Additionally, provides that the Governor shall deliver the annual State of the County Address to the Assembly during a sitting.

In adherence to these provisions, on Thursday, 27th March 2025 at 2:30 p.m., H.E. the Governor delivered the State of the County Address before the Assembly. The Address outlined policy priorities, achievements, challenges and revenue-raising measures, while also reporting on citizen participation and the performance of the County Executive.

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Committee observation

Although H.E. the Governor duly delivered the Address on Thursday, 27th March 2025 at 2:30 p.m., the Address was not published in the Gazette as stipulated in Section 4(5) of the Bungoma County State of the County Address Act, 2023. This omission limited the formal dissemination of the Address to the wider public and fell short of the Statutory requirement for transparency and accessibility.

Demise of a Member

During the fourth Session of the Third Assembly, the Speaker formally reported to the House the untimely demise of Hon. James Barasa Mukhongo, Member of County Assembly for Kabuchai Chwele Ward, who passed away on Monday, 4th August 2025 while undergoing treatment. At the time of his demise, the late Hon. Mukhongo was serving his third consecutive term in the County Assembly, a testament to the trust and confidence the people of Kabuchai Chwele Ward had placed in his leadership and representation. His passing was noted with deep sorrow by the Assembly, marking the loss of a seasoned legislator whose service contributed significantly to the work of the House.

Swearing in of Member-Elect

During the fourth Session of the Third Assembly, the County Assembly administered the oath of office in compliance with Article 74 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, which requires that before assuming office, State Officers shall take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation of office in the manner and form prescribed by the Third Schedule to the Constitution or under an Act of Parliament. Accordingly, on 3rd December 2025,

The Assembly swore in Hon. Eric Wekesa, MCA for Kabuchai Chwele Ward, following the demise of Hon. James Barasa Mukhongo, thereby ensuring continuity of representation for Kabuchai Chwele Ward and upholding constitutional and procedural requirements governing assumption of office.

This action reinforced the principle that no State Officer may assume office without first subscribing to the prescribed oath of office.

Parliamentary Proceedings and House Business

Communication from the Chair

Communications from the Chair is a mode in which the Speaker decides, guides or informs the House on various subjects ranging from considered rulings on procedural or constitutional questions, information to the House, guidance to the House, convocation of Special Sitings, recognition of visiting delegations/schools and notification of occurrences. During the fourth Session, the Presiding Speaker conveyed sixty (60) Communications. The distribution of Communication per month was as indicated below

Year	Feb	March	April	June	July	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
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	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	
2025	02	08	07	12	11	07	06	4	03	60

Notification from the Speaker

On 12th January 2026, the Speaker issued a formal communication to Members of the County Assembly in line with the Standing Orders and established legislative practice. Members were notified of the receipt of reports from the Office of the Auditor General requiring Assembly consideration. The reports were on the Financial Statements of the County Executive for FY 2024/2025 and the Financial Statements of the County Assembly for FY 2024/2025. The Speaker issued a notification to Members, including the committal of the Auditor General's reports to the Public Accounts and Investments Committee for scrutiny, thereby ensuring that financial oversight responsibilities were not delayed by the recess period. This further reinforced the Assembly's commitment to accountability, transparency and continuity of legislative oversight in public financial management.

The timely issuance of notifications reflects best practice in legislative management as it guarantees that Statutory reports are processed within the required timelines. Such notifications also ensure that Members remain informed of critical matters affecting the Assembly's mandate and strengthen institutional responsiveness while upholding the principles of good governance.

Messages from H.E the Governor

A Message is a means of transmitting information between the County Assembly and the Senate or between the County Assembly and the Executive on various matters including approval of nomination of persons for appointments to various public offices, intent of the State of the County Address by H.E the Governor or reservations on Bills. Pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 45, the House received six (6) Messages from H.E the Governor.

The Messages related to nomination of a person for appointment to the position of Bungoma County Attorney, nomination of a person for appointment as a member of the Bungoma Municipal Board, intent by H.E the Governor to give the State of the County Address, nomination of Members to serve in the selection panel to recruit members of the County Public Service Board and submission of the nominees for appointment to the County Public Service Board for approval by the County Assembly.

Papers Laid

Papers refer to documents presented to a legislature by way of "laying on the Table". The purpose of laying a paper is to formally make the information in the document available to the House, its Members and to the public. Once laid, a Paper becomes a record of the House and is

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distributed as such. Laying of Papers allows for the document to be considered by the House or a Committee of the House. When Papers by external bodies are laid in the House, they are committed to the relevant Committees for consideration and reporting to the House.

Papers fall into various categories including Papers laid before the House from external bodies, such as County Departments and independent bodies, often in accordance with the relevant provisions. There are also Papers presented to the House by Committees. An individual Member of the House may also lay a paper either in support of contribution during debate or in substantiation of a claim made by the Member in the House.

During the fourth Session, a total of one hundred and fifty three (153) Papers were tabled in the House. Out of the total number, twenty eight (28) Papers laid were from the County Executive, thirty two (32) from the office of the Auditor-General and eighty nine (89) County Assembly Committees.

Other Papers laid on the Table of the House during the Session were:

1. Nomination list of Members to serve in the House Business Committee for the Fourth Session of the Third County Assembly
2. The Legislative Calendar for the Fourth Session of the Third County Assembly
3. Annual report of the County Assembly Service Board for the period January – December, 2024
4. Address by H.E, the Governor

During the fourth Session, a total of one hundred and fifty three (153) Papers were tabled in the House of which 45 are still pending before committees at the close of the Fourth Session of 2025. The majority of these Papers comprised reports from the Office of the Auditor-General and statutory financial statements, tabled and committed to the relevant Committees for consideration in line with the Standing Orders.

Public Accounts and Investments Committee (PAIC)

The Committee received the largest number of Papers, reflecting its oversight mandate on financial accountability. A total of thirty two (32) reports were committed to the Committee between 12th February and 2nd December, 2025. They included:

1. Audit reports on Sub-County Hospitals: Mt. Elgon, Bokoli (2022, 2023, 2024), Naitiri (2022, 2023, 2024), Kimilili, Bumula, Sirisia, Cheptais, Webuye, Chwele, and Bungoma County Referral Hospital.
2. Reports on specialized County Funds: Disaster and Emergency Management Fund, Persons with Disabilities Empowerment Fund, Youth and Women Empowerment Fund,

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Climate Change Fund, Trade Development Loans Fund, Education Support Scheme, Employee Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund, Members' Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund.

3. Reports on institutions: Nzoia Water Services Company Limited.
4. Reports on County entities: County Executive, County Assembly, County Revenue Fund, and Receiver of Revenue.
5. Special audit report on payroll management for the County Executive.

Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning Committee

The Committee was tasked with examining financial statements and revenue reports. A total of eight (8) reports were committed to the Committee, including:

1. Quarterly reports of the Receiver of Revenue and Revenue Fund for the periods ending December 2024, March 2025, June 2025 and September 2025.
2. The Bungoma County Disaster and Emergency Management Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended September, 2025.
3. The Bungoma County Government Revenue Enhancement Action Plan.

Sectoral Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing Committee

This Committee has one (1) pending report:

1. The Task Force Report on the Bungoma County Land Inventory, tabled on 4th March 2025.

Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources

The Committee was assigned two (2) reports, namely:

1. The Bungoma County Climate Change Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st March, 2025.
2. The Bungoma County Climate Change Fund Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 2025.

Sectoral Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization

The Committee has one (1) pending report:

1. The Bungoma County Trade Development Loan Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended September, 2025.

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Observation

Despite the significant number of Papers laid and committed to Committees, it is observed that by the close of the Session, some Committees had not submitted their reports to the Assembly regarding the Papers laid and committed to them. This omission undermines the principle of timely oversight and weakens the accountability cycle envisaged under the Constitution, the County Governments Act and the Standing Orders.

Reports tabled from Committees

Reports tabled from Committees were on various matters including reports on Bills, vetting of persons for appointment to various Public Offices, inquiries, audited reports and reports on an array of issues within the purview of respective Committees. The table below gives a summary of Reports as tabled from Committees of the House.

S/No.	Committee	Reports tabled
1.	House Business Committee	2
2.	Liaison Committee	3
3.	Finance and Economic Planning	7
4.	Public Administration and ICT	5
5.	Labour Relations, Members' Services and Facilities	7
6.	Health Services	5
7.	Land, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing	6
8.	Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works	5
9.	Education and Vocational Training	7
10.	Youth Affairs and Sports	4
11.	Gender, Culture and Social Welfare	7
12.	Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development	7
13.	Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources	5
14.	Trade, Energy and Industrialization	5

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15.	Budget and Appropriations	6
16.	Public Accounts and Investments	1
17.	Delegated County Legislation	1
18.	Selection	3
19.	Committee of Powers and Privileges	1
20.	Committee on Appointments	1
21.	Ad-hoc Committee	1
22.	Total	89

Notices of Motion

During the period under review, ninety two (92) Notices of Motion were issued

Questions and Statements

As part of their representative and oversight roles, Members were able to raise a variety of issues of concern through Questions and Statements on the floor of the House. Questions and Statements play crucial roles in parliamentary proceedings.

Statements to Committees are tools for legislative oversight of the County Assembly over the Executive on matters of concern within the mandate of a Committee. During the period under consideration, forty seven (47) Statements were issued. Of these, twenty one (21) were House Business Committee Statements issued pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2) (a) informing the House of the business coming before it during the following week. One (1) personal Statement from the Hon. Eric Wekesa who acknowledged Members for the support accorded to him as a new Member of the County Assembly representing Kabuchai Chwele Ward. Three (3) Statements were withdrawn.

During the Fourth Session of 2025, Members of the County Assembly directed 21 oversight questions and Statements to various Sectoral Committees. Committees responded to 14 of these and left seven (7) pending by the close of the Session, showing both progress and gaps in accountability.

The Sectoral Committee on Lands, Urban Physical Planning and Housing addressed all three (3) Questions satisfactorily, demonstrating efficiency in handling matters of irregular construction and administrative buildings. The Education and Vocational Training Committee processed five (5) questions but concluded only two (2), leaving three (3) unresolved on bursary accountability,

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ECDE infrastructure, and vocational training centres. The Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation and Cooperative Development Committee resolved both of its two (2) questions, focusing on coffee factory management and Departmental staffing. The Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee handled three (3) Questions but responded to only one (1), leaving two (2) pending on road conditions and bridge construction. The Labour Relations, Members' Services and Facilities Committee responded fully to its single question on casual workers' welfare. The Health Services Committee managed five (5) questions, responding to three (3) and leaving two (2) pending on maternity wing projects, referral hospital oversight, medical misinformation, and stipends for community health promoters. Finally, the Finance and Economic Planning Committee responded to both of its two (2) Questions, covering emergency fund management and ward-specific projects.

Overall, committees acted on most matters, but the Education, Roads, and Health Committees left several questions pending, accounting for the bulk of unresolved issues. This pattern highlights the need for Committees to strengthen monitoring and adhere to stricter timelines so that all responses are delivered within the Session, thereby reinforcing accountability and effective oversight.

The table below indicates the status of all Statements asked in the House, whether responded to or still pending before Committees as attached below:

S/NO	Committee	No. of Statements	Statements responded to	Pending
1.	Sectoral Committee on Lands, Urban Physical Planning and Housing	3	3	0
2.	Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training	5	2	3
3.	Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation and Cooperative Development.	2	2	0
4.	Sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works	3	1	2
5.	Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations Members Services and Facilities	1	1	0
6.	Sectoral Committee on Health	5	3	2

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	Services			
7.	Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports	1	0	1
8.	Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning	2	2	0
	Total	22	14	8

Motions

A Motion is an instrument by which the Assembly makes decisions on a matter before it. It is a persuasive proposal by a Member or a party that the Assembly does something, orders something to be done or expresses an opinion with regard to some matter. Motions may be categorized as:

- i.Procedural Motions
- ii.Special Motions
- iii.Substantive Motions
- iv.Motions for Adjournment of the House on definite Matter of urgent County importance

During the period under review, the House considered one hundred and eleven (111) Motions.

Procedural Motions

These are Motions introduced and passed in the House in accordance with its Standing Orders mainly to regulate the internal conduct of legislative business. During the period under review, seventeen (17) Procedural Motions were considered by the House.

Special Motions

They are Motions that seek a resolution of the House to approve persons nominated for appointment to or removal from public offices in line with the requirements of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 or any other law. During the Session under review, the House considered four (4) Special Motions relating to the approval of the appointment of persons nominated to public offices as follows:

1. Motion for approval of nominee for appointment to the office of the Bungoma County Attorney.
2. Motion for approval of the nominee for appointment to the Bungoma and Kimili Municipal Boards.

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3. Motion for approval of nominees to serve in the selection panel to recruit members of the County Public Service Board.
4. Motion for approval of nominees for appointment to the County Public Service Board.

Substantive Motions

Substantive Motions are self-contained Motions seeking to elicit a decision of the House on a specific matter. Substantive Motions are standalone and not dependent on any other procedural condition precedent, whether in terms of orders of the day or other Motions. Substantive Motions are mainly from individual Members of the House, a party or a committee of the House. During the fourth Session, eighty nine (89) substantive Motions were considered.

Motions for Adjournment of the House on definite Matter of urgent County importance

These are Motions moved by a Member upon obtaining the leave of the House to interrupt the normal business on a given sitting day to allow for a discussion of definite matters of urgent County importance. During the period under review one (1) Motion was introduced in the House on the Annual Budget FY 2025/2026.

All Motions adopted by the House were forwarded to the County Executive Departments and other relevant institutions for action and implementation.

Bills

A Bill is a proposed legislation for an Act of Parliament seeking to make new provisions; amend or repeal an existing law(s). Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that the legislative authority of a County is vested in and exercised by its County Assembly. During the period under review, the following Bills were passed and assented to:

1. The Bungoma County 1st Supplementary Appropriation Bill FY 2024/2025
2. The Bungoma County Annual Appropriation Bill FY 2025/2026
3. The Bungoma County Valuation and Rating Bill, 2024
4. The Bungoma County Livestock Sale Yard Bill, 2025
5. The Bungoma County 1st Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2025/2026

The Bungoma County 2nd Supplementary Appropriation Bill FY 2024/2025 was withdrawn before proceeding to Second Reading. Further, by the end of the Session two Bills were awaiting second reading:

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1. The Bungoma County Food Safety Co-ordination Bill, 2025
2. The Bungoma County Agriculture Institutions Development Bill, 2025

Policies

During the fourth Session, the Bungoma County Agricultural Technical Vocational Education and Training (ATVET) Promotion Policy, 2024 was introduced on 12th February, 2025 and approved by the House on 23rd July 2025.

2.10 Procedural Developments and Emerging Issues

2.10.1 Quorum of Committees

A House resolution upon the Liaison Committee's recommendation adopted in the House requires that during a Motion in the House, the Committee's membership present should be half the total number plus the Chairperson. The Committee has observed minimal cases of non-adherence to this resolution. In some instances, there have been challenges in Committees where membership restructuring occurred before presentation of a Committee's report to the House. Consequently, membership that had adopted the report constituted the expected quorum in the House.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Observations

1. The Committee observed minimal cases of non-adherence to the resolution of the House on Committee quorum during presentation of Committees' report.
2. Out of the 21 oversight questions directed to committees, only 14 received responses, leaving 7 pending by the close of the Session. This shows that committees like Lands and Agriculture demonstrated efficiency by concluding all matters referred to them, while Education, Roads, and Health struggled with timeliness, leaving critical issues unresolved.
3. Members made relatively little use of statements and questions as oversight tools compared to the volume of other business such as motions, papers laid, and communications.
4. Committees processed a significant number of financial statements and audit reports, there was no structured mechanism to translate these documents into fact-finding reports on the actual status of projects on the ground. Oversight remained largely confined to paper reviews, which limited the Assembly's ability to confirm whether appropriated funds resulted in tangible service delivery outcomes.

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5. The County Assembly considered only a few pieces of legislation, most of which were statutory in nature, while one committee did not complete the legislation committed to them. This limited legislative output points to a gap in proactive law-making and reliance on the Executive to initiate bills, which declines the Assembly's constitutional role as the primary legislative organ of the County.

Recommendations

1. The Committee recommends that Liaison Committee's resolution on quorum during presentation of Committees' report should be anchored in the Standing Orders.
2. Members of the County Assembly should develop a culture of consistent use of Statements and Questions as primary oversight tools. Members should be required, through Standing Orders or internal resolutions, to raise a minimum number of substantive oversight Questions each Session, ensuring that critical governance issues are consistently interrogated.
3. There is need for refresher training and capacity-building workshops which can also help Members frame sharper, evidence-based questions that compel the Executive to provide clear explanations and actionable responses. By embedding these practices, the Assembly will strengthen its watchdog role, close service delivery gaps and reinforce its credibility as a proactive institution of governance.
4. That once financial reports are laid before the House, the Research Department should be mandated to compile project status reports that go beyond financial figures by extracting allocations and expenditures from the statements, mapping these to specific projects as indicated in budget documents and work plans. Cross-referencing with Committee reports, Auditor-General findings, and departmental submissions would be crucial in ascertaining whether funds were utilized as intended as well as conducting or coordinating fact-finding missions such as site visits, stakeholder interviews and photographic evidence to verify the physical status of projects. The department should compile integrated reports that link financial data with ground realities to show whether expenditure translated into completed, functional projects that deliver value to citizens. This would empower committees with evidence-based reports that connect budgetary allocations to real outcomes hence closing the gap between financial statements and citizen experience.
5. The Legal department should institutionalize post-legislative scrutiny by reviewing enacted laws to identify provisions that require amendment or repeal, and then drafting the necessary amendments for consideration. In addition, the department should proactively draft new pieces of legislation aligned to emerging governance needs and

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share them with Committees for debate and refinement, rather than waiting for the Executive to initiate. This approach would strengthen the Assembly's independence, ensure continuous improvement of the legal framework, and safeguard its credibility as the custodian of county legislation. If the Assembly does not embrace this proactive role, the responsibility for legislative stagnation will rest squarely with the County Assembly.

Conclusion

The fourth Session, 2025 marked significant progress in the County Assembly's legislative and oversight mandate. The successful passage of the annual Appropriation Bill, 2025/2026, robust oversight activities and enhanced public participation demonstrate the Assembly's commitment to responsive governance.

The County Assembly remains committed to serving the people through transparent, accountable and participatory governance. The fifth Session will build upon these achievements while addressing emerging challenges and embracing opportunities.

The adoption schedule is signed by all members, including you who is the chair and that is the end of the report. I want to call upon our respected member Hon. Jack Wambulwa to second this report.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Johnston Ipara for moving the report.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa, you have the honor to second the report.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I rise to second the report. First of all I want to thank Hon. Johnston Okasida, for being eloquent, fast and clear on the report. Honourable Speaker, I wish to second the report.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, allow me to be able to propose the motion for debate.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Hentry,

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I am part of the Committee on the House Business Committee, and I want to applaud the mover and the seconder of the motion.

Members are aware that House Business Committee is the engine of this House and as our guests are in the gallery, this is the committee that runs the activities of the House and as it is being displayed, it is like the archive of everything that is expedited in this House.

During our report writing, you saw that we have a lot of synergy and we want to promise that this House will carry out its functions seriously and as we move as the engine, you may realize

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that we have to do a serious learning spree the mother Houses as other members said before, that is our sister House, the National Assembly.

Activities that are in these Committees are supposed to be carried out with a lot of seriousness and the members as you see, have a lot of energy to expedite on the issues that are in these committees.

I support that we are given time and whatever that is required Honourable Speaker, through your office in a way that opportunities that are placed in these committees; are put in place on the floor of the House at the right time. I support that the report is adopted the way it is.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon, Hentry Nyongesa. There are no contributors, Hon. Johnston Ipara, you reply to the motion.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I want to remind Honourable members that the importance of this particular motion as it gives accountability and transparency of what we do; it shows what services are delivered within the Assembly.

It also provides proof that actually the financial statement that were submitted in the House were deliberated on fully or partially. It is a reflection of what we do in this Honourable House. I want to plead with Honourable members, this is our own report, a picture showing what we did. I plead with you that let us adopt this report in totality the way it is recommended.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Members. Allow me proceed and be able to put a question to the motion.

(Question put and agreed to)

The report is adopted by the House accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members looking at our Order Paper, we adjourn our sitting today and resume next week Tuesday 17th February, 2026 in 2:30 p.m. session, so we adjourn accordingly.

The House rose at 4:20 p.m.

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