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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

Honourable members, in our public gallery, I'm pleased to welcome the students and teachers of Central Baptist Junior School from Township Ward, Kanduyi Constituency. The primary objective of this educational visit is to enable learners to understand the structure and the functions of the County Assembly while gaining practical insight into the devolved system of governments.

The delegation Honourable members, comprises of 127 pupils.

(Students rise)

(Applause)

(Students resume their seats)

Accompanied by five teachers, that is

1. Madam Wilfrida Wafula
2. Madam Millicent Lusweti
3. Mr. Gibson Wanjala
4. Madam Sarah Awino
5. Mr. Frederick Kiprono

(Teachers rise)

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(Applause)

(Teachers resume their seats)

Honourable members, as our tradition, at the statement hour, I will allow Honourable members to make brief remarks, comments and welcome the pupils who have come to learn from us.

Next item,

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

COUNTY ASSEMBLY BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY 9TH TO THURSDAY 11TH, JUNE 2026.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Cornelius, I'm told that you are the one to share the weekly programme of next week. Kindly proceed.

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to present the weekly programme of the Business of the Week of the County Assembly for the week commencing Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th, June, 2026.

Tuesday, 9th June, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

Papers

1. Report of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the status of completion of Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park.
2. Report of the Procedure and House Rules Committee on amendment of Standing Orders.

Notices of motion

1. THAT, this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the status of completion of Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park.
2. THAT, this House adopts the report of the Procedure and House Rules Committee on amendment of the Standing Orders.

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Questions and statements

1. Member for Soysambu/ Mitua Ward, Hon. Stephen Wamalwa MCA to seek a statement from the Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning and the Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Health Services regarding the status of pending bills relating to Makutano Health Centre and Misanga Dispensary.

Motion

1. Report of the Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on Bungoma County Revenue Enhancement Action Plan.

Wednesday, 10th June, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Questions and statements

1. Member for Bokoli Ward, Hon. Jack Kawa MCA to get a response from the Chief Officer, Public Administration and ICT. This is in relation to the status, legality and performance of substantive and acting directors within various County departments.

Bills

1. The Bungoma County Agriculture Institutions Development Bill 2025(Second Reading)

This will be a Bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Bungoma to provide for the development and management of the agriculture institutions and for connected purposes.

Wednesday, 10th June, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

Questions and statements

1. Member for Khalaba Ward, Hon. Cornelius Makhanu MCA, I will be seeking a statement from the Chairperson Sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works regarding the implementation of Community Empowerment Funds (CEF) road maintenance projects in Khalaba Ward for the financial year 2024-2025.

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Motion

1. Report of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the status of completion of Bungoma County Aggregation Industrial Park.

Thursday, 11th June, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

Questions and statements

1. Member of the House Business Committee pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order number 47(2)(a) will inform the County Assembly of the weekly business coming before the House on Tuesday, 16th to Thursday, 18th June, 2026.
2. Appearance of the Chief Officer, Department of Finance and Economic Planning to respond to the following issues regarding the revenue collection, performance and legal compliance by the Department of Finance for the financial years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026.
3. Appearance of the Chief Officer, Department of Finance and Economic Planning to respond to the following issues regarding the implementation status of the approved budget for the financial year 2025/2026 which was duly passed by the Honourable House.

I table.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cornelius. Honourable Members, that is the tentative weekly program of the House. The same will be shared equally to the Honourable Members' gadgets.

Next item,

**STATUS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS INITIATED AHEAD OF THE 2024
MADARAKA DAY CELEBRATIONS AND THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE DUAL
CARRIAGE WAY**

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Cornelius, I think that is your statement. You are allowed to proceed. I am trying to get your microphone. Proceed.

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

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Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ipara, you are standing for the Chair. Let's proceed.

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Honourable Speaker, I rise pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 47(2) © of the Bungoma County Assembly Standing Orders to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the 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 status of the Dual Carriageway.

1. status of infrastructure projects initiated ahead of the 2024 Madaraka Day celebrations

In response, let the Chairperson inquire into and report on the following;

- a) Regarding roads constructed for the year 2024 Madaraka Day celebrations; The total number in kilometers of the bitumen standard roads allocated and constructed within Bungoma County by the National Government in preparation for the 2024 Madaraka Day festivities.
- b) A comprehensive list of all roads tarmacked during this period, specifying the implementing Agency, whether the Kenya Urban Roads Authority, KURA, or the Kenya Rural Roads Authority, KeRRA.
- c) The completion status of each identified road project and whether any works remain outstanding.
- d) Is the Department aware Green Valle-Ten Star Road that joins Lusaka Road was not completed?
- e) Whether the Department is aware of the rapid degradation of the Mteremko-Khalaba River Road, which currently has been eroded by floodwaters.
- f) Furthermore, let the Chairperson clarify what urgent interventions KURA or KERRA, has undertaken to salvage the infrastructure, noting that the damage has compromised road safety, left electricity poles leaning precariously over the thoroughfare.

2. Completion of the Dual Carriageway Road.

- a) The exact date the dual carriage was officially handed over to the National Government, supported by documentary evidence, including minutes of the handover meetings and the formal transfer agreement.
- b) The disclosure of any outstanding arrears or debts owed by the County Government to the project contractor at the time of handover and whether the National Government formerly assumed these liabilities.

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- c) Whether the National Government was formerly appraised of the substandard drainage systems existing on the road at the time of transfer.
- d) An explanation regarding the quality of on-going works on the dual carriage way which appears to be below professional standards specifically why the final levelling layer is failing leading to surface peeling and distress to motorists.
- e) The department should provide a technical assurance of the quality control measures being enforced to ensure value for money and public safety.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ipara standing for the Chair of the committee.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Honorable Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Roads, I plead for 14 days to look into the matter and report back to this Honorable House.

Mr. Speaker: We could have feedback on 18th of June 2026 2:30 p.m. session; it will be on Thursday.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Next item!

RESPONSE REGARDING SUBMISSION OF FINANCIAL AND NON-FINANCIAL REPORTS IN RESPECT TO BUNGOMA WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY (BWASCO)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Martin Chemorion, I have seen your response. Hon. Waiti you ought to notify me in advance because if Hon. Tony is not present, I will presume that there are no instructions. Can you confirm that you have the instructions before I invite Hon. Cheseto.

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I have instructions from Hon. Tony to stand in for him.

Mr. Speaker: It's okay. Thank you. Hon. Martin, proceed.

Hon. Martin Cheseto: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources, I wish to present a progress report on the statement raised by Hon. Tony Barasa in respect to Bungoma Water and Sewerage Company (BWASCO)

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Pursuant to Standing Orders 54(a) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, the committee on Tourism, Environment Water and Natural Resources hereby presents its progress report regarding the statement sought by Hon. Tony Barasa in respect to Bungoma Water and Sewerage Company (BWASCO)

The Chief Officer for the department of Water and Natural Resources, the Managing Director together with the Chairperson Bungoma Water and Sewerage Company (BWASCO) appeared before the committee on Monday 11th May 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room 1, within the County Assembly precincts to respond to the concerns raised in the statement.

The owner of the statement Hon. Tony Barasa expressed satisfaction with the department's response on the other areas of concern but sought for additional information on the following;

1. A comprehensive plan for the settlement of staff deductions and statutory obligations including remittance to LAPFUND, LAPTRUST, NSSF, SHA and check off loan facilities
2. A detailed report distinguishing the obligations attributable to BWASCO from those of NZOWASCO in order to establish the company's actual financial position including its revenue, its customers, pending bills and liabilities
3. A report on the total amount of outstanding water bills and clear recovery framework including customer profiling and debt recovery strategy
4. A detailed record of outstanding water bills and payments made by the stadium, Kibabii University, Bungoma County Referral Hospital and Tourist Hotel for the period between 2023 to 2025.

The committee formally communicated the above concerns to the Chief Officer for Water and Natural Resources through a letter Ref; CAB/CC/SEC/6 VOL III (10) requesting submission of the required information to the County Assembly by close of business 15th May 2026.

However, despite making follow ups with the department, the committee has not yet received the requested information. Report signed by me on behalf of the Chairman, Hon. Edwin Opwora.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Wafula Waiti.

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I agree with the response as stated by the Hon. Chemorion but since this touches on the welfare of the employees of this County and looking at the last statement, the committee has made several attempts requesting for the

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department but they have not yet received the information. It is my concern that through your Chair, we summon the department to come and make clear responses on the floor of this House.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chemorion, let me hear from you as the Chair of the committee, where is the problem because if you are saying they are not appearing before the committee, what is the problem? Let me hear from you before I make my decision.

Hon. Martin Cheseto: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I will request that you add us time because we have been away. At the same time you know BWASCO is a baby that was born after de-clustering from NZOWASCO and I am very sure that getting the information for BWASCO from the defunct NZOWASCO is a bit of a challenge that can take time. Maybe I will beseech this House to give us time so that when we meet next, we can deliberate on the way forward and give a perfect report to this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Martin, I think BWASCO cannot be called a child, it's an adult person and I think the best way to handle BWASCO people is to come before this House. We can have them in three weeks' time. The concerned officers to appear here in person on 25th of June and I think they should be told that failure to comply has consequences. Proceed!

Honorable members, it's time for us to take care of our visitors in the public gallery. I have had challenges every time between the Honorable MCA of Luuya/Bwake and the Honorable member of West Nalondo, where they keep on quarrelling that although you have the school, people come from my Ward, so this issue of Hon. Cornelius to claim that they are all coming from Khalaba and not township ought not to be there. Hon. Ali Machani!

Hon. Ali Machani: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I know our colleague Hon. Jeremiah is on official duty but now that we are here and also being a member of Education committee, I want to thank the school that has made it clear that they have come here to familiarize with this House on matters governance. I believe this school is going to benefit.

I don't want to miss my point, that when learners come to this House, there are so many things they familiarize with. When they see the symbol of authority here I know the sergeant at arms have explained to them what it means, it's just the same as what is in the National Assembly and also how we operate as members and put on the official attire when coming to this House.

It's more of a lesson. Under Standing Order 113 no member or any visitor is supposed to come with a firearm in this House or within the environment unless it's deposited. Page 235 of our Standing Orders, item number 113 is very clear where the weapon is supposed to be deposited

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whether in the debating Chamber, the committee room or any extension of the House. Our staff should advise the learners to familiarize because this is a House of rules and procedure.

Honorable Speaker, I want to thank you because you are the son of a principal, that during your time so many learning institutions have visited this House and we are going to have serious learners because of what you are instilling in them.

I thank the students and teachers, I request that when you go home pass my thanks to your parents for electing Hon. Jeremiah to serve as an MCA of Township.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ali Machani. We have Hon. Cornelius Makhanu.

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the teachers and pupils of Central Baptist Junior School to this August House. This school is just a stone throw from here and most of the time we have received students and teachers from far and wide in the County. We have a saying in my mother tongue that those who live next to the well at times sleep thirsty. So, I am happy for their coming. Sometimes you could meet a student from this school and they could not be able to explain about the Assembly but since they have come here to learn, they will be able to familiarize themselves with what goes on here.

On behalf of my colleague Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba who is away on official duties, I just want to thank the parents of these students for electing him and me as you know Khalaba and Township are like twins. Most of these students and teachers don't live in Township, they live in Khalaba and part of Musikoma. So once more I say welcome; this should not just be first and last, I know there are many who want to come. This is one trip and next you will bring other students and pupils to learn more.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Cornelius. Hon. Benard Kikechi.

Hon. Benard Kikechi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me also this opportunity to pass a word to our students and teachers in the public gallery that is Central Baptist Junior School. I join my colleagues in welcoming them in this House of rules and procedure. When I saw our young boys and girls seated in the gallery, it was so nostalgic because sometimes long ago I was also in such a position when I was young. Nowadays, they call it grade 1, 2, 3 while ours was primary and now I am standing here as an Honorable member. In this House we have Teachers,

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Accountants, Lawyers, Engineers among others, so if they aspire one of these days to be like us then you have to work hard.

I just want to encourage them that all these members passed through where you are, so just put in effort, work hard, concentrate on your studies and you will be victorious.

Otherwise, I welcome them so that at the end of this session at least there is something they will learn from this House.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kikechi. Hon. Makari, proceed.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I want to applaud the Honorable member for Khalaba, you know Hon. Cornelius forgot to say, he tried to pull the rope to his side, but Honourable Speaker, he knows very well that most of the students and teachers from Central Baptist come from Musikoma; they don't come from Township and Khalaba. In fact you will forgive me because I didn't know they were students from Central Baptist Primary School. As Hon. Cornelius said Township, Khalaba and Musikoma Wards are like conjoined twins, we share boundaries, we share infrastructure and in the absence of Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba and Cornelius and I step in. However, as I began earlier by saying, if you stand at a place called Pumzika, and I know you know the place you will find that all these children...

Mr. Speaker: I don't know that place.

(Laughter)

Hon. George Makari: You will find that all these children, Honourable Speaker are going downwards and I know your uncles are in Samoya. So you will find all these children are going downwards there. So Honorable Speaker, as much as the school is in Township, I also feel part of it because a big percentage of the population of the students come from Musikoma Ward. I want to appreciate the school administration and I can see the teachers are there.

It is not a very old school but the milestone the school has achieved, you can think the school began in 1970s, but it is not so old and it is a very nice school. It has some of the best teachers in the country and discipline is very high.

I want to encourage the students that are here today. In the coming days, because we are aging even though I have not reached the age of Hon. Mulongo, but by the time I will reach there, these students are the ones who are coming to take over the leadership of this House and even be the MPs. Honourable Speaker, I can see Hon. Mulongo is getting offended when I say I have not

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reached his age but you see, he is among the oldest people in this Assembly. So he should not protest when I say that because equally old is gold even though he doesn't have wisdom, but you know, age is always related with wisdom. So Honourable Speaker, I don't know what he wants to say, maybe you can give him time when I am done but as I conclude, Honourable Speaker, you have not given him time to speak. Where is he going?

(Hon, Aggrey Mulongo moves to the dispatch)

Mr. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. George Makari: As I conclude, we welcome the fraternity of Bungoma Baptist Junior School, all the teachers and all the students and even in the absence of your area representative, Hon. Kuloba, I think me and Makhanu are there. We will talk after this. Thank you, Honorable Speaker, for giving me space.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Makari, let me hear what Hon. Mulongo wanted to say.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I wanted to inform, but since he is already through, I can't even inform. But on age, you will come to be like me in the coming days.

(Laughter)

I am not old, but this is gold; this is the library. You know once you become old, when somebody talks about you, he is making you better.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Aggrey Mulongo, I have not heard you say that you are too old at home. So, you're just okay. Let us proceed.

I think, Honourable members, I haven't seen anybody requesting here, so on behalf of the leadership of the House and the Assembly Administration, I wish the candidates of Bungoma Baptist School and their teachers all the best in their studies.

Next item,

MOTION

MOTION OF DEFINITE URGENT COUNTY IMPORTANCE ON THE FAILURE TO EXPEND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION OF ECDE TEACHERS AND VTC TUTORS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Honourable Speaker, I rise under Standing Order No. 36

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Mr. Speaker: What is your issue?

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Honourable Speaker, I have a motion of definite urgent county importance on the failure to expend appropriated funds for the recruitment and promotion of ECDE teachers and VTC tutors for the financial year 2025, Honourable Speaker. Honorable Speaker, Sir...

Mr. Speaker: Can you be able to give us the highlights so that I am able to see whether it falls under the importance or not.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: I rise to seek leave to move a motion of definite urgent county importance and request that the House do now adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent county importance on the imminent loss and diversion of KShs.29Million appropriated for the recruitment and promotion of Early Childhood Education teachers and Vocational Training teachers due to deliberate executive inactivity and crisis worsened by the suspension of the Secretary to the County Public Service Board. It is signed by me.

Mr. Speaker: So do you have the requisite number of supporters which is supposed to be a third of the House?

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: I have the numbers, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Let me confirm members supporting this motion, they ought to be 21. Can I be able to confirm 21 members? Serjeant at Arms officers, please confirm for me.

(Serjeant at Arms officer counts the number of members supporting)

They have confirmed for me that the number is 23 members. You will be heard immediately after the motion.

REPORT ON THE TRAINING OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, COHESION AND LEGAL AFFAIRS AT THE CENTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES AND TRAINING (CPST)

Hon. Everlyne Anyango: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I am on my feet to read the report on the training of the Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs at the Center for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST). Honorable Speaker...

Mr. Speaker: Can you confirm your quorum first? Can I have membership of this committee?

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Hon. Everlyne Anyango: It is overflowing, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order members. Can I be able to clarify something please? This is a Standing Committee with a membership of eleven, so the quorum is six and the members there are six. We proceed.

Hon. Everlyne Anyango: Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker: If Hon. Waiti and Kikechi, you had dates then postpone.

Hon. Everlyne Anyango: Thank you, Honorable Speaker Sir. I will go straight away to Committee Membership...

Mr. Speaker: Now honourable members, the other motion may end up collapsing due to lack of quorum. I have given it time specifically after this one so that there are members and if you disappear, I would be very happy to go home early enough today.

Hon. Everlyne Anyango: Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs draws its mandate from the Standing Order No.213 (3) of the Bungoma County Assembly.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs comprises of the following members.

NAME	DESIGNATION
1. Hon. Jacob Psero	Chairperson
2. Hon. Everlyne Anyango	Vice chairperson
3. Hon. George Makari	Member
4. Hon. Ali Machani	Member
5. Hon. Everlyne Mutiembu	Member
6. Hon. Joan Kirong	Member
7. Hon. Allan Nyongesa	Member
8. Hon. Edwin Opwora	Member
9. Hon. Sheila Sifuma	Member
10. Hon. Idd Owongo	Member

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11. Hon. Linda Kharakha

Member

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee extends its sincere appreciation to the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for their unwavering support and facilitation, which enabled the Committee to effectively undertake and discharge its mandate during the training programme.

Special recognition and gratitude are also extended to the trainers from the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) for their invaluable guidance and expertise, as well as to the Members of the Committee for their commitment, active participation, and concentration throughout the training sessions.

It is therefore my honour and privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Justice, Cohesion, and Legal Affairs, and pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Orders of the County Assembly of Bungoma, to present this report to the House for noting. The report is signed by the Chairperson Hon. Jacob Psero.

TRAINING AT THE CENTRE OF PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen committee's oversight and legislative role
- Improve Committees understanding of human rights principles and their application within county governance.
- Broaden the committee's understanding of ethnic diversity in the County

STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT

The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 establishes Kenya as a sovereign Republic under Article 4(1), founded on the will of the people and governed in accordance with the Constitution. It further provides, under Article 4(2) that Kenya is a multi-party democratic state, thereby affirming political pluralism, regular elections, and the participation of citizens in governance.

The Constitution creates a devolved system of governance comprising two levels of government—the National Government and County Governments—as set out in Article 6. These two levels are distinct yet interdependent, each exercising powers and performing functions assigned to it by the Constitution while maintaining a relationship based on consultation and

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cooperation. In this structure, Article 176 provides that there shall be a county government for each county, consisting of a County Assembly and a County Executive.

Consequently, Kenya operates a total of 48 governments, comprising the National Government and 47 County Governments.

County Governments derive their authority and functions from the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, which clearly outlines their roles within the devolved system of governance. In exercising their mandate, County Governments undertake county legislation in accordance with Article 185 of the Constitution, which vests legislative authority in the County Assembly. This enables counties to enact laws necessary for the effective performance of their functions and the delivery of services to residents.

Further, County Governments exercise executive authority in line with Article 183 of the Constitution. Through the County Executive Committee, they implement both county and applicable national legislation, while also managing and coordinating county administration and services.

The functions of County Governments are primarily set out under Article 186 as read together with the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution. These include key service delivery areas such as Health Services, Agriculture, County Transport, Trade Development, and Early Childhood Education, among others.

The County Assembly plays a central role in Kenya's devolved system of governance as the legislative arm of the County Government. Its primary mandate is to exercise legislative authority at the county level by enacting laws that facilitate effective governance and service delivery within the County. Through this function, the Assembly ensures that county policies and regulations are grounded in the needs and aspirations of the local population.

In addition to its legislative role, the County Assembly performs a key representative function. Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) act as a link between the electorate and the County Government by presenting the views, concerns, and proposals of citizens for consideration in county decision-making processes. This ensures that governance remains participatory and responsive to public needs.

The Assembly also exercises an oversight role over the County Executive and other county organs. This involves scrutinizing the implementation of policies, programmes, and budgets to ensure accountability, transparency, and efficient use of public resources. Through this oversight

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function, the Assembly holds the Executive accountable for the performance of its duties and the delivery of services.

Further, the County Assembly is responsible for approving key county plans and policies, including development plans, budget estimates, and expenditure proposals. It also considers and approves borrowing by the County Government, ensuring that financial decisions are made in a prudent and sustainable manner.

Committee's Mandate

a) Constitutionalism, Rule of Law, and Governance

The Committee undertakes matters relating to constitutional affairs, administration of justice, ethics, integrity, elections, and human rights and all petitions save for petitions under Standing Order No.78(5).

This function directly supports the Assembly's role in upholding the rule of law and ensuring that county governance adheres to constitutional principles, including those under Articles 10 and 232 on national values and public service.

The mandate of County Assemblies in processing petitions is firmly anchored in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and relevant statutory frameworks. Article 37 of the Constitution guarantees every person the right to present petitions to public authorities, thereby establishing the legal basis upon which citizens may formally submit grievances, proposals, or concerns to County Assemblies. This constitutional right is reinforced by Article 185, which vests legislative authority in County Assemblies and, under Article 185(3),

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Frankline Simotwo, you are out of order. I can't allow... the motion is on and you make calls here.

Hon. Everlyne Onyango: Thank you, Honourable Speaker, I was getting confused, grants them oversight over County Executive organs. In this regard, petitions serve as a critical instrument through which County Assemblies exercise their oversight role. Further, Article 196(1)(b) obligates County Assemblies to facilitate public participation and involvement in their legislative and other business, with the petition process providing a structured and accessible avenue for such engagement.

This constitutional framework is further elaborated under Section 15 of the County Governments Act, which affirms the right of any person to petition a County Assembly on matters within its

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authority. The Act requires County Assemblies to consider such petitions in accordance with their Standing Orders, thereby institutionalizing the process within county legislative practice. Additionally, the Petition to County Assemblies (Procedure) Act provides detailed procedures governing the submission, consideration, and determination of petitions, including requirements on form, admissibility, timelines, committee review, and communication of outcomes to petitioners.

b) Constitutional & statutory basis for ethnic diversity

Committee mandate,

Monitor and promote measures designed to enhance the equalization of opportunities and improvement in the quality of life and status of all persons who are marginalized on the basis of gender, age, disability, **ethnic, racial**, health status, religious, cultural

The promotion of equality, inclusion, and diversity in public service is anchored in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and supported by various statutory provisions aimed at ensuring equitable representation of all communities and vulnerable groups in public institutions.

Constitutional Provisions

The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides the foundation for equality and inclusivity in governance and public service:

- Article 27 guarantees equality and freedom from discrimination in all spheres of public life.
- Article 232 requires that public service institutions reflect the diversity of Kenya's communities and uphold principles of inclusiveness, equal opportunities, and representation of marginalized groups.

County Governments Act, 2012

The County Governments Act reinforces constitutional principles of diversity and equitable representation in county public service:

- Section 65(1) (e) requires that at least 30% of entry-level vacancies in county public service be allocated to candidates who are not from the dominant ethnic community within the county.

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- Section 35(1) and (2) obligates the Governor and the County Assembly to ensure that appointments to the County Executive Committee reflect the community and cultural diversity of the county.

National Cohesion and Integration Act, 2008

The National Cohesion and Integration Act promote national unity and ethnic balance within public institutions:

- Section 7(1) requires all public establishments to reflect the diversity of the people of Kenya in their staffing composition.
- Section 7(2) prohibits any public institution from having more than one-third of its staff drawn from the same ethnic community.

Status of Compliance in Bungoma County

Bungoma County remains one of the largest employers among county governments, ranking third nationally with a workforce of 6,477 employees, after Nairobi and Kakamega Counties. Members note that

The County has demonstrated compliance with gender diversity requirements, with:

- 56.8% female employees
- 43.2% male employees

However, the County remains non-compliant with the statutory threshold for employment of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). Current representation stands at:

- 0.99% (64 employees)

This falls significantly below the constitutional and statutory requirement of at least 5% representation for Persons with Disabilities in public service employment.

c) Devolution & Human rights

Devolution in Kenya is not just about distributing power it was designed to bring government closer to the people to enhance equity, participation, and accountability. Article 174 of the Constitution outlines the following objects of devolution, which are directly tied to the protection and realization of human rights—

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- i. Promote democratic and accountable exercise of power.
 - ii. Foster national unity while recognizing diversity.
 - iii. Enhance participation of the people in decision-making.
 - iv. Protect and promote the interests and rights of minorities and marginalized groups.
 - v. Ensure equitable sharing of national and local resources.
 - vi. Facilitate decentralization of state organs and services to the people.
- Counties are the frontline institutions where rights are translated into tangible services and opportunities for citizens. This means that—
 - i. County assemblies must legislate with rights at the center, ensuring compliance with Articles 19–25.
 - ii. Oversight by county assemblies must ensure that county executives implement policies that respect, protect, promote, and fulfil rights.
 - iii. Counties must design policies and budgets that reduce inequality.
 - iv. Public participation is a constitutional requirement, not a formality.
 - v. Rights of vulnerable groups must be safeguarded in county legislation and oversight

Best Practices in Realizing Human Rights at the County Level

- a) Compliance with fiscal responsibility rules, e.g., 30% development allocation.
- b) Genuine Public Participation: Use diverse, accessible platforms (barazas, radio, digital forums) to reach all citizens. Provide feedback loops so citizens see how their input shapes policy.
- c) Inclusive Policy Design: Mainstream gender, youth, disability, and minority concerns in county legislation. Conduct equity audits to identify and address gaps in service delivery.

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- d) Capacity Building: Train county officials and committees on rights-sensitive legislation and oversight. Build technical expertise in monitoring and evaluation of rights compliance.
- e) Transparency & Accountability: Publish budgets, policies, and performance reports in accessible formats. Strengthen collaboration with oversight institutions (Auditor-General, KNCHR).
- f) Judicial & Legal Compliance: Anticipate litigation risks by testing laws against Articles 19–25 and Article 24 limitation standards. Implement court orders promptly to avoid rights violations and contempt proceedings.
- g) Partnerships with Civil Society: Collaborate with NGOs, faith-based groups, and community organizations to extend reach. Use civil society expertise to monitor rights realization and amplify citizen voices.

d) Inter-Community Cohesion

The Committee also has a specific mandate to address inter-community relations. It investigates and reports on conflicts, civil unrest, or community-based grievances, with a view to promoting stability and integration. This involves reviewing relevant policies, engaging stakeholders at the grassroots and institutional levels, and making informed recommendations to the County Assembly on how to foster peaceful coexistence among diverse communities.

Best Practices

The Nakuru County Peace Building and Conflict Management Act, 2021 is a county law created to establish structures and systems for promoting peace, preventing conflicts, and strengthening cohesion within the county. The Act was passed by the Nakuru County Assembly after years of ethnic and political conflicts experienced in the Rift Valley region.

The Turkana County Peace Building and Conflict Management Bill is a proposed county law aimed at creating formal structures for peace building, conflict prevention, mediation, and security coordination in Turkana County.

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e) Oversight of Departments and Statutory Bodies

The Committee oversees departments and agencies responsible for human rights and social welfare. It evaluates the effectiveness of program implementation, assesses whether services are delivered equitably, and ensures compliance with inclusion and rights-based standards

WAY FORWARD

1. That the committee should demand regular diversity reports from the CPSB and County Executive
2. That during vetting of CECM, CCO, and CPSB nominees the committee should request for diversity compliance before approval per Section 35(2) CGA
3. That the committee should recommend enforcement of the 5% PWD requirement — Bungoma currently sits at a critical **0.99%**.
4. That the committee should scrutinize bills, budgets, and policies for rights compliance
5. That the committee should monitor county departments to ensure they uphold the welfare and rights of all individuals.
6. The committee recommends drafting of legislative proposals including Bungoma County Peace and Conflict Building Act to maintain peace and social cohesion.
7. The Committee should Partner with electoral bodies to educate actors on the Election offences Act by promoting ethical political conduct.
8. The committee recommends that CPSB to prepare and implement an Employment Equity Plan aimed at correcting ethnic imbalances and promoting diversity be adhered to pursuant to Sections 68C CGA Amendment 2020

Hon. Speaker, the last one is the adoption schedule signed by all members.

Mr. Speaker: You can invite the seconder but just for noting purpose. Honourable members the motion beforehand is not for voting. It's for noting purposes because it's a report arising from a training that the members underwent. So it's for noting.

Hon. Evelyn Anyango: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Invite your seconder.

Hon. Evelyn Anyango: I invite my senior Hon. Makari, to give a response

Mr. Speaker: Hon. George Makari you have been invited to...trying to give you a microphone.

Hon. George Makari: You said the mover should always prepare the seconder...

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Mr. Speaker: That is internal affairs of the committee. We ought not to know.

Hon. George Makari: Hon. Speaker, I want to second the report and Hon. Speaker you see, even if you ask the chair and the vice chair, I was very much against going to Nairobi that time but the experience I got, I would want to go there again.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: I will call Hon. Allan behind the tent to know the motivating factors.

Hon. George Makari: Honorable Speaker, we had a session in the National Parliament. We sat in their session and I can attest that we were with my very senior colleague, Hon. Balala.

Mr. Speaker: Who is that, Hon. Balala?

Hon. George Makari: Hon. Ali Machani Mutoka.

Mr. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. George Makari: His lordship the Mayor. He can also attest where he took me around 10 p.m. at night...

(Laughter)

...and it was very nice. So if we vote that we go back again, I will be number one on the list if we go back. As I second, you see we are following the law at least and arising from what we found out, Bungoma County is the only county that has almost reached the threshold of ethnic diversity if you check very well, there are counties in Central, Nyanza and Coast, where you cannot get a Luhya employed there but here we have everybody. Everybody is represented in Bungoma County. The only person that is not there may be its God himself...

(Laughter)

...but everybody in Bungoma County is there. We have Taitas, Luos, Kikuyus and even Kisiis. We have everyone in Bungoma County but elsewhere...

Mr. Speaker: Even some of your cousins from Uganda are also part of you.

Hon. George Makari: Yes, Honorable Speaker but other counties if you look at the compliance of the law, it is not there. Then they keep hammering on this piece of legislation that every County must adhere to 30 per cent rule of diversity. You must have every ethnic group

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represented within your County, in the County Assemblies but elsewhere this legislation is not there too.

So I want to commend Bungoma County for the ethnic diversity that we have. Bungoma County does not segregate wherever anyone comes from. We welcome everybody. There are Arabs and we live with them very well. So Bungoma County is an example of ethnic diversity and I want to second the report and as you say, this is just for noting. I hereby second.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. George Makari for seconding the report. Honourable members, allow me to propose a motion for debate. Honourable members a motion has been moved and it has been seconded by this House notes the report of the Sector Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs on the training of members at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training, CPST laid on the table of the House on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026.

(Question proposed)

You can debate. At the end of the debate I will say it's for noting. So it appears having said it's for members noting, they have noted.

(Laughter)

It's okay. We will go to the next item because it appears the members are saying it's noted and I have seen some people using sign language, especially Hon. Mulongo. So Honourable members, I will come back to the motion sought by Hon. Jack under Standing Order No. 36(4), which is moved without a notice. So I will ask that he comes back now and moves properly and lay the basis of his argument.

Hon. Jack you are called upon now to come back and move your motion accordingly.

MOTION ON KSHS 29 MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION OF ECDE TEACHERS AND VTC INSTRUCTORS

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker I rise to move a motion of definite agent county importance. Aware that during the consideration and passage of the estimates for the financial year 2025-2026, this Honourable House meticulously appropriated the sum of Kshs 29 million, specifically to cater for the long overdue recruitment and promotion of ECDE teachers and VTC instructors across the county.

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Deeply concerned that to date, there has been absolutely no visible administrative action, public advertisement or a collaborative framework initiated by the County Department of Education, the County Public Service Board and the Department of Finance showing a clear definitive intent to extend the said allocated amounts as legally appropriated by this House. Noting with grave concern that the current 2025/2026 financial year is rapidly drawing to a close, leaving an extremely narrow window of days before the lapse of the budget cycle, thereby threatening to lock out hundreds of deserving educators and compromising the quality of early childhood and vocational education in our county.

Further concerned that the recent administrative action by His Excellency the Governor to suspend the Secretary who is the CEO to the County Public Service Board has thrown the board into a functional paralysis leaving zero administrative surety or institutional leadership to oversee process and finalize this vital recruitment exercise within the remaining days of the fiscal year.

Apprehensive that with the rollout and strict implementation of the new accrual accounting system within the public finance architecture and unspent budgetary allocations at the tail end of the financial year risk being swept back or reallocated unless strict, lawful, reinforcing protocols are structurally enforced by the county treasury.

Now, therefore, this House resolves as follows;

1. That the County Secretary and the Head of the Public Service, County Executive Committee Member and Chief Officer for Education and Vocational Training, the CECM for Finance and Economic Planning and the Chief Officer Finance, the Chairperson of the County Public Service Board do immediately appear before the floor of this House within 24 working hours to offer satisfactory response regarding the deliberate delay.
2. That the County Executive do lay out a clear, watertight framework on how the Kshs 29 million will be strictly reinforced and protected under the accrual accounting system specifically for its intended purpose without rolling over in their general pending bills or being diverted.
3. That the Executive organs do concurrently table on the floor of this House the following statutory, administrative and financial documents;
 - a. The current payroll status and staffing gap analysis for ECDE teachers and VTC instructors as compiled by the Department of Education.
 - b. The formal acquisition and communication between the Department of Education, the Office of the County Secretary, the County Public Service Board requesting the declaration, advertisement and filing of these vacancies

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- c. A certified county treasury bank statement that is IFMIS Ledger showing the absolute cash backed status and fund tracking of their appropriated Kenya shillings to 29 Million.
- d. An official legal administrative brief from County Secretary to the County Public Service Board chairperson detailing the caretaker or acting management arrangement in place to execute both functions following the suspension of the Board Secretary.
- e. The technical implementation and structural transition guidelines adopted by the County Treasury under the new accrual accountings system regarding unspent personal monuments appropriation at the close of financial year 2025/2026.

The statement is signed by me Hon. Jack Wambulwa the MCA for Kimaeti Ward.

I want to urge the House that this is a serious matter that has been pending for quite for sometimes, the year is almost elapsing and yet no employment has been done to the youths who applied. Remember these are our sons and daughters who dug deep into their pockets to process these documents before filing them with the County Public Service Board.

Some of these students travelled as far as from Mombasa come and submit their applications physically at the County Public Service Board. And they have been waiting to be invited to attend an interview and be employed, which has not happened.

I want to urge this House that we support this motion, so that the aforementioned officers appear before this House next week on Tuesday and explain to the satisfaction of this House where this money is.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Jack Wambulwa...

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Mr. Speaker...

Mr. Speaker: Are you seconding your own motion or what is not happening?

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: I'm not seconding.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Jack Wambulwa, you are moving a motion, so kindly stick to the content then the seconder will come to support what you were saying, but from what you are submitting here I'm looking for Tuesday next week I'm not seeing it.

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

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(Laughter)

Let me reach out to my senior member Hon. Johnston Ipara to second the motion.

Mr. Speaker: If you are having any remaining notes for seconding pass them over to Hon. Johnston Ipara.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Mr. Speaker, I have this honour to stand and second the motion that has been raised by Hon. Jack Wambulwa. Honourable Speaker, if you remember very well in the beginning of this financial year money was appropriated in the current budget for 25/26, where 29 million was allocated. The purpose of this money was initially for recruitment and promotion

The intention was to bridge the gap between teacher-student ratio that did exist and what informed both the House and Budget Committee was the data that was collected from both the ECDE and the Vocational Training Centers across the County; it was on that basis that money was allocated.

I'm also persuaded that there is a calculated move to divert that particular money and that is why you find that at the end of this financial year, critical two officers are removed from the office one is in the in charge of Human Resource; the person who understands the details and the policy rotating around on human recruitment and promotion. Also the Chief Executive Officer of the County Public Service Board was also suspended; the intention was to create a vacuum so that recruitment exercise cannot continue. This money purposely was allocated to protect education services and anybody indicate the intentions or actions to divert these funds, undermines the commitments of the County for quality education and skills development in our County as had alluded earlier.

If you walked today in one of our centres, you will experience real teacher's shortage and we have never recruited for a period not less than 7 years. We have made our young ones suffer. We have made also those who come from unprivileged families that don't go the middle-class colleges to get skills. The intention of any good Government is to make sure that at least you provide good services to the people and the key service here is Education and Vocational Training Centres for the young and the old.

Promotion is a good motivation. When you are added some money on top of your salary as a worker and your family are both motivated and in extension in the village, where you come from that money is shared and if this money is diverted, then we are killing the morale of those who are in the classroom.

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We are also saying that these officers should be called upon to come to this House. We are doing this because budgetary discipline demands that money appropriated for a particular purpose should be utilized for that approved purpose.

If this money really as it is being alleged and said all over across the county that has been diverted or put to a different use the question to ask is, where did the Executive get the power to reallocate money? And I know very well that the only House that has power for reallocation is this House where we are. So, we need to get those answers if really that money has really disappeared from the vote book where has it gone and where did they derive the authority to move that money.

We are here on the trust of the public. We were voted in to come here to champion the issues of the people we represent and if really this money is allowed to be diverted and put to a different use, it puts a question on the trust the people have on us. It also raises issues on the credibility and integrity of who we are seated here and even the responsibility to make sure that certain things go right.

Based on the issues raised by the mover, it persuades me and all of us seated here that we must call for immediate action and that action is the appearance of the named Officers that is; the County Secretary, the CEC Finance, the CEC Education, the Chair Public Service Board and respective Chief Officers from those Departments to appear in this House within the shortest time possible and explain the availability of that money.

If that money is not there, where has it gone to and under whose authority. If that is done, then this House will make an informed decision. The informed decision is to direct that Kshs 29 million be restored to the initial purpose and the recruitment exercise completed within the shortest time possible.

This matter touches on the prudent management of public resources, accountability and effective delivery of essential service and essential service here we are referring to is ECDE and VTC Education that is key. Therefore, it is in public interest that this House should consider the issues raised by making those responsible to appear before this House and respond to the issues greatly in detail and specifically. I second.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ipara for seconding this motion accordingly. I will be able to propose a Motion for debate. Honourable Members, so that I allow Honourable Members to make some brief ventilations. Honourable Members the Motion of definite urgent County

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importance on the failure to expend appropriate funds on the recruitment or any promotion of the ECDE teachers and the VTC instructors for Financial Year 2025/2026 has been moved and been Seconded that the House resolves as follows, That...

Can we have one meeting Hon. Jack! You can't be moving and engage in stories here!

1. THAT the House resolves that the County Secretary and the Head of Public Service, County Executive Committee Members (CECM), the Chief Officer for Education and Vocational Training, the CECM for Finance and Economic Planning, and the Chief Officer for Finance and the Chairperson of County Public Service Board (CPSB) to immediately appear before the floor of this House.

Now Hon. Jack, when you say 24 hours, its elapsing tomorrow Friday, so what do we do? Even if you say working hours, they will elapse on Monday, leave that one to me. I will offer direction.

2. THAT the County Executive do lay out a clear watertight framework on how the Ksh29 Million would be strictly be ring-fenced and protected and the accrual accounting system specifically for its intended purposes without rolling over into general pending bills or being diverted.

3. THAT the Executive do concurrently table on the floor of this House the following statutory administrative and financial documents, the current pay roll, status of the staffing gap analysis. Now Hon. Jack, some of the prayers are very interesting, if you're talking about the staffing gap analysis in 24 hours?

4. THAT the formal requisition of communication trailed between the department of Education and requesting the declaration advertisement and filling of these vacancies, certified County Treasury bank statement, IFMIS ledger showing the absolute cash backed status and fund tracking of the appropriated Ksh29 million, the official legal and administrative brief from the County Secretary and the CPSB Chairperson detailing the caretaker or the acting management arrangements in place to execute board functions following the suspension of the board secretary. The technical implementation and the structural transition guidelines adopted by the County Executive, County Treasury and the new accrual accounting system regarding the unspent personal emoluments appropriated in close of financial year 2025/2026.

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I will ask that Hon. Jack in your reply, you remove the 24 hours so that the earliest time possible, because once we are able to convince this House, I will give the next sitting of the House, so that they prepare over the weekend to appear before the House. Hon. Chikati, proceed.

Hon. Timothy Chikati: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, allow me to thank Hon. Jack for this matter of County importance and the seconder Hon. Ipara for his input. I remember sometime back in around March; we heard the Governor was in Ndalú to launch a Safaricom project in one of the primary schools and the CECM Education also present in that function. The Governor himself stood before the public and assured them that they had advertised this ECDE and VTC positions and the residents to apply.

As the mover of the motion has put it rightly, we had our brothers and sisters travelling from far and wide because this application was not done online, it was physical and they had to come and drop the application there at the County Public Service Board offices. Now Hon. Speaker, the question is that, you cannot advertise and follow all that process if you don't have a budget, we as a House appropriated the KShs.29 million in question. The most important question is where did this money go? As we are all aware, we are heading towards electioneering period, as elected leaders, what are we going to tell the public? Because they know that ECDE Teachers and VTC instructors are going to be employed, while others are going to be promoted. What information will we carry back to them? Just because one member of County Public Service Board who is the Secretary has been dismissed. There is never a vacuum in a public office.

I want to conquer with the mover and the seconder of the motion, let those officers in charge be invited here, so that we can question specifically where did this money go, because if we don't stamp our authority then these people are going to take us for a ride. Let us be serious at least for the first time. Let us bring them down so that the process can continue.

Mr. Speaker: I will have Hon. Nganga Everton,

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me a chance to give my submission on this motion. First, I would like to thank Hon. Jack Wambulwa and the seconder of the motion. One of the functions that was devolved to the county government is ECDE and VTC while the rest is still under National government.

I remember in the financial year 2024/2025, money was appropriated to employ VTC and ECDE teachers, but towards the end of the financial year the money was removed. It is becoming a trend and we as honourable Members are worried because again we are coming to the end of the

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financial year. The advert was done early February and up to now nothing has happened and when you follow up properly, nothing is coming out clearly.

What we want from the prayers that have been given by the mover of the motion, let the Executive come and give us the confidence that actually the recruitment will be done. Honourable Members, we have to be keen. Sometimes we as a House always appropriate funds to some activities, at the end of financial year, nothing takes place. The Executive doesn't implement anything but when they move around in the County, they always mention that they always allocate money but it is the Honourable MCAs that removes money. So, we don't want such plays again. That somebody will move in different meetings in Mt. Elgon, Tongaren, Kanduyi, and other areas saying that it is your Honourable member Hon. Nganga who removed money from the budget, we don't want to hear that again. I support the motion.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Kikechi Benard, you will be closing before I invite Hon. Jack to reply.

Hon. Kikechi Benard: Thank you, Honourable Speaker for catching my eye. First of all, I support the motion that has been moved by Hon. Jack and seconded by Hon. Johnston Ipara. I will not belabour so much. This is a very weighty matter because even me where I come from, that is Mbakalo ward, those who applied for those positions are always asking the status of the same. So, it is disheartening that we appropriated the 29 million and right now it cannot be accounted for and you see as an oversight authority, we have to seriously follow this issue to its end, so that money wherever it was taken to should be returned to its rightful purpose.

I have seen my colleagues here saying that those officers who were suspended, that is Public CEO CPSB, HR Director and Chief Officer were suspended on many mistakes, so their suspension if at all they participated in doing this mess...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Kikechi, that line of argument no. Number one they cannot defend it on the floor of the House. Number two, its administrative issue, so stick to your motion.

Hon. Benard Kikechi: That's what I want to put across.

Mr. Speaker: But I'm saying that line of..

Hon. Benard Kikechi: That's administrative; we cannot say they either were wrongly or what. Ours is to stick on the issue of the 29 million and I fully support the motion.

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

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I just want to join my colleagues to support this motion and to thank Hon. Wambulwa for bringing up this motion of County Importance. This process did not start this year as colleagues have alluded to it. It began 2023/2024, went through almost to the end, even interviews were done and people were just waiting for letters then disagreements arose between the County Public Service Board and the mother ministry of Education, up to today those people who did interviews are crying and we are people's representative. They are crying why they were taken through that process and it never happened.

When you hear 29 million which we appropriated here, the money seems to have been diverted to other things and as my colleagues have been saying that the Executive misled our people that it is the Assembly that removed money meant for some projects. This trend must stop today. We have had a session here before, this afternoon session with two committees of Public Administration and Labour, we were with the Chairman of Public Service Board and the County Secretary. The Chairman told us the applicants were over 7000, you can imagine what about the entire County where we have trained these teachers the ECDE and VTC. How many can they be in number? It is a worrying trend.

People are looking for jobs, so the Executive seems not to know our core mandate in Education, ECDE is the foundation of our children and the teachers are not enough and as a County, we have been crying out that we need to employ so that our children can get enough teachers.

Vocational Training Centers are where our children who did not maybe, did not qualify to go to higher learning institution like Universities and Colleges get life skills. These life skills if they are not employed, they can even manage to employ themselves. We lack enough trainers then somebody here diverts money meant for that cause. As a County there are so many things in this County that at times you wonder. We may be people's representatives, but out there people feel we are not representing them well. As I support this motion, I suggest we invite other Investigative Agencies like EACC to investigate some of these issues.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Cornelius Makhanu, you are admitting that you failed before even they come, that means you are admitting that you failed in the duties.

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: No, we are not failing Honorable Speaker...

Mr. Speaker: No, if you fail then we refer to this

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Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: We do not have prosecutorial powers; they will come yes...

Mr. Speaker: You recommend, you recommend...

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: We shall recommend yes, but remember even those recommendations most of the time are not even implemented...

Mr. Speaker: Finish your submissions but don't say you bring them here; you are admitting that you are failing in your duties. Proceed

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: As I finish, there are so many monies that we appropriate here that are diverted. You remember the issue of retention money, it was diverted, so I hope this time as a House, let us put down our feet and make sure that what we appropriate and it goes to the intended purposes. I support.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari, proceed.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. You made me wait until the statements almost evaporated, but let me revive them.

Mr. Speaker: I reserve my comment.

Hon. George Makari: Honorable Speaker, I want to support the motion as clearly elaborated by Hon. Jack Wambulwa and seconded by my good friend Hon. Ipara. Perhaps Bungoma County should just be declared as an active crime zone. And if you look at what we are doing as properly elaborated by Hon. Makhanu and Hon. Kikechi in supporting this motion, remember 2023/2024 there were 190 certificate holders and 120 diploma holders.

Mr. Speaker: Order Hon. Nganga! Hon. Makari proceed.

Hon George Makari: Hon. Nganga was my teacher in accounts but he is misbehaving this afternoon.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon George Makari: 190 certificate holders and 120 diploma holders in 2023/2024. They dressed very well and spend some money to travel to Mabanga for an interview, then it evaporated in thin air. This time again we are in the same circus. Honorable Speaker, you know you left us in Kisumu but me and Hon. Waiti slept in one hotel. I cannot tell you where we slept,

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but we slept somewhere there was the County Public Service Board doing shortlisting. We didn't know they were there but I think Hon. Waiti knew, because when I called him to come and have supper together, he escaped. I don't know where he went to. Why were they shortlisting people when they knew that this money is not there? But then the question, you must ask is where did the money go? I don't remember even one day in the supplementary budget which you chaired in this House having removed the 29 million.

Mr. Speaker: Members, let me guide you on one thing before Hon. George finishes. This money was not in the main budget. When we sat here during the Supplementary Budget in December is when we sourced this money and it arose from the Jamhuri day meeting that was held in West Sang'alo and I overheard the Governor saying that basically he is going to employ teachers. I told him the budget we are having is not having the money that you are talking about. Then you people went around to look for money for this 29 million. Proceed Hon. George.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the guidance. Now the 29 million was put in the budget and now we are closing the financial year this month, the same teachers have not been employed up to date. But Honorable Speaker, I can also remind you a little bit do you remember 673 health workers that were given letters for contracts, also there was 206 million in the main budget for their confirmation. Do you know up to today they have not been confirmed. Look at Agriculture where my good friend Hon. Waiti is, there were around 54 experts and that had their own line of profession. Do you know they have not been hired up to date and then there was money in the budget, leave alone the supplementary where we had put the 29 million and here we are closing the year? We did not remove this money during Supplementary Budget? The 206 million and the money that was meant for agriculture people was not removed but up to today, those people are still on contract and their money was in the budget, it has not been expended. If you listen very clearly on the grapevine in this town, I know you also stay in this town up to late.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari, I say no, my hours of being in this town is up to 6: 30 p.m. and I can give you evidence of that; I don't leave this town at 7:00 p.m. Proceed.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you Hon. Speaker, but I always see your vehicle around 11:00 p.m.

Mr. Speaker: My vehicle is not me. My vehicle has drivers.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Hon Makari, by the way I have 3 official drivers.

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Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: So when you see my vehicle, it is not the Honorable Speaker, proceed!

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the guidance now. If you listen to the grapevine in this town, we are in June and the 940 million that happened I hear it's almost happening again in this June. You might be very surprised to get such a fact coming here, for us again to try to adjust our budget to accommodate. I don't know if this time it is 940 million or more than one Billion and you wonder where this money goes. We appropriate, allocate and then at the end of the day, the money disappears. I don't know where it goes.

As I wind up, I want to support this motion and according to your direction and the mover of the motion, let the officers that have been summoned come here. Let us face them squarely. Let them explain and I can tell you they might explain but the buck stops somewhere. There is somebody whom the buck will stop at and it might not be them. If it's not them, let's take action on the person that calls the shots so that he comes and answers for the mistake that has been committed. I therefore want to support the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Jack, you are called upon to reply to the motion.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First of all, let me appreciate the members who have just contributed towards the same and looking at the mood of the House, all these members are keen to see how the employment of ECDE and VTC teachers can be undertaken before the end of the Financial Year.

I want to appeal to you that you give them the shortest time possible, that as we resume next week so that they can appear before this House and respond over the issues that we have raised. I support the report.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Jack for the reply to the motion. Honorable members, allow me be able to proceed and put a question. I will only ask that there be adjustment in the timeframe instead of 24hours it be the next day, possibly Tuesday 2:30 p.m.

Honorable members, a motion has been moved and seconded and debate having ensued that this House allows prayer number 1 up to 3 as prayed in our motion except that adjustment, let it be on next hearing date which I want them to make rectifications because that means that you want me to go to a special meeting on Saturday, if you have to go by 24hrs, yes on Tuesday.

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(Question put and agreed to)

The Ayes have it.

I want to be very specific, the officers that have been mentioned in this motion to appear here on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. so, the table clerks do the write up and it should be signed by Deputy Clerk Legislative who is now available because the Clerk is away.

(Applause)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

COMMITTAL OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/27 REGARDING THE INCREMENT OF EQUITABLE SHARE ALLOCATION OF KSHS.1, 003,111,649.

Allow me Honourable members to make this communication before we adjourn this House. This communication concerns the committal of an addendum to the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2026/27 regarding the increment of equitable share allocation of Kshs.1, 003,111,649.

Honourable Members, I have the following communications to make to this House. You recall pursuant to this Section 129(1) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and County Assembly Standing Orders No.232. The Budget estimates for the Financial Year 2026/27 were formally laid on the table of this House on 30th April, 2026. Following the Tabling, the estimates were committed to the Budget and Appropriation Committee for review, considerations and facilitation of public participation.

Honourable Members, the committee has since diligently undertaken Public Participation and is currently involved in processing and finalizing its report of the estimates of the Financial Year 2026/2027.

Honourable Members, my office is in receipt of official Executive addendum of the financial year 2026/2027 Budget estimates from the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Finance and committee planning the attending factors in substantial upward adjustment of the County Revenue ceilings occasioned by an increment in our National equitable allocation amounting Kshs.1,003,111,649.

The Public Finance Management guidelines require that, any significant variation or structural adjustment in the revenue baseline half the initial submissions of the Budget Estimates must be scrutinized by the Budget and Appropriation Committee.

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Consequently, pursuant to the provision of the Standing Order 232, I do here by commit this addendum to the Budget and Appropriation Committee. The Committee is directed to co-opt, consider and evaluate these additional funds alongside the earlier committed financial year 2026/2027 Budget Estimate.

I direct the Budget and Appropriation Committee expedited this process and ensure that the ultimate report tabled before this House take full visual arithmetic accounts of Kshs. 1,003, 111,649 increment.

The addendum now is officially committed to House. Thank you, Honourable members for being patient. It is signed by me. Hon. Emmanuel Situma.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, that was the last item on our Order Paper, so we will adjourn this sitting today and resume next week on Tuesday, 9th June, 2026 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 4:35 p.m.

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