

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA

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TUESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026

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

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, allow me to make the following communication.

I warmly welcome you back to this House following the December-January long recess. During this period members have been able to actively engage in committee activities and in reaching out to their electorates, thereby strengthening both oversight and representation.

As we reconvene, let us be mindful that 2026 is the year preceding the electioneering period of 2027. This places upon us a heightened responsibility to prioritize and conclude critical business before our committees in the plenary.

Members are therefore urged to give due attention to matters with the statutory timelines and those essential for the smooth functioning of the county governance.

The following items are among the priorities for consideration this year;

1. The County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) 2026.
2. The Policy on Tariffs and Pricing pursuant to section 120 of the Budget Estimates for FY 2026-2027.
3. The Budget Estimates for financial year 2026/2027.
4. The Finance Bill 2026.
5. Reports from the Office of the Auditor.
6. Annual reports from the County Public Service Board, County Assembly Service Board and the Office of the County Attorney.
7. Other critical businesses as scheduled by committees in the House Business Committees.

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In particular, regarding the Policy on Tariffs and Pricing, I hereby direct the sector committee on Finance and Economic Planning to ensure that this policy is considered and finalized before the deliberations of the Finance Bill 2026. Failure to do so, you won't be able to pass the Finance bill. It's basically the basis for you to prepare and charge the vote heads that the County Government is supposed to get revenue from.

The committee is therefore instructed to invite the County Executive Committee Member for Finance, the Chief Officer, and the relevant Directors to appear before it to ascertain the compliance with the requirements.

Honourable Members, this year we must plan to finish strong in terms of the oversight and the legislation roles. Having observed the performance from the last session, it's evident that the greater effort is required to meet our obligations. I therefore urge all members to remain objective and focused on the priorities outlined above. This is our final lap before the electioneering year of 2027 during which substantive work shall be considered.

I also remind members that the secretariat of all committees to begin preparing the exit reports pursuant to Standing Order No. 204, which provides as follows: *A committee shall combine in a table an exit report before the expiry of its term to the County Assembly, which then shall be made available to the succeeding Committee which may consider it in preparing its Work Plan.*

The timely preparations and tabling of these reports will ensure continuity, accountability and a smooth transition for succeeding committees. Honourable members, the effective discharge of these responsibilities will not only strengthen our institutional credibility, but also ensure that the people of Bungoma County are served with transparency, accountability, and foresight. I wish you fruitful deliberations as we embark on this important legislative calendar of this House.

Next,

PAPERS

LIST OF PROPOSED MEMBERS TO SERVE IN THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker: Leader of Majority, proceed.

Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Thank you, Speaker. I rise to lay in this House the list of nominated Members to serve in the House Business Committee for the 5th session of the 3rd County Assembly.

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Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, the list of the proposed nominees has been tabled by the Leader of Majority.

Next item,

**THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE 5TH SESSION OF
THE 3RD COUNTY ASSEMBLY, 2026**

Mr. Speaker: Leader of the Majority, proceed.

Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise again to table the County Assembly Legislative Calendar for the 5th session of the 3rd County Assembly, 2026.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, the proposed calendar for the 5th session of this House is hereby tabled by the Leader of the Majority for consideration.

Next,

NOTICES OF MOTION

**NOMINATION OF HONORABLE MEMBERS TO SERVE IN THE HOUSE BUSINESS
COMMITTEE FOR THE 5TH SESSION OF THE 3RD COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Leader of the Majority.

Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Thank you, Speaker. I rise to give a notice that pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 173(1) (g), this House approves the nomination of the following members to serve in the House Business Committee for the 5th session of the 3rd County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, a notice is issued in compliance with the law. I hope Members are aware that No. 1 up to 9 are the ones which are coming under 173 (1) (g) but No. 1 through 3, (a) up to (f), are by virtue of the office they hold, so they are only tabling 9 names for consideration.

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE 5TH SESSION OF THE
3RD COUNTY ASSEMBLY, 2026**

Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to give a notice that pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order No. 31(1) the House approves the County Assembly Legislative Calendar for the 5th session of the 3rd County Assembly, 2026.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, equally a notice of motion has been dully issued for consideration of the Legislative Calendar of the House for 2026, for this session.

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MOTION

APPROVAL OF HONORABLE MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker: Majority Leader,

Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Thank you, Honorable Speaker. Allow me to move the procedural motion for the nomination of Members to the House Business Committee.

That pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order No173(1) (g), the House approves the nomination of the following members to serve in the House Business Committee for the 5th session of the 3rd County Assembly laid on the table of the House on 10th February, 2026;

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

Hon. Speaker, allow me to call upon the Leader of the Minority to second.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Vitalis,

Hon. Vitalis Wangila (Leader of Minority): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am on my feet to second that the mentioned Members to serve in the House Business Committee in the 5th session of this particular Assembly.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, a procedural motion for nominating of the Members to serve in the House Business Committee has been moved and has been seconded that this House does approve the said names accordingly.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed on)

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The said nine Honourable Members will now join the six other Honourable Members who by virtue of positions they hold, they become automatic members. So these nine members join the six Members to make the list 15.

**APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE FIFTH SESSION
OF THE THIRD COUNTER-ASSEMBLY, 2026**

Mr. Speaker: Yes Leader of Majority, give us the tentative calendar!

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a procedural motion for the approval of the legislative calendar for the Fifth Session of the Third County Assembly 2026.

That pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 31(1), that the House approves the County Assembly Legislative Calendar for the Fifth session of the Third County Assembly, 2026. We have the regular sessions of the County Assembly for the year 2026 from February to December 2026. I lay on the table of the House today 10th February, 2026.

We have the schedule below which members have on their gadgets. We have the period and the days;

The Fifth Session will run from Tuesday 10th February -Thursday 3rd December 2026.

PART ONE

A) Sitting Days

This will run from Tuesday 10th February to 19th March, 2026. In this, we shall be sitting on Tuesdays afternoon, Wednesday Morning hours and Thursday afternoon hours.

We shall have a short recess from Friday 20th -Monday 30th March, 2026 where we shall have the schedule to run our internal affairs.

PART TWO

The sitting days will run from Tuesday 31st March - 30th April, 2026

Sittings will be on Tuesday afternoon hours, Wednesday morning hours and afternoon hours and Thursday afternoon hours.

We will have the long recess from Friday 1st -Monday 25th May, 2026.

In the long recess again we shall also have our internal issues, those are committee sittings and retreats which shall be arranged as per our calendar.

PART THREE

There will be sittings from 26th May -Thursday 9th July, 2026.

In this, we shall be sitting on Tuesday afternoon hours, Wednesday morning hours, Wednesday afternoon hours and Thursday afternoon hours.

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There will be a short recess that will run from Friday 10th July- Monday 20th July, 2026.

PART 4

Sittings will commence from Tuesday 21st July -Thursday 27th August, 2026.

As usual, we shall be sitting on Tuesday afternoon hours, Wednesday morning hours, Wednesday afternoon hours and Thursday afternoon hours

Long recess will start from Friday 28th August - Monday 21st September, 2026.

PART 5

The House will resume for normal sittings that will run from Tuesday 22nd September-Thursday 29th October, 2026.

Our sittings shall run from Tuesday afternoon hours 2.30 p.m. Wednesday Morning hours, Wednesday afternoon hours and Thursday afternoon hours from 2.30 p.m.

The House shall proceed on short recess from Friday 30th October -Monday 9th November, 2026.

PART 6

The House will resume normal sittings which will run from Tuesday 10th November - Thursday 3rd December, 2026

Sittings will be on Tuesday afternoon hours, Wednesday morning and afternoon hours and Thursday afternoon hours.

Long recess shall start on Friday 4th December - Monday 8th February, 2027.

The House will resume sittings on Tuesday 9th February, 2027.

That is the tentative calendar that we shall use in this Fifth Session. Having reached there, allow me call upon the Minority Leader to second.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Joseph Nyongesa. Hon. Vitalis, proceed!

Hon. Vitalis Nyongesa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me also to appreciate the leader for giving me this opportunity to second the procedural motion which allows us to approve the Legislative Calendar for the Fifth Session, The Third County Assembly.

I am on my feet to second what the Majority Leader has moved and as you can see, he has just indicated how we are going to operate in this particular session. I second.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Vitalis for seconding this motion. Allow me be able to proceed and propose a motion for debate.

(Question proposed)

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Tony Barasa.

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Hon. Tony Barasa: Honourable Speaker, thank you for the opportunity. I stand on my feet to give a different view on the tentative calendar.

We are going to the electioneering year and aware that Honourable members are going to be busy on the ground and for us to achieve the four sittings per week, I was proposing that instead of us having the sittings on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon sitting, if we could change and have the Tuesday morning session and afternoon session and Wednesday sittings as stated, so that from Thursday to Monday, we can allow members to work on their Wards, that is their votes, and have a lot of engagements because we are going to the electioneering year.

Honourable Speaker, I'm saying this not from the blue moon, we have seen other County Assemblies, Honourable Speaker, and aware that you are the Speaker, some of the Assemblies, Honourable Speaker, they are doing their debates in the chamber Mondays and Tuesdays only. So Honourable Speaker, this is my suggestion, if it can be agreed, Honourable Speaker, for us to achieve these four sittings, we do Tuesday morning and afternoon, Wednesday morning and afternoon, and the rest of these other days we can plan well for our committees, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Honorable Members. Allow me to be able to call the mover to respond. Yes, Leader of Majority

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Speaker. First, allow me to appreciate Hon. Tony Barasa for that wonderful observation. I'm aware that the Rules Committee is working on the issue of Standing Orders, so if we shall change our Standing Orders, at least it will also enable us to change the issue of sitting days. His observation is right, but let's first change the Standing Orders then we do so.

Again winning an election doesn't mean that you should be always with your voters, it's just a matter of trust and commitment you have for them. We wish our colleagues enough time, but what's important is so long as your voters have trust and they are honest to you, nothing should worry you.

Otherwise, we should not also be worried so much, leadership is seasonal, so let's also live knowing that actually we should also be creating time for others also to lead, and let's also know that the time that we have been given is enough to determine your legacy.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Members, allow me to now proceed and be able to put a question to the said motion as moved and seconded by the leadership.

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(Question put and agreed to)

Honourable Members, from the sittings of the HBC, this calendar has one hundred and thirty five sitting days with just one holiday affecting the sittings. Our legislative summit of the entire County Assembly it is also going to affect our sittings.

Equally, we are still working on the issue of the AGM of the Honourable Members in the course of next week; it's also going to affect our sittings, and other emerging issues that require us to amend our Standing Orders. I haven't had Hon. Tony talking about it, but last time I spoke to him, he was very eager to go to Uganda for circumcision, I don't know how you're going to do it, Hon. Tony.

And lastly, in the course of this month, the Committee on Rules and Procedure will be tabling the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders. We have planned with the Clerk that we will take the entire House for that issue, so that we all understand it.

For instance a situation of Hon. Mulongo coming back, as he wants to become the Chair of PIC, which was merged with PAC, ought not be there this time around, because last time when he came back, he was looking for PAC and PIC, and they are now in one committee. And so I will ask that we are going to plan with the leadership of the House, after tabling the Standing Orders, after public participation, we will take the entire House out for those four or five days.

What you are proposing is good, but as you've been answered by the Majority Leader, you must amend the Standing Orders first, we have proposed that Tuesday, Wednesday sittings, so if you approve it, it's going to be applicable after next elections, not currently, so you pass this one, go seek the election and come back. So Honourable members, today being our first day as a House, we have to approve membership to HBC, secondly approve the calendar, now allow the HBC to go and now prepare the Order Paper from now onwards.

I will ask that the HBC can sit today at 4 p.m. to prepare the Order Paper of the entire week, so that we're able to run from tomorrow morning onwards accordingly.

So we adjourn and resume our sittings tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

The House rose at 3:06 p.m.

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