

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA

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THE DAILY HANSARD

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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA

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THURSDAY, 28TH MAY, 2026

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

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Visiting Students from Sambu Central Primary and Junior School

Honourable members, I am pleased to welcome pupils and teachers from Sambu Central Primary and Junior school from Maraka Ward, Webuye East Sub-County. The purpose of the visit is to gain first-hand experience of the legislative process and the working of the County Assembly. The visiting delegation comprises of 204 pupils and 5 teachers. Pupils and students may you be upstanding.

(All students stand)

Honourable members, may you applaud them.

(Applause)

You can get seated.

(Students take back their seats)

Accompanying these wonderful pupils are teachers namely:

- 1) Ms. Joan Mutangati
- 2) Ms. Debra Oyandu
- 3) Mr. Dan Kuloba
- 4) Neclactus Amwoka

(Teachers stand)

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We can appreciate them members.

(Applause)

At the statement hour Honourable members, I will allow members to make comments to the learners

Reports Taken Back to Committees for Improvement

Some of our committees retreated and reports were either referred back or they requested that they have their reports back for further improvement. Since we are approaching the end of the financial year, the said committees should ensure they have worked on their reports and presented them before the House, so that we can handle them failure to which the members risk surcharging because they have not completed the work that they were supposed to do.

The committees in question are Committee on Health, Committee on Youth and Committee on Trade. Ensure that your reports are handled in this House before end of the financial year. The concerned members and Chairpersons of those committees should ensure that we dispense that.

(Loud consultation)

Order Members!

Changes in the Executive as Communicated by His Excellency Governor Ken Lusaka

The following changes have been made:

a. Changes in County Executive Committees

1. Mr. Bonventure Chengek moving from Roads, Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works to Finance and Economic Planning.
2. Ms. Caroline Khalayi Makali moving from Finance and Economic Planning to Roads Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works

b. County executive who retained their portfolios

1. Her Excellency Pst. Mbatiany Jennipher who is the Deputy Governor and acting CECM for Trade, Energy and Industrialization.
2. Dr. David Wamamili retains Public Service Management, Administration and ICT also acting in Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports.

The rest of the CECMS retain their positions

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c. County Executive Committee Members on compulsory leave

1. Arch. Douglas Wekesa Sasita department is Trade, Energy and Industrialization
2. Mr. Benedict Emachar of Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports

d. Changes in the County Chief Officer's portfolios

1. Ms. Dina Makokha from Agriculture and Irrigation to Roads, Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works
2. Mr. Edward Makhandia from Roads, Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works to Livestock and Fisheries
3. Dr. Magrina Mayama from Health and Sanitation to Agriculture and Irrigation
4. Mr. Reuben Wambwa from Trade, Energy and Industrialization to Water and Natural Resources
5. Mr. Stephen Makhanu from Water and Natural Resources to Trade, Energy and Industrialization.
6. Mr. David Maling'a from Livestock and Fisheries to Health and Sanitation
7. CPA Rashid Fwamba retaining Housing, Municipalities and Urban Areas and also acting in Economic Planning.

The rest of the Chief Officers retained their portfolios in their respective offices.

With that we convey the changes in the Executive within the County Government of Bungoma.

At an appropriate hour we shall have remarks about the students.

Thank you so much.

Hon. Sifuna, what is the issue

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Following the communication that you have made, I am looking at the activities that we carried out, that is the interrogation of the budget, from what you have communicated to this House, I have seen two CECM transferred that is CECM Bonventure to Finance, Carolyn Makari to Roads. Other Chief Officers have been moved from one department to another. This communication has come when we have already interrogated the budget 2026/2027. Does this communication annul what we have already done?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well Hon. Sifuna, proceed

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Hon. Everton Nganga: Honorable Speaker, to my understanding and you will guide the House, we have interrogated the budget, does it mean that it has annulled the whole process? We interrogated the financial budget 2026/2027 when this communication had not been brought to this House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Sifuna for your remarks. Hon. Wasike Makari.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. First of all, I came when you were communicating and as Hon. Nganga who is wearing a mask. I don't know why Nganga is wearing a mask today, Corona ended in 2020 but that's beside the point. Honorable Speaker, is your communication valid? Because I am aware even some of the Chief Officers are on suspension and you have just given a communication that so and so is moving from this department to this department and yet, from what we know and even it was clear on the media that two or three Chief Officers have been suspended for engaging in illegal acts. I know you are a very wise man. Where you sit, you know that these people are suspended. So I don't know if it is your office that is late in communicating with the House or you are also overtaken by events.

(Applause)

I am not aware which. Now Honorable Speaker, maybe you can tell us which position you are standing in.

(Laughter)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Wasike Makari for that observation. This is a House that is tasked for such. Hon. Ipara Johnston Okasida, proceed.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. Let me start from where my friend Hon. Makari and Nganga left. This House is a House of rules and procedures. Therefore, we can't base all our activities on hearsay. As it is, I don't know when you did make any communication? The Executive has not made any communication on any suspension of Chief Officers. Therefore, we treat that as if we have not received any communication.

On the earlier communication you made where you did say that Chief Officers... all of those you have not mentioned, all of them were retained. I was in one of the meetings where a letter from

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the Governor was read and we found that it had so many irregularities. Among those that were included in that list, one of them was the County Secretary.

I have been listening; you never mentioned the name of the County Secretary. Among the details that we had the other time was one called Waswa, who was holding the Office of the County Attorney?

Honorable Speaker, you have not stated anything, whether the letter that is before you contains the details and the position of one Waswa. You have also not told us if Waswa is not one of the officers affected, who is holding brief for Waswa? Based on the information that I have, Waswa presented a petition before court, court never gave any retrieve to Waswa and as the law is, the law has not declared and has not given directions on the petition of Waswa and therefore, he remains relieved of his duties. If that letter has the name of Waswa, then it becomes null and void and it should not be accepted as a communication to this House, because we shall be accepting irregularities and I am using the word irregularities because this is a House of rules and procedures. We must abide by the law and operate within the precincts of the law.

So I want to plead with you to refer back this letter to the sender, if it contains the details of the County Secretary, then you should state to this House that the County Secretary is also included in that letter and is retained because he is not a Chief Officer and he is not a CEC and for purposes of record, kindly read that last part so that this House can make a decision on the communication of the Governor. I submit.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Johnston Ipara. As requested by the Honourable member for Tongaren/ Kiminini, allow me read the entire list as forwarded to this House, so that this House can pronounce itself because being a House of rules and procedure, you have to pronounce yourselves on the list that is before this House.

I will repeat every name, designation and the office.

A) Changes in County Executive Committee Offices.

1. Mr. Bonaventure Chengek moves from Roads, Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works to Finance and Economic Planning.
2. Ms. Caroline Khalayi Makari moving from Finance and Economic Planning to Roads, Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works.

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B) County Executive Committee Members who retained their portfolios that are named as below all of them.

1. Her Excellency Pst. Mbatiany Jennipher who is the Deputy Governor and acting CECM for Trade, Energy and Industrialization.
2. Dr. David Wamamili retains Public Service Management, Administration and ICT also acting in Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports.
3. Dr. Andrew Wamalwa who retains Water, Environment, Tourism, and Natural Resources
4. Dr. Monica S. Fedha, who retains Lands, Urban, Physical Planning, Municipalities, and Urban Areas.
5. Eng. Agnes Wachiye, retains Education and Vocational Training.
6. Dr. Herbert Kibunguchi, retains Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation, Fisheries, and Cooperative Development.
7. CPA Chrispinus Barasa retains Health and Sanitation.
8. Mr. William M. Nasong'o retains County Secretary and Head of Public Service.
9. Mr. Edward Oringe Waswa who retains County Attorney.
- 10.

These names are in Kiluhya, so I have to pronounce them in Kiluhya, they're not English names, if it's an English name, I pronounce it in English. Order Members!

c) County Executive Committee Members who are on compulsory leave;

1. Arch Mr. Douglas Wekesa Sasita, who was for Trade, Energy, and Industrialization on compulsory leave
2. Mr. Benedict Emachar, Gender, Culture, Youth, and Sports on compulsory leave

d) Changes in County Chief Officer's portfolios;

1. Mrs. Dina Makokha, Agriculture, Irrigation, moves to Roads, Infrastructure, Transport, and Public Works.
2. Mr. Edward Makhandia, moves from Roads, Infrastructure, Transport, and Public Works to Livestock and Fisheries.
3. Dr. Magrina Mayama moving from Health and Sanitation to Agriculture and Irrigation
4. Mr. Ruben Wambwa, moves from Trade, Energy, and Industrialization to Water and Natural Resources.
5. Mr. Stephen Makhanu, moving from Water and Natural Resources to Trade, Energy, and Industrialization.
6. Mr. David Maling'a, Moving from Livestock and Fisheries to Health and Sanitation.

County Chief Officers who retained their portfolios;

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1. CPA Dr. Rashid Fwamba- Housing, Municipalities, and Urban Areas, and also acting in Economic Planning.
2. Mr. George Kombo- Education and Vocation Training.
3. Mrs. Everlyne Teresa Wekesa- Public Service Management, Administration, and ICT.
4. Mr. Sam Naro Wanjala -Lands and Physical Planning
5. Mrs. Beatrice Nakhumicha Wafula- Youth and Sports
6. Mr. Andrew Musungu- Gender and Culture
7. Mr. Timothy Wafula Wanjala- Cooperatives Development
8. Mr. Nicholas Kiboi-Environment, Tourism, and Climate change.
9. Robert Simiyu- Finance
10. CPA Andrew Wamukoye- Governor's and Deputy Governor's Offices.
11. Ms. Purity Kafuna- County Solicitor.

So Honourable Members, I have read every name and designation of the office he/she is retaining or transferred to. Yes Leader of Majority.

Hon. Joseph Juma: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do appreciate your communication, Members, I think these are just Governor's views, not the Assembly's view.

We are aware of our stand and our argument how it was when we last met as a team with our leaders. The issue was that we give him one month, then we shall see the changes. So members, I think this is just for noting.

Let's also find time and also have our way forward as an Assembly because we have heard. There's no need for us maybe to scratch our heads, let's just have a meeting, we have a way forward, and we move on.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, our Leader of Majority for your views. So Honourable Members that is it.

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PAPERS

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BUNGOMA COUNTY EXECUTIVE QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31ST, 2026, AND THE COUNTY REVENUE FUND QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31ST, 2026

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Leader of Majority

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to table the following papers;

1. The Bungoma County Executive Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the Period ended March 31st, 2026.
2. The County Revenue Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the Period ended March 31st, 2026.

(Papers tabled by Hon. Joseph Nyongesa)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you our Leader of Majority

Honourable Members, these documents having been tabled by the Leader of Majority, I commit that the Bungoma County Executive Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the Period ended March 31st, 2026 shall be committed to the entire Sectoral committees for further action in reporting back to this House. And the County Revenue Fund Quarterly Report on Financial Statements for the Period ended March, 2026 committed to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT ON THE BUNGOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTIONS DEVELOPMENT BILL 2025

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wafula Waiti, Member for Naitiri / Kabuyefwe.

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. On behalf of Agriculture Committee, allow me to table a report on the Bungoma County Agricultural Institutions Development Bill 2025.

(Report tabled by Hon Hon. Wafula Waiti)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wafula Waiti be careful. Thank you, Hon. Waiti. Honourable Members, a report of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on the Bungoma County Agriculture Institutions Development Bill 2025, having been tabled, becomes the property of this House.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

THE BUNGOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTIONS DEVELOPMENT BILL 2025

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wafula Waiti,

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House notes the report on the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on the Bungoma County Agricultural Institutions Development Bill, 2025.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Honourable members. A notice of motion having been issued, the same which will be coming up as business after ratification by the House Business Committee.

Next item,

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING WEDNESDAY 3RD TO THURSDAY 4TH JUNE, 2026

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon: Ipara Johnstone Okasida, member for Tongaren/Kiminini Ward and member House Business Committee.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. This is a tentative weekly program of the business of the County Assembly for the week commencing Wednesday 3rd to Thursday 4th June, 2026.

Wednesday, 3rd June, 2026 at 9: 30 a.m.

Papers

1. Report of the Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs on the training of members at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training.

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Notices of Motion

THAT this House adopts the report of the sectoral Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs on the training of members at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training

Questions and Statements

1. Member for Kibingei Ward Hon. Aggrey Mulongo MCA to get a response from the Chairperson sectoral Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing in relation to the operational and financial status of Bungoma and Kimilili Municipalities.
2. Member for South Bukusu Ward Hon. Busolo MCA to get a response from the Chairperson sectoral Committee on Health Services, in relation to the status of the Regional Blood Bank construction and the provision of CT Scan and MRI machines.
3. Member for Bokoli Ward Hon. Jack Kawa MCA to get a response from the Chief Officer, Public Administration and ICT, in relation to the status, legality and performance of substantive and acting directors within various County departments.

Motion

1. A report of the sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the Bungoma County Revenue Enhancements Action Plan.

Wednesday, 3rd June, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

Questions and Statements

1. Member for Kimaeti, ward Hon. Jack Wambulwa MCA to get a response from the chairperson sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural resources regarding the utilization of Climate change funds within Bungoma County.
2. Member for Kimilili Ward Hon. Christine Mukhongo MCA to get a response from the Chairperson sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works in relation to the Implementation status of the following roads in Kimilili Ward;
 - a) Wepukhulu Junction - Murunga- Mafumbo Gabriel Junction Road: Awarded to M/S Sla Co. Limited

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- b) Pasipalam- Kambini Road: Awarded to M/S Local Engineering
- c) Misikhu Main Primary- Chelekei Secondary School Road: Awarded to M/S Ocean Drop

Motion

Report of the sector Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on the Bungoma County Agricultural Institutions on the Development Bill 2025.

Thursday, 4th June, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

Questions and Statements

1. Member of the House Business Committee pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 47(2) (A). This will inform the Assembly of the business to come as from Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th, 2026.
2. Member for Khalaba Ward Hon. Cornelius Makhanu MCA to seek a statement from the Chairperson sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works regarding the status of infrastructure projects initiated ahead of the 2024 Madaraka Day celebrations and the current state of the dual carriage.
3. Member for Lwandanyi ward Hon. Tony Barasa MCA to get a response from the chairperson sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources regarding submission of financial and non-financial reports in respect to Bungoma Water and Sewerage Company (BWASCO).

Motion

1. Report by the Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs on the training of members at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training.

This is a tentative weekly program for next week.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: As we look forward to transacting those mentioned businesses here in the House.

At this level allow me now usher in the session where we want to make some short remarks of encouragement to our learners who have paid a courtesy call and visit to this institution.

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We shall begin with their representative, Hon. Ali Machani Mutoka area MCA of Maraka Ward where the school is domiciled.

Hon. Ali Machani: Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

First of all, I want to thank you for sparing time and I'm aware that if you could do it earlier, I could have missed although I had delegated to my two colleagues, Hon. Charles Nangulu and Hon. Florence to step in for me. You are aware that as elected and special elected members in this House we have some other responsibilities outside there that we need to attend to and it made me at least not to be here on time.

I want to thank you for allowing the learners from Sambu Comprehensive School to be in this House at least to familiarize and associate with the characters and the operation of this House. This is one of the best performing schools in my area and within this County. This school was named in honour of Hon. Alfred Wekesa Sambu, the former Member of Parliament of Webuye.

It's a school that was named after him, because while attending the burial of my late father, Mzee Yusuf Mutoka, Hon. Alfred Sambu saw the children playing around, he asked us to look for a piece of land to start a school and that how this school was started.

It is a school that is closer to me and I am also a parent at that school. I want to thank the teachers accompanying the students, I believe these are grade 7, 8 and 9 who are much interested in history and governance and I thank the teachers and the entire team that is leading the learners to be in this House.

This is one of the schools that I really respect because in terms of performance... and you remember when we had scholarship program they benefitted and it has really produced so many professionals as we speak.

Now that it is a school that is close to my doorstep, I will not want to talk much because I want my colleagues also to contribute and majority of these Honorable members are scholars in different fields and they understand what it means by education. I implore them to be committed when they go back and listen to their teachers. I have a learner in grade 7 White, in the name of Najim Weteka. I named him after my grandfather, Weteka Ali. That is the last born in my second family

(Applause)

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I have not said the last born in my family.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ali Machani, member for Maraka for even being a parent in this very wonderful school. Online we have Hon. Benard Kikechi,

Hon. Bernard Kikechi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance also to applaud our young boys and girls in the gallery and their teachers.

Primary Education is the bedrock of lifelong learning. That is why each and every one of us seated in this Honorable House have passed that stage at one time or the other because its primary Education that builds the foundation for literacy and critical thinking focusing on so many issues; social, economic and even political the way you are in this Honorable House.

When I see these young boys and girls seated in the gallery, mine is just to support them, that they should put in a lot of effort in their Education because the way this House is, we have Honorable members who are lawyers, engineers, accountants, CPA's and doctors. So, this is a House of learned people and all begins from the basics that is primary Education the way our young boys and girls are doing.

To the teachers who have accompanied pupils, kindly continue mentoring them and teaching them in the right ways so that in future these are the people who we are depending on when some of us are long gone. These are the future of our nation.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Wekesa Kikechi for those remarks. Hon. Teresia Florence Juma!

Hon. Florence Juma: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the opportunity to also speak to the students and the teachers of Sambu Central Comprehensive School.

First and foremost, I take this privilege to welcome them to this County Assembly of Bungoma and I am also reminding them that they are standing at the heart of our democracy where laws that govern our society are debated and crafted.

I am particularly delighted to see our bright young minds from Sambu Central Comprehensive School here today and seeing you in this Chamber actually reminds us exactly who we are working for.

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During your tour, you will see exactly how your local leaders and representatives advocate for your future, whether it is improving your school's infrastructure, fighting for better resources or pushing for youth empowerment. Every decision we make in this Assembly is about shaping a better tomorrow for you.

Education is the ultimate key to unlocking those doors. The math you solve, the history you learn and the discipline you practice today are the exact tools you will need to take our County and country forward tomorrow.

Never limit your dreams based on your background and remain hardworking disciplined and focused because you are the future leaders, innovators and law makers.

Finally, as you observe our plenary proceedings today, I encourage you to pay close attention and take note of how your leaders serve the people. We believe in your potential and we will continue championing policies that support your education journey.

Finally, I would ask you to send our regards to your parents and thank them for electing the area MCA Hon. Ali Machani Mutoka and also whisper to your parents that next time when he comes asking for another chance to represent them, please let them give him another chance. I submit.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Florence Juma for your remarks. Hon. Wekesa Eric, member for Kabuchai Chwele!

Hon. Eric Wekesa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. Let me start by thanking the organizers who are the teachers who thought it wise to bring these learners to this great House that leads in making laws and representing the people of Bungoma.

These learners should be the ones now who are privileged because not all schools can manage to come here to go and lead who should inspire them. I am not just telling them that they are the leaders of tomorrow, no, they are leaders from now. Lead in your disciplines and specifically questions pertaining governance and you have practically come here I know you guys will pass because you will have vivid memories of when you visited this Honorable House.

When you look at this Honorable House, you will see Honorable members and other staff who are not just here by accident but they are learned. Some of us came from very humble backgrounds but we dreamt and we are here and still dreaming. So, my main point is just to challenge the learners that as we go back home, we should not just say we came from an

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Honorable House in town but we came here inspired not just to pass exams but also to reach and go beyond the level of leadership we have achieved as an Honorable House.

I will be proud to see PS's, CS's, doctors, pilots and don't just dream for any job. You must be exceptional because the job market is flooded and competitive.

I don't want to belabor you with so much of that at your level but you must start early, you must think big.

Some of us thought we were going to be doctors, unfortunately the only time we visit the hospital is when we are sick but it was because of the environment we were in. Can we go and conquer the environment because I am told you are the best school and I also want to commend Hon. Mutoka because schools have been here, I think this is the third school you are bringing around. I can assure you the next school must be from Kabuchai/Chwele, we cannot be doing this as an Honorable House and Majority Leader is laughing. You know he comes from here; they can even walk to this Honorable House. Thank you so much, I encourage the learners to go back and excel.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Honorable members. I think we bring that session to a close.

On behalf of the entire County Assembly, the Speaker and behalf of the Administration Management of this Assembly, I want also to echo what the Honourable Members have said and wish the students well as they prepare for their assessments and as they also yearn to transit to higher levels of education. Thank you, teachers we pray that as you go back may you be blessed.

I never wish people success; I wish them well because I know there is nothing like luck. You just have to work smart and you get what you deserve. The sky is not the limit and I can urge you students that it is not only about medicine or anything else, every profession matters and it is how you make it yourself. Life is what you make and you have to do that when there is discipline. Where there is no discipline there is no success. I wish you all the best and safe journey mercies as you travel back to school and your homes. God bless you.

(Applause)

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**THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE
TRAINING HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES AND TRAINING**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well, Hon. Job Mukoyandali.

Hon. Job Mukoyandali: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am here to move a motion of the report of Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the Committee Training held at the Center of Parliamentary Studies and Training in Nairobi.

Let me skip chapter one and go to acknowledgement.

Acknowledgment

The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to your office for allowing it to attend the training, Further the committee's great thanks goes to the Office of the Clerk for finding it necessary and facilitating the committee and offering logistical support to ensure the Committee is trained and well equipped to execute its mandate.

The Choice of the Center of Parliamentary Studies and Training as the training entity was very relevant as the trainers are officers who have wide experience in running and managing of the Assembly.

National Assembly and Senate Committees

The proximity of the training center to the National Parliament also gives members of the Committee an opportunity to attend the proceedings of National Assembly and Senate Committee proceedings and learn by observation and learn from Members of the National Assembly who shared their experiences in handling different matters of Committees.

It's from the course work covered, learning materials provided and the observations made during the training that culminated into preparation and production of this report.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

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| 1. Hon. Everton Nganga | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Job Mukoyandali | Vice Chair |
| 3. Hon. Charles Nangulu | Member |
| 4. Hon. Cornelius Makhanu | Member |
| 5. Hon. Metrine Nangalama | Member |
| 6. Hon. Allan Nyongesa | Member |

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| 7. Hon. John Kennedy | Member |
| 8. Hon. Maureen Wafula | Member |
| 9. Hon. Evelyn Anyango | Member |
| 10. Hon. Sheilla Sifuma | Member |
| 11. Hon. Florence Juma | Member |

On behalf of Public Accounts and Investments Committee, I wish now to move this report to share the acknowledge and for this House to note the report has been duly signed by Hon. Everton Nganga who is the Chair East Sang'alo Ward Member.

Hon. Job Mukoyandali: Chapter two, Training objectives.

I don't know if I can move away from the objectives or I read them.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Let's have them captured.

Hon. Job Mukoyandali: Okay

Mr. Deputy Speaker: They are very important.

Training Objectives

The training was organized with the primary aim of strengthening the capacity of Members of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee (CPAIC) to effectively execute their constitutional and statutory oversight mandate. As a key oversight committee of the County Assembly, the CPAIC plays a critical role in ensuring that public resources allocated to the County Government are utilized prudently, transparently, and in accordance with the law.

The training therefore sought to enhance the knowledge, technical competence, and practical skills of the Committee members in order to enable them to undertake more effective scrutiny of public financial management and accountability processes within the County Government.

Specifically, the training aimed to:

1. Deepen the Committee's understanding of the legal and institutional framework governing public financial oversight, particularly the constitutional provisions, statutory laws, and parliamentary procedures that guide the work of the Committee.
2. Equip members with best practices in the operation and management of Public Accounts and Investments Committees, including how to organize committee business, conduct hearings, analyze evidence, and produce quality reports for consideration by the County

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3. Enhance members' analytical capacity in reviewing and interpreting audit reports, particularly those prepared by the Office of the Auditor-General, in order to identify weaknesses in financial management and hold accounting officers accountable.
4. Strengthen stakeholder engagement and collaboration mechanisms between the Committee and other accountability institutions such as the Office of the Auditor-General, the Controller of Budget, and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission.
5. Promote a culture of accountability, transparency, and integrity within County governance structures, while encouraging greater citizen awareness and participation in oversight processes.

Through these objectives, the training aimed at ensuring that members of the Committee are well equipped to contribute effectively to the promotion of sound financial management and responsible use of public resources in Bungoma County.

Training Content and Key Areas Covered

The training program was structured around several thematic areas that are central to the mandate and operations of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee. The sessions combined theoretical presentations, practical case studies, and interactive discussions to enable members to better understand and apply oversight principles in their committee work.

Legal Framework Underpinning the Mandate of the Committee

This session provided an in-depth overview of the constitutional, statutory, and procedural framework that establishes and guides the work of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee. The session emphasized that effective oversight must be anchored on a clear understanding of the legal instruments that define the powers, responsibilities, and limitations of the Committee.

The training highlighted several key legal provisions, including:

The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 Particular reference was made to Articles 185, 195, 226, and 229, which collectively provide the foundation for legislative oversight over public finance and accountability at the county level.

- **Article 185(3)** mandates County Assemblies to exercise oversight over the County

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Executive Committee and other County Executive organs.

- **Article 195** grants County Assembly committees powers similar to those of the High Court to summon witnesses, require the production of documents, and examine persons under oath.
- **Article 226** establishes the responsibility of accounting officers for ensuring proper use and management of public funds.
- **Article 229** outlines the mandate of the Auditor-General to audit and report on the accounts of National and County governments and all public entities.

The Public Finance Management Act, 2012

Members were taken through provisions of the PFM Act relating to financial accountability, preparation and submission of financial statements, responsibilities of accounting officers, and procedures for responding to audit queries.

The County Governments Act, 2012

This Act provides a framework for county governance, emphasizing transparency, citizen participation, and prudent financial management. The session explained how the Committee's work contributes to strengthening these governance principles.

The Public Audit Act, 2015

This law governs the operations of the Office of the Auditor-General and sets out the procedures for auditing public entities and submitting audit reports to legislative bodies for scrutiny.

Standing Order 209 of the County Assembly of Bungoma

The session also examined the Standing Orders that formally establish the Public Accounts and Investments Committee and define its functions, powers, and procedures.

Key Takeaway

Members gained a clearer understanding of the legal authority of the Committee to summon accounting officers, interrogate audit findings, demand documentary evidence, and make recommendations aimed at promoting financial discipline within county institutions.

Operating Practices of the Committee

This session focused on strengthening the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee in carrying out its duties. Members were taken through practical approaches for

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managing committee activities and ensuring that committee work is conducted in a structured, transparent, and results-oriented manner.

The training covered several operational aspects including:

- **Development of Annual Work Plans**
Members were guided on how to develop comprehensive committee work plans that outline key activities, timelines, and priorities for the financial year. Proper planning ensures systematic examination of audit reports and prevents accumulation of backlog.
- **Management of Committee Sitzings**
Best practices were discussed on how to conduct committee hearings, manage deliberations, and ensure orderly engagement with witnesses and stakeholders.
- **Documentation and Record Management**
Emphasis was placed on accurate recording of minutes, maintenance of committee records, and preparation of detailed reports that clearly capture findings, observations, and recommendations.
- **Evidence Collection and Witness Examination**
Members were trained on methods of collecting evidence, analyzing supporting documentation, and questioning witnesses in a manner that yields factual and reliable information.
- **Coordination with the County Assembly Secretariat**
The session highlighted the critical support role played by the Committee Secretariat in providing technical, administrative, and research support to facilitate effective committee operations.

Key Takeaway

Members resolved to improve internal coordination, adopt structured work schedules, and strengthen documentation processes to ensure efficient and effective execution of committee responsibilities.

Examining Audit Reports

A significant portion of the training focused on strengthening the Committee's capacity to scrutinize audit reports produced by the Office of the Auditor-General. Since the Committee's oversight role largely revolves around reviewing these reports, members were equipped with practical skills for identifying financial irregularities and weaknesses in public financial management.

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The session covered:

- **Structure and Components of Auditor-General Reports**
Members were introduced to the different sections of audit reports, including audit opinions, basis for opinion, key audit matters, and management responses.
- **Identification of Red Flags in Financial Statements**
Participants learned how to detect inconsistencies, unsupported expenditures, unexplained variances, and cases of non-compliance with financial regulations.
- **Linking Audit Findings to Supporting Financial Records**
Members were guided on how to relate audit observations to the financial statements and supporting documentation provided by accounting officers.
- **Preparation of Questions for Accounting Officers**
The training emphasized the importance of formulating relevant and precise questions during committee hearings to obtain clear explanations and accountability from responsible officers.
- **Drafting Committee Findings and Recommendations**
Members were also trained on how to translate audit observations into clear committee findings and actionable recommendations aimed at addressing identified weaknesses.

Key Takeaway

The session significantly enhanced members' analytical capacity, enabling them to detect cases of financial mismanagement, non-compliance with regulations, and inefficiencies in public resource utilization.

Linkages with Stakeholders to Enhance Oversight

Effective oversight requires collaboration between the Committee and other institutions that play complementary roles in public financial management and accountability. This session emphasized the importance of building strong institutional relationships to enhance the effectiveness of oversight activities.

Key stakeholders discussed included:

- **The Office of the Auditor-General (OAG)** – which provides audit reports that form the basis of the Committee's oversight work.
- **The Controller of Budget (CoB)** – responsible for monitoring implementation of budgets and authorizing withdrawals from public funds.
- **The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)** – responsible for investigating corruption and unethical conduct in public institutions.
- **County Treasury and County Departments** – which are responsible for financial

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management and implementation of development programs.

- **Civil Society Organizations and the Public** – which play an important role in promoting transparency and accountability through civic engagement and monitoring of public expenditure.

Key Takeaway

Members appreciated the importance of building partnerships and maintaining open channels of communication with these institutions to facilitate information sharing, enhance accountability, and strengthen oversight outcomes.

Creating More Interest in Accountability

This session focused on strategies for promoting a culture of accountability within county government institutions and encouraging greater public participation in oversight processes.

Members were encouraged to adopt approaches that increase public awareness and engagement in matters relating to public finance management. Some of the strategies discussed included:

- **Promoting transparency in committee proceedings and reports**, including making committee findings accessible to the public.
- **Utilizing media platforms** to communicate oversight findings and recommendations to the public.
- **Encouraging civic education programs** aimed at improving public understanding of budget processes, audit reports, and the role of the County Assembly in oversight.
- **Engaging the public during committee inquiries** where appropriate, to ensure that citizens have an opportunity to provide information or raise concerns regarding public resource utilization.

Key Takeaway

Members recognized that public participation and awareness are essential in strengthening accountability systems and building public trust in county governance.

OUTCOMES OF THE TRAINING

The training undertaken by the Members of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee yielded significant benefits that are expected to enhance the Committee's effectiveness in executing its oversight responsibilities. The sessions provided members with practical knowledge, technical skills, and institutional insights that will improve the quality of the

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Committee's work and strengthen financial accountability within the County Government of Bungoma.

The key outcomes of the training include the following:

Enhanced understanding of the Committee's constitutional and statutory mandate

Through the various training sessions, members gained a deeper appreciation of the constitutional provisions, statutory laws, and parliamentary procedures that guide the work of the Committee. The training clarified the oversight role of the County Assembly as provided for under the Constitution of Kenya and other related legislation. Members now have a clearer understanding of their authority to examine audit reports, summon accounting officers, request documents, and make recommendations aimed at ensuring prudent use of public resources. This enhanced understanding will enable the Committee to exercise its mandate more confidently and effectively.

Improved skills in scrutinizing and interpreting audit reports

The training equipped members with practical skills necessary for analyzing audit reports prepared by the Office of the Auditor-General. Members learned how to identify financial inconsistencies, examine audit findings critically, and link audit observations to underlying financial statements and supporting documentation. This improved analytical capacity will enable the Committee to better detect financial mismanagement, non-compliance with public finance regulations, and inefficiencies in the use of public funds. Consequently, the Committee will be able to develop more informed observations and recommendations during its examination of audit reports.

Strengthened teamwork and communication within the Committee

The training provided an opportunity for members to interact, share experiences, and deliberate on common challenges encountered in the course of their oversight duties. Through group discussions and collaborative learning activities, members developed stronger working relationships and a better appreciation of the importance of teamwork in achieving committee objectives. Improved communication among members is expected to promote more productive committee deliberations, enhance decision-making processes, and facilitate the timely completion of committee assignments.

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Better coordination with key accountability institutions

The training emphasized the importance of collaboration between the Committee and other institutions involved in public financial oversight and accountability. Members gained insights into the roles played by institutions such as the Office of the Auditor-General, the Controller of Budget, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, and County Treasury departments. The Committee recognized that effective coordination with these institutions is essential for accessing accurate information, clarifying audit queries, and ensuring that corrective actions are implemented. Strengthened institutional linkages will therefore contribute to more effective oversight outcomes.

Renewed commitment to promote transparency, integrity, and efficiency in County financial management

The training reinforced the importance of promoting transparency and accountability in the management of public resources. Members reaffirmed their commitment to uphold the principles of good governance, integrity, and responsible stewardship of public funds. The Committee resolved to apply the knowledge gained during the training to strengthen its oversight processes and ensure that public resources allocated to the County Government are utilized for the intended purposes and in accordance with the law. This renewed commitment is expected to contribute to improved financial discipline and enhanced public confidence in county governance.

Way Forward and Recommendations

In order to effectively apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the training, the Committee deliberated on practical measures that should be implemented to enhance its performance and improve the efficiency of its oversight work. In particular, the Committee acknowledged the need to address the backlog of pending audit reports and strengthen internal processes for examining public accounts.

To this end, the Committee resolved to implement the following measures:

1. Adoption of a clear annual work plan with timelines for examining pending audit reports

The Committee resolved to develop and adopt a comprehensive annual work plan outlining its priority activities and timelines for the review of audit reports. The work plan will provide a structured framework for the Committee's operations and ensure that audit reports are examined

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in a systematic and timely manner. By setting clear timelines and targets, the Committee will be better able to monitor progress in its work and minimize delays in the consideration of audit reports.

2. Holding dedicated weekly sessions for pending reports until the backlog is cleared

In recognition of the backlog of audit reports awaiting review, the Committee resolved to schedule dedicated weekly sittings specifically focused on the examination of pending reports. These regular sessions will enable members to concentrate on addressing outstanding matters and expedite the clearance of accumulated reports. The Committee believes that consistent and focused engagement will significantly reduce the backlog and ensure timely submission of its reports to the County Assembly.

3. Enhancing collaboration with the Office of the Auditor-General and the County Treasury to obtain timely information

The Committee acknowledged that effective examination of audit reports requires timely access to accurate information and clarifications from relevant institutions. As such, the Committee resolved to strengthen its working relationship with the Office of the Auditor-General and the County Treasury. Improved collaboration will facilitate prompt responses to audit queries, enhance the quality of information provided during committee hearings, and enable the Committee to make well-informed decisions and recommendations.

4. Seeking technical support from the County Assembly Secretariat, the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST), and the Office of the Auditor-General

The Committee recognized that the examination of complex financial reports often requires specialized technical expertise. The Committee therefore resolved to continue seeking support from the County Assembly Secretariat, the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST), and technical officers from the Office of the Auditor-General. This support will assist members in analyzing financial data, interpreting audit findings, and preparing comprehensive committee reports based on sound research and evidence.

5. Implementation of a tracking system for monitoring the status of Committee recommendations

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To ensure that recommendations made by the Committee lead to tangible improvements in financial management, the Committee resolved to establish a systematic mechanism for tracking the implementation of its recommendations. The tracking system will monitor responses from accounting officers and county departments and assess progress in addressing issues raised in audit reports. This approach will enhance accountability and ensure that the Committee's findings lead to corrective actions and improved governance practices.

6. Engaging the public and media in sharing oversight outcomes to foster accountability

The Committee recognized the importance of transparency and public participation in strengthening oversight processes. To this end, the Committee resolved to improve communication with the public by sharing the outcomes of its oversight activities through appropriate channels, including media platforms and public forums. Increased public awareness of the Committee's work will enhance citizen participation in governance and encourage greater accountability in the management of county resources.

7. Organizing periodic refresher trainings to keep members updated on emerging oversight practices and legislative changes

Recognizing that public financial management and oversight practices continue to evolve, the Committee resolved to organize periodic refresher training programs for its members. These trainings will help members remain informed about emerging trends in public sector auditing, legislative reforms, and best practices in parliamentary oversight. Continuous capacity building will therefore ensure that the Committee maintains a high level of competence and effectiveness in performing its oversight mandate.

Conclusion

The training at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) was timely and highly beneficial to the Committee on Public Accounts and Investments of the County Assembly of Bungoma. It equipped members with vital legal, procedural, and analytical skills to enhance their oversight effectiveness.

The Committee is now better positioned to execute its constitutional role of ensuring prudent financial management, transparency, and accountability in the County Government of Bungoma. Going forward, the Committee commits to make use of the skills and knowledge from this

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training to enhance efficiency, clear pending reports, and strengthen public confidence in County financial governance.

Honorable Speaker, I urge members of this Honorable House to take note.

The report was adopted by all the members. All the required annexures have been put. Let me call upon Hon. Nganga to second the report.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mukoyandali Job for your eloquence in moving the Report. Now let's have on the floor the Hon. Sifuna to second.

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. First, I want to laud the Mover of the report for reading the report eloquently. This is a report that the Committee came up with after a visit at the Centre for Parliamentary Training and Studies. I second the report for Noting.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Sifuna Member for Sang'alo East for seconding the report. Honorable Members, allow me propose the same to the House for noting.

(Question proposed)

Well Honourable Members that was for noting purposes. You know there can be anything that can come up for that but since it is well noted. We argue that every Member takes keen interest because it is guiding us on how we handle financial issues in this House.

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ALTERATION OF HOUSE CALENDAR

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Leader of Majority Hon. Joseph Nyongesa

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to move a motion on alteration of House Calendar.

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 31(4) of the County Assembly Standing Orders, this House alters its calendar and do now adjourn today, Thursday, 28th May, 2026, to allow the Sectoral Committees to consider and undertake report writing on the Half-Year Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2025/2026.

And further present the Sectoral considerations of the Annual Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2026/2027 to the Budget and Appropriations Committee; and that the House do resume its regular sittings on Wednesday, 3rd June, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Having reached there, Mr. Speaker, allow me call upon Honourable Member representing Kibingei Ward who is Hon. Aggrey Mulongo to second.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes Hon. Aggrey Mulongo, Minority Whip.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I second the Motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members, the Motion having been moved and duly seconded, allow me now to propose to the House for debate.

(Question proposed)

Thank you so much Honourable Members, allow me now put the question for the House decision.

(Question put and agreed to)

Honourable Members, the motion is hereby adopted accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, that being the last item on the Order Paper, we now adjourn and resume on the 3rd day June, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

The House rose at 4:07p.m.

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