

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA

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TUESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 2026

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

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members, welcome to the Third Assembly, Sitting No. 340, Fifth Session, Afternoon Sitting No. 238, held on Tuesday, 10th March, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. We shall proceed with the Order Paper.

Honourable Members, I wish to bring to your attention that a considerable number of Members are absent as three committees are currently out on official duty. The Labour Committee is in Central Kenya, while the Budget and Appropriations Committee is engaged on matters relating to the County Fiscal Strategy Paper. The Finance Committee is also out on official engagement. Consequently, over forty Members are absent from today's sitting. Additionally, the Speaker is away on official duties on behalf of the Assembly. I urge Members to bear with this situation as we proceed with the business before us.

Secondly, I wish to acknowledge the presence of students from **St. Paul's Senior School, Webuye East (Maraka Ward)**, who are visiting the Assembly on an academic tour for History and Government studies. The students have formally communicated that their visit is for learning purposes. May the students stand to be recognized?

(Applause)

They are accompanied by their teachers: Ms. Patricia Murefu, Ms. Kituyi Elizabeth, and Mr. Sirengo Alex. You are all welcome. Members will be given an opportunity at the appropriate time to make brief remarks regarding the visit.

PAPERS

1. Report of the Auditor General on the Bungoma County Trade Development Loans Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2025.

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2. Report of the Auditor General on the Bungoma County Disaster and Emergency Management Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2025.
3. Report of the Auditor General on the Receiver of Revenue Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2025 by the County Government of Bungoma.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Honourable Speaker, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the House:

- The Report of the Auditor General on the Bungoma County Trade Development Loans Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2025;
- The Report of the Auditor General on the Bungoma County Disaster and Emergency Management Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2025; and
- The Report of the Auditor General on the Receiver of Revenue Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2025 by the County Government of Bungoma.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Papers having been laid are hereby committed to the Committee on Public Accounts and Investments for consideration and reporting back to the House.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

QUESTION NO. 1 OF 2026 BY HON. TIMOTHY CHIKATI, MEMBER FOR NDALU/TABANI WARD, TO THE CHAIRPERSON, SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Honourable Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Health Services, I present a progress report on the statement raised by Hon. Timothy Chikati regarding the status of the construction of the Ndalun Maternity Wing.

Pursuant to Standing Order 54(a), the Committee invited the relevant Department for a consultative meeting through a letter dated 24th February, 2026. The Department submitted an initial report on 26th February 2026 and appeared before the Committee on 3rd March, 2026. However, key officers, including the Procurement Officer, were absent, necessitating a postponement of the matter to 10th March, 2026.

The Committee considered the matter on 10th March, 2026 in the presence of the Member who sought the statement and directed the Department to submit comprehensive and accurate documentation by 12th March, 2026 to enable a conclusive response.

The Committee therefore requests an additional seven days to finalize its report and proposes to submit the same on 18th March, 2026.

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Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Honourable Speaker, I wish to express concern regarding the delay caused by the absence of a Procurement Officer. The Committee ought to prioritize the attendance of the Accounting Officer and the Policy Maker, namely the Chief Officer and the CEC Member. Delays of this nature amount to a disservice to the House. The Committee should exercise its authority to ensure proper and timely handling of such matters.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members, the Committee has requested seven days to conclude the matter and table its report on 18th March, 2026. However, due to the House schedule, I direct that the response be tabled on Tuesday, 17th March, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., to ensure timely resolution for the benefit of the people of Ndalu/Tabani Ward and Bungoma County at large.

REMARKS ON VISITING STUDENTS

Hon. Eric Wekesa: Honourable Speaker, I take this opportunity to welcome the students and their teachers to this Honourable House. This Assembly plays a vital role in legislation, representation, and oversight. I encourage the students to take this opportunity seriously as it provides practical exposure to what they learn in class. I urge them to remain focused and aspire to leadership roles in the future.

Hon. Angeline Rugut: Honourable Speaker, I also welcome the students and their teachers. I encourage the students to remain disciplined, work hard, and respect their parents and teachers. Success in life is not only determined by academic performance but also by good character and responsible decision-making. I urge them to avoid negative influences and always choose to do what is right.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa (Chairperson, Education Committee): Honourable Speaker, I commend the school leadership for organizing this visit. This Assembly is a House of representation, and its roles include legislation, oversight, and representation.

Bungoma County Assembly is among the most modern assemblies in the country, and ongoing developments will further enhance its status. Students need not travel far to benchmark, as this Assembly provides a suitable learning environment.

I also wish to inform the students that bursary programs will continue to support needy learners. I thank the teachers for their commitment and wish the students success in their upcoming examinations.

Hon. Ali Machani: Honourable Speaker, I apologize for my late arrival, as I was attending to a serious community matter following an accident.

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I take this opportunity to welcome the students and their teachers, led by their principal, Ms. Patricia Murefu. St. Paul's Senior School is one of the leading institutions in Maraka Ward and has demonstrated commendable academic performance.

The school is a Catholic-sponsored institution and forms part of the broader contribution of faith-based organizations to education. Since assuming office, I have overseen the expansion of secondary schools in my ward from two to five, with this institution being among the top performers.

The school has benefited from government support, including bursary programs, which have enabled many students to succeed academically.

I urge schools to maintain communication with their elected leaders when organizing such visits. I commend the Assembly staff for facilitating this visit in my absence.

To the students, I encourage you to take your studies seriously, particularly in History and Government, which are essential for leadership and governance. Do not take this opportunity for granted. Work hard and remain focused, as your examinations are approaching.

Honourable Speaker, I may not have much to say, but I wish to acknowledge the presence of the students in the gallery. These students are future voters, and as an elected leader, I find it important to address them.

When you visit this Honourable House, you should appreciate that you are here to learn. There is much to observe and take in, and you should remember that one day, you too may become leaders. Leadership is a serious responsibility, and such visits provide an opportunity to begin understanding it.

Secondly, I urge you to reflect on what you will take away from this visit. When a question arises in future, will you remember what you learned here, or will this simply be another trip? I encourage you to make this experience meaningful.

I wish you well and extend my best regards as you return home. May you have a safe journey, kindly convey my greetings to your parents.

As you grow and eventually register as voters, I hope you will remember leaders such as myself who continue to serve at this level. I remain committed to my role and I am still considering my future in leadership.

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Honourable Speaker, politics is my primary area of strength, and while I may not be perfect, I remain dedicated to serving the people. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Deputy Speaker: Thank you the Hon. Ali Mutoka for your remarks. You love your school, you love your area and you look specifically these schools. On behalf of the Speaker of the County Assembly, the staff and other members who are not in the House now, I also want to take this opportunity to convey my message of encouragement to the learners and to appreciate the teachers led by the principal for choosing to come for this benchmarking trip. I happen to be a student of History and Government and I know what it takes if you take it serious.

We are looking at leaders of tomorrow, so maintain what you have been given by the members, look at them seriously and don't just hear. Take them and put them into practice so we wish you well as you prepare for your K.C.S.E, the candidates. Form threes, you are the last co-hort of the K.C.P.E so it is equally serious that you have to take your studies as the last co-hort of K.C.P.E. you must be aware that if you don't do well your life will be... Therefore I want to urge the entire entourage form fours be smart, take it serious for your exams. Form threes you are the last co-hort may you work smart and hard. God bless you as you travel back home.

(Applause)

Next item.

MOTION

REPORT OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES
FROM JULY 2025 TO FEBRUARY, 2026

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Ipara Okasida Johnstone member for Tongaren/Kiminini, Chair-Lands.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Thank you Honourable Speaker. Bwana Spika nawapongeza mashujaa wa St.Pauls kwa uamuzi bora ambayo wamefanya kuweza kufika katika jumba hili ambalo tunatumia kwa uangalifu kazi inayofanywa na serikali ya Kaunti.Sisi kama watumishi wenu tunawatakia mema hapa na musiwu na haraka ya kwenda. Tunawapongeza pia kwa kumchagua mtumishi wenu ndugu Ali Machani kuwaakilisha nyinyi. Asante.

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This is a report of the Liaison Committee on the activities of the County Assembly committees from July 2025 to February 2026.

INTRODUCTION

PREFACE

The Liaison Committee is mandated to provide overall guidance, coordination and oversight of the operations of all Committees in accordance with the Constitution of Kenya, other relevant statutes and the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders. In carrying out this mandate, the Committee apportions funds for Committees' operation, harmonizes committees' activities, considers and approves the schedules for external and internal Committee meetings and programmes for Committees interrogation of the budget and financial documents and ensures compliance with statutory and procedural requirements. The Committee further plays a supervisory role in ensuring that all Committees submit their reports within the timelines prescribed by relevant laws and the Standing Orders of the Assembly.

This report presents a comprehensive account of the activities undertaken by the various Committees from July 2025 to February, 2026. It details Committees' expenditures, approved budgets and running balances, as well as schedule for upcoming external committee meetings. The report also highlights key observations made by this Committee in the course of executing its mandates and outlines recommendations aimed at improving efficiency, accountability, and effectiveness in committee operations.

COMMITTEE MANDATE

The Committee on Liaison draws its mandate from the Standing Order No. 216 (2 &3) which states that the Committee shall:

- (a) Guide and co-ordinate the operations, policies and mandates of all Committees as per the Constitution of Kenya, other Relevant Statutes and this Standing Orders
- (b) Deliberate on and apportion the annual operating budgets among the Committees;
- (c) Consider and schedule the programmes of all Committees businesses;
- (d) Ensure that Committees submit reports as required by the Standing Orders;
- (e) Determine whenever necessary, the Committee or Committees to deliberate on any matter; and
- (f) Give such advice relating to the work and mandate of select committees as it may consider necessary.
- (g) The Liaison Committee shall consider reports of Committees that have not been deliberated by the House and shall report to the House on the consideration of such reports.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The following are the Members of the Liaison Committee:

Name	Designation
1. Hon. Stephen Wamalwa	Chairperson – Liaison
2. Hon. Christine Mukhongo	Vice chairperson – Liaison
3. Hon. Emmanuel Situma	Member-Chairperson– Powers/HBC/Rules/Speaker’s/Appointments
4. Hon. Joseph Nyongesa	Member -Chairperson – Selection
5. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa	Member – Chairperson -Labour Relations
6. Hon. Jackson Wambulwa	Member -Chairperson – Education
7. Hon. Jack Kawa	Member -Chairperson – Gender and Culture
8. Hon. George Makari	Member -Chairperson – Health Services
9. Hon. Franklin Simotwo	Member -Chairperson – Roads
10. Hon. Tony Barasa	Member-Chairperson–Public Administration
11. Hon. Johnston Opara	Member – Chairperson – Lands,
12. Hon. Violet Makhanu	Member – Chairperson - Youth Affairs
13. Hon. Everton Nga’nga	Member- Chairperson – PAIC
14. Hon. Benard Kikechi	Member – Chairperson – Trade, Energy
15. Hon. Benjamin Otsiula	Member – Chairperson – Budget
16. Hon. Waiti Wafula	Member – Chairperson – Agriculture
17. Hon. Edwin Opwora	Member – Chairperson – Tourism
18. Hon. Jacob Psero	Member – Chairperson – Justice
19. Hon. George Tendet	Member – Chairperson – Delegated
20. Hon. Polycarp Kimeta	Member -Chairperson – Finance
21. Hon. Timothy Chikati	Member –Chairperson – Implementation

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank your Office and the Office of the Clerk for the continuous guidance, administrative support and facilitation accorded to the Committee, which enabled it to effectively and efficiently discharge its mandate. The support provided by the two offices was instrumental in ensuring the smooth coordination and execution of Committees’ activities throughout the reporting period.

Additionally, I wish to express my appreciation to all the Committees of the County Assembly for diligently preparing and submitting their respective reports on the activities

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undertaken during the first half of the Financial Year 2025/2026. Their timely submissions, cooperation and commitment greatly facilitated the consolidation and compilation of this report by the Liaison Committee.

Further, I commend the Members and the Secretariat of the Liaison Committee for their unwavering dedication and teamwork in the preparation of this report. Their commitment and collective effort were critical in ensuring the accuracy and completeness of this report.

It is therefore my pleasant duty, on behalf of the Liaison Committee, to present to this Honourable House the Report on the Activities of the County Assembly Committees from July 2025 to February 2025, for consideration and adoption.

Signed by Hon. Stephen Wamalwa; MCA Mitua/Soysambu Ward Chairperson, Liaison Committee.

CHAPTER TWO

COMMITTEES' ACTIVITIES

County Assembly Committees play a critical role in the discharge of the Assembly's constitutional mandates of legislation, oversight and representation. During the period under review, the Committees undertook various activities aimed at promoting accountability, transparency and effective service delivery.

In executing their oversight role, Committees examined departmental performance, budget implementation, and the use of public resources. Through their legislative mandate, Committees considered Bills, motions, policies and facilitated public participation to inform the House's decisions. Further, in fulfilling their representation role, Committees engaged the public through hearings, consultations and field visits to capture citizens' views and concerns. In the period under review, the following activities were carried out by Committees.

Committee Meetings

The Liaison Committee is responsible for scheduling meetings for all Assembly Committees, both internal and external. Internal committee sittings are scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays (morning sessions) and Thursdays (morning sessions) when the House is in session and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during recess periods. While these internal schedules are established to ensure orderly conduct of committee business, Committees may, where necessary, hold meetings outside the prescribed times, provided that there are no House sittings and no clashes in committee membership where more than one Committee holds a meeting at the same time.

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However, it is important to note that Committees are not permitted to sit during a House sitting unless they have obtained written approval from the Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 188(2), read together with Standing Order No. 33 on meeting hours.

In addition, the Liaison Committee prepares and coordinates schedules for external committee meetings, which are meetings held outside the precincts of the County Assembly. Such external meetings are conducted only after the requisite approval processes have been complied with.

Internal meetings

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 and Standing Order No. 201(1), the schedule of sittings for the various Committees detailing the agendas to be considered, the venue, date and time of each meeting is prepared and published on the County Assembly website not later than Friday of the week preceding the scheduled business. This ensures timely communication, transparency and effective planning for committee activities.

In accordance with the Liaison Committee's approved internal committee sitting schedule, each Committee is required to hold at least one sitting per week, translating to a minimum of four sittings per month. During the period under review, all Committees complied with this requirement and successfully held at least twenty- eight (28) meetings within the reporting period.

External meetings

The Liaison Committee apportioned the annual operating budget among Assembly committees in September 2025, enabling the committees to hold retreats and prepare reports on various activities in the execution of their oversight and legislative roles, in line with their respective committee mandates. Additionally, the Committee prepared a schedule for external committee meetings running from September 2025 to February 2026. Each committee held at least one external meeting save for the Committee on Appointment and committees are expected to produce reports from these meetings for consideration by the House.

There were two external meeting for all sector committees (Whole House) of the County Assembly for report writing on the 3rd and 4th quarterly financial statements for FY 2024/2025 and for consideration and submission of their sector committees reports on the 1st Supplementary Budget for FY 2025/2026 to Budget and Appropriations Committee from 2nd to 5th October, 2025 and 12th to 16th December, 2025 respectively.

The table below shows the number of meetings each Committee had and reports prepared;

No.	Name of Committee	Internal	External	Number of
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		Meetings	Meetings	Reports
1.	Lands, Housing and Physical Planning	37	1	2
2.	Public Administration and ICT	43	1	2
3.	Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation & Co. development	44	1	3
4.	Gender, Culture and Social Welfare	42	1	2
5	Youth and Sports	25	1	2
6	Tourism, Water, Environment & Natural Resources	33	1	2
7.	Trade, Energy and Industrialization	42	1	2
8.	Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works	37	1	2
9.	Health Services	39	1	2
10.	Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities	34	1	2
11.	Finance and Economic Planning	34	2	3
12.	Education and Vocational Training	36	1	2
13	Budget and Appropriations	22	3	3
14	PAIC	33	3	5
15.	Implementation Committee	26	1	1
16	Appointments	0	0	0
17.	Delegated County Legislation	45	1	1
18.	Selection	26	3	2
19.	Powers and Privilege	35	1	1
20.	Procedure and House Rules	32	1	1
21.	Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs	39	1	1
22.	House Business	23	1	1
23.	Liaison	40	1	1
24.	Speaker's Panel	21	1	0
	TOTAL	788	60	79

From the table above, it is observed that;

- I. Each sector committee submitted a report on the 3rd and 4th financial report and statements for their respective department for FY 2024/2025.
- II. All committee had at least one external meeting save for Appointment Committee.

Consultative meetings, Interrogations and External Engagements

The County Assembly Committees held consultative meetings, interrogations and oversight engagement with other stakeholders among them the departments in the Executive Arm of the County Government, donors/ NGOs, Civil Societies and Government Agencies like the Auditor

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General's Office. The meetings were aimed at strengthening oversight, enhancing service delivery, reviewing financial and policy implementation matters and addressing statements raised in the House.

During the period under review, all Sector Committees held interrogations of the following documents with their respective departments;

1. Annual Development Plan for FY 2026/2027 on 16th, 18th and 19th September, 2025
2. Third and Fourth quarter financial statements and reports FY 2024/2025 on 1st and 2nd October, 2025
3. County Budget Review and Outlook Paper, 2025 on 10th, 12th and 13th November, 2025
4. First Supplementary Budget FY 2025/2026 on 10th and 11th December, 2025

Other engagements with the respective departments in the County Executive and other stakeholder included;

1. Finance and Economic Planning Committee conducted an interrogation session with the Receivers of Revenue and its Department concerning the analysis of the Disaster and Emergency Fund Financial Statements for the period ending 31st March 2025 on 26th August 2025. It also had an engagement with the department on financial reporting processes from 6th to 8th November, 2025.
2. Gender, Culture and Social Welfare Committee held consultative meetings with its department on 28th July 2025 to deliberate on:
 - The implementation status of the Alcoholic Drinks Control Act, 2015;
 - The operationalization of the Women and Disability Funds;
 - KICOSCA 2024; and Preparedness for KICOSCA 2025.

Additionally, the Committee held a joint consultative meeting with the Departments of Finance and Economic Planning and Gender and Culture to discuss KICOSCA 2024 and preparations for KICOSCA 2025.

On 6th November 2025, the Committee convened a joint consultative meeting with the Health Services Committee to deliberate on matters relating to BF-SUMA.

3. Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources Committee engaged the Department and the BWASCO Board on 28th July 2025 to assess the effectiveness of service delivery by BWASCO. The Committee held a workshop with the Directorate of Climate Change on implementation the Ward Community Proposals projects for FY 2024/2025 under FLLoCA Program from 23rd to 26th September, 2025 at Kitale.

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4. Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development Committee held several consultative meetings with the Department as follows:
 - A sensitization meeting on the progress of NAVCDP and the rollout of the Animal Health and Genetics Delivery Model held on 31st July, 2025 at the County Assembly.
 - Meetings with the Management Committees of Sibumba, Kikai, and Menu Coffee Factories held on 3rd November, 2025 and 13th November, 2025.
 - A consultative meeting with the Department and the CECM for Finance regarding Bills under consideration by the Committee held on 29th August, 2025.
5. Roads, Transport Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held two consultative meetings with the CECM to deliberate on:
 - The performance of the Directorate of Public Works for FY 2023/2024 and FY 2024/2025 on 14th October, 2025; and
 - The formulation of Transport, Fleet Management and Fuel Operations Policies.
6. Public Administration and ICT Committee held;
 - A consultative meeting with the CECM on the status of KDSP II on 17th December, 2025; and
 - A consultative meeting with the County Secretary and the Chief Officer for Finance on the status of personnel emoluments on 13th November, 2025.
 - Workshop with the department of Public Service Management on the progress of KDSP II as part of the County's preparedness for the 2nd Assessment
7. Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing Committee engaged the Department on:
 - The Taskforce Report on Land Inventory in Bungoma County; and
 - The management of Municipalities within the County.
 - The Committee also held three additional meetings to consider statements committed to it by the House.
8. Health Services Committee held consultative meetings on the following matters:
 - Management of the Health Management Information System (HMIS) on 17th July, 2025;
 - A statement raised by Hon. Benjamin Otsiula regarding the construction of a Maternity Wing at Mung'ore Health Centre in Khasoko Ward;
 - A statement raised by Hon. Charles Nangulu concerning the 300-bed capacity on 4th September, 2025; and
 - A joint consultative meeting with the Gender and Culture Committee on the operations of BF-SUMA in the County.

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9. Education and Vocational Training Committee held three consultative meetings with the Department to deliberate on:

- Clarification on the procurement and distribution of learning and teaching materials for ECDE Centres and VTCs in Bungoma County for FY 2024/2025;
- The renovation of Mukhaweli and Kanduyi DEB ECDE Centres following a statement raised by Hon. Cornelius Makhanu and
- The status of Kshs. 90 million allocated during the First Supplementary Budget for FY 2024/2025.

The Committee also held a consultative meeting with the Works Officer and the Director CEF to seek further clarification regarding the Mukhaweli and Kanduyi DEB ECDE Centres.

10. Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities Committee held consultative meetings on development projects with:

- The County Public Service Board (CPSB) on 2nd October, 2025 and
- The County Assembly Service Board (CASB) on 14th October, 2025.

11. Budget and Appropriations Committee held two consultative meetings with the County Treasurer on the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper (CBROP), 2025 and the First Supplementary Budget for FY 2025/2026 on 15th November, 2025 and 18th December, 2025, respectively.

12. Public Accounts and Investment Committee held an engagement meeting with officers from the Office of the Auditor-General on 2nd December, 2025. The meeting provided guidance during the consideration of Auditor-General's reports concerning health facilities. It also interrogated the report of the Audit General on the Financial Statements and report of the County Executive for the period ended 30th June, 2025 with the respective Accounting Officers on 20th January, 2026.

Statements/Questions

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2)(c), a Member may request a statement from the Chairperson on matters falling within the mandate of a specific Committee. During the reporting period, several statements were sought by Members and subsequently committed to the respective Committees for consideration. In processing these statements, the Sector Committees invited the relevant County Executive Committee Member (CECM) to provide responses to the issues raised. The Member who requested the statement was also invited to the meeting to seek clarifications where necessary. Thereafter, the Committees compiled comprehensive reports, together with the responses received and tabled them before the House for consideration.

In the period under review, the following are the statements and their status;

S/N	REQUESTER	REQUEST	SUBJECT OF STATEMENT	DATE	STATUS
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1.	Hon. Cornelius Makhanu	Education and Vocation training committee	Statement in relation to Mteremko Vocational Training Centre (VTC) perimeter wall.	18/06/2025	Response was availed Satisfactory
2.	Hon. Benard Kikechi	Education and Vocation training committee	Statement in respect to the budgetary implementation on the programme of teaching and learning materials for early childhood development (ECDE) and equipping of vocational training centres in the Department.	18/06/2025	Pending
3.	Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba	Lands, urban, physical planning and Housing Committee	Statement in relation to the illegal/irregular construction of buildings along Kitinda road opposite Huduma centre within Township Ward	25/06/2025	Response availed satisfactory
4.	Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba	Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee	Statement in relation to the status of various roads within Township Ward.	25/06/2025	Response availed satisfactory
5.	Hon. John Kennedy Wanyama	Labour Relations Members Services and Facilities Committee	Statement in relation to the state of casual workers in the County Government of Bungoma after the court ruling in the dispute between them and the County Government	10/07/2025	Response availed satisfactory
6.	Hon. John Kennedy Wanyama	Lands, Urban Physical Planning and Housing Committee	Statement in relation to upcoming Administration block that will House Offices for the Executive	10/07/2025	Response availed satisfactory
7.	Hon. Benjamin Otsiula	Health Services Committee	Statement in respect to construction of maternity wing at Mung'ore Health Centre	10/07/2025	Response availed Satisfactory
8.	Hon. Johnston Ipara	Finance and Economic Planning Committee	Statement in respect to management of the County Emergency Funds in Bungoma County	10/07/2025	Withdrawn
9.	Hon. Brigid	Tourism,	Statement in respect to waste	28/07/2025	Withdrawn

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	Katasi	Environment, Water and Natural Resources Committee	management in the County.		by owner of the Statement
10	Hon. Sudi Busolo	Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development Committee	Statement relation to the recruitment of various officers in the Department	31/07/2025	Withdrawn by owner of the Statement
11	Hon. Francis Chemion	Health Services Committee	Statement in relation to the construction of maternity wing at Kaptama Health Center	31/07/2025	Response availed Satisfactory
12	Hon. Francis Chemion	Finance and Economic Planning Committee	Statement on the Financial Year 2024/25 ward specific projects	31/07/2025	Response availed Satisfactory
13	Hon. Charles Nangulu	Health Services Committee	Statement in relation to the status of Bungoma County Referral 300 bed capacity hospital	31/07/2025	Response availed Satisfactory.
14	Hon. Charles Nangulu	Health Services Committee	Statement in relation to medical misinformation by Dr. Namaswa from BF Suma company	31/07/2025	Pending
15	Hon. Charles Nangulu	Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development Committee	Statement in relation to Sibumba, Kikai and Menu coffee factories mismanagement	31/07/2025	Pending
16	Hon. Allan Nyongesa	Youth Affairs and Sports Committee	Statement in respect to the contract implementation status of the construction of Masinde Muliro stadium	16/09/2025	Pending
17	Hon. Cornelius Makhanu	Education and Vocational Training Committee	A statement in relation to the state of Kanduyi DEB and Mukhaweli ECDE centres.	24/09/2025	Pending
18	Hon. Jack Wambulwa	Health Services Committee	A statement in relation to payment of stipend to Community Health promoters	24/09/2025	Pending

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19	Hon. Benard Kikechi	Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee	The Statement is in respect to construction of Kibisi Catholic Church, Bilongo to Marachi bridge	02/10/2025	Satisfactory
20	Hon. Benard Kikechi	Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee	The Statement is in respect to construction of Mama Joanes to Karima ACK Church bridge.	02/10/2025	Not satisfactory

	Hon. Cornelius Makhanu	Education and Vocation training committee	Statement in relation to Muteremuko Vocational Training Centre (VTC) perimeter wall.	18/06/2025	Response was availed Satisfactory
21	Hon. Benard Kikechi	Education and Vocation training committee	Statement in respect to the budgetary implementation on the programme of teaching and learning materials for early childhood development (ECDE) and equipping of vocational training centres in the Department.	18/06/2025	Pending
22	Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba	Lands, urban, physical planning and Housing Committee	Statement in relation to the illegal/irregular construction of buildings along Kitinda road opposite Huduma centre within Township Ward	25/06/2025	Response availed satisfactory
23	Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba	Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee	Statement in relation to the status of various roads within Township Ward.	25/06/2025	Response availed satisfactory
24	Hon. John Kennedy Wanyama	Labour Relations Members Services and Facilities Committee	Statement in relation to the state of casual workers in the County Government of Bungoma after the court ruling in the dispute between them and the County Government	10/07/2025	Response availed satisfactory

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25	Hon. John Kennedy Wanyama	Lands, Urban Physical Planning and Housing Committee	Statement in relation to upcoming Administration block that will House Offices for the Executive	10/07/2025	Response availed satisfactory
26	Hon. Benjamin Otsiula	Health Services Committee	Statement in respect to construction of maternity wing at Mungore Health Centre	10/07/2025	Response availed Satisfactory
27	Hon. Johnston Ipara	Finance and Economic Planning Committee	Statement in respect to management of the County Emergency Funds in Bungoma County	10/07/2025	Withdrawn
28	Hon. Brigid Katasi	Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources Committee	Statement in respect to waste management in the County.	28/07/2025	Withdrawn by owner of the Statement
29	Hon. Sudi Busolo	Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development Committee	Statement relation to the recruitment of various officers in the Department	31/07/2025	Withdrawn by owner of the Statement
30	Hon. Francis Chemion	Health Services Committee	Statement in relation to the construction of maternity wing at Kaptama Health Center	31/07/2025	Response availed Satisfactory
31	Hon. Francis Chemion	Finance and Economic Planning Committee	Statement on the Financial Year 2024/25 ward specific projects	31/07/2025	Response availed Satisfactory
32	Hon. Charles Nangulu	Health Services Committee	Statement in relation to the status of Bungoma County Referral 300 bed capacity hospital	31/07/2025	Response availed Satisfactory.
33	Hon. Charles Nangulu	Health Services Committee	Statement in relation to medical misinformation by Dr. Namaswa from BF Suma company	31/07/2025	Pending

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36	Hon. Cornelius Makhanu	Education and Vocational Training Committee	A statement in relation to the state of Kanduyi DEB and Mukhaweli ECDE centres.	24/09/2025	Pending
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Fact Findings

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The County Assembly Committees have continued to execute their oversight mandate through fact-finding visits to various development programmes across the County. These visits are aimed at assessing the implementation status of projects, evaluating service delivery, verifying utilization of public resources and engaging directly with stakeholders and beneficiaries on the ground. Through these field engagements, the Committees are able to obtain firsthand information, identify implementation challenges and make informed recommendations to enhance efficiency, accountability and value for money in county development initiatives.

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During the period under review the following committees carried out fact finding activities;

- Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources conducted a factfinding visit across various BWASCO water treatment and sewerage plants within the County on 29th August, 2025.
- Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development Committee conducted a factfinding visit to Cheriwet Coffee Factory in Kaptama Ward on 10th September, 2025.
- Trade, Energy and Industrialization Committee carried out one fact finding on the status of Completion of the Bungoma County Aggregation Industrial Park on 3rd November 2025 and 9th January, 2026
- The Public Accounts and Investments Committee visited the Bungoma County Referral Hospital (BCRH) and three Sub-County Hospital; Webuye, Bumula and Chwele, on the issues raised by the OAG on the personnel and equipment of the facilities on 16th January, 2026.

Vetting of Nominees for Appointment

Mr. Speaker Sir.

Pursuant to Standing Order 217(5) (g) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, Sectoral Committees are mandated to vet and report to the House on all appointments where the Constitution or any other law requires approval by the County Assembly, with the exception of appointments falling under Standing Order 208 (Committee on Appointments). This function is a critical component of the Assembly's oversight role, ensuring that nominees to public office meet the requisite legal, professional and ethical standards before assumption of duty.

During the period under review, the Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities undertook the vetting of four (4) nominees for appointment as Members of the County Public Service Board and one (1) nominee for appointment as Chairperson of the Board. The vetting exercise was conducted on 16th December 2025 in accordance with the relevant constitutional and statutory provisions, as well as the Assembly's Standing Orders. Upon conclusion of the process, the House considered and approved all five nominees on 22nd December 2025.

2.5 CAPACITY BUILDING

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In September 2025, the membership of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee (PAIC), the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Implementation Committee was reconstituted and subsequently approved by the House. The reconstitution necessitated structured capacity-building interventions to equip Members with the requisite knowledge and skills to effectively discharge their mandates.

In view of the critical oversight and financial responsibilities vested in these Committees, targeted training sessions were organized to strengthen Members' understanding of their roles, procedures and applicable legal and regulatory frameworks. Accordingly, capacity-building programmes for each of the three Committees were conducted at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST), Nairobi, Public Accounts and Investments Committee from 6th to 10th October, 2025, Budget and Appropriations Committee from 13th to 17th October, 2025 and Implementation Committee from 4th to 7th November, 2025.

Further, four members of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee attended training on accrual based financial reporting at the Kenya School of Government, Nairobi from 14th and 15th November, 2025.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Public participation is a constitutional and statutory obligation of the County Assembly in accordance with Articles 1, 10, 174(c), and 196(1)(b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, which require facilitation of public involvement in legislative and other assembly business. In compliance with these provisions, and pursuant to Sections 87 and 91 of the County Governments Act, 2012, the following two Committees carried out public participation in the period under review;

1. Finance and Economic Planning Committee conducted public participation on the Annual Development Plan (ADP) 2025, inviting members of the public to submit memoranda via the provided email address or by hand delivery to the Office of the Clerk between 17th September and 23rd September, 2025.
2. Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development Committee conducted public participation on 28th July, 2025 on three Bills:
 - a) The Bungoma County Livestock Sale Yard Bill, 2025;
 - b) The Bungoma County Food Safety Coordination Bill, 2025 and
 - c) The Bungoma County Agriculture Institutions Development Bill, 2025.

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These engagements demonstrate the Assembly's commitment to ensuring that legislative and planning processes are inclusive, transparent and reflective of the views and interests of the people.

Two Bills; the Bungoma County Livestock Sale Yard Bill, 2025 and the Bungoma 1st Supplementary Budget for FY 2025/26 and one policy the Bungoma County Agricultural Technical and Vocational Education and Training (ATVET) Promotion were processed and passed by the House in the period under review. There are two bills; the Bungoma County Food Safety Coordination Bill, 2025 and the Bungoma County Agriculture Institutions Development Bill, 2025 pending before the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative development.

CHAPTER THREE

3.0 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

In the FY 2025/26, the allocation for committees' operations was Kshs. **120,595,784** out of which Kshs. **70,760,200** has been spend translating to 57.66% leaving a balance of Kshs. **49,835,584** which is equal **56.59%**. The table below shows the allocation, expenditure and running balance for each committee.

NO	COMMITTEE	ALLOCATION FOR FY 2025/2026	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	RUNNING BALANCE	BUDGET UTILIZATION
1	Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Co-Operative Development	4,092,827	1,612,000	2,480,827	39.39%
2	Liaison Committee	6,548,124	4,776,700	1,771,424	72.95%
3	Selection Committee	3,001,584	4,845,600	(1,844,016)	161.43%
4	House Business Committee	4,092,827	2,205,000	1,887,827	53.87%
5	Health Services Committee	4,092,827	1,800,000	2,292,827	43.98%

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6	Committee on Implementation	3,001,584	1,058,400	1,943,184	35.26%
7	Budget and Appropriations Committee	7,961,584	4,670,400	3,291,184	58.66%
8	Delegated County Legislation Committee	3,001,584	1,361,000	1,640,584	45.34%
9	Education and Vocational Training Committee	4,092,827	1,676,500	2,416,327	40.96%
10	Finance and Economic Planning Committee	6,252,827	3,753,200	2,499,627	60.02%
11	Youth and Sports Committee	4,092,827	1,690,500	2,402,327	41.30%
12	Lands, Urban, Physical Planning.	4,092,827	1,701,000	2,391,827	41.56%
13	Public Accounts and Investment Committee	6,961,584	5,571,100	1,390,484	80.03%
14	Powers and Privileges Committee	3,001,584	1,648,500	1,353,084	54.92%
15	Public Administration and ICT Committee	4,092,827	1,814,000	2,278,827	44.32%
16	Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works	4,092,827	1,802,000	2,290,827	44.03%
17	Procedures and House Rules Committee	3,136,453	1,294,000	1,842,453	41.26%
18	Gender, Culture and Social Welfare Committee	4,092,827	1,786,000	2,306,827	43.64%
19	Labour, Relations, Member facilities and Service Committee	4,092,827	1,947,000	2,145,827	47.57%

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20	Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources Committee	4,092,827	1,832,500	2,260,327	44.77%
21	Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs Committee	3,001,584	1,383,000	1,618,584	46.08%
22	Trade, Energy and Industrialization	4,092,827	1,818,500	2,274,327	44.43%
23	Speakers Panel Committee	1,098,568	1,243,500	(144,932)	113.19%
24	Committee on Appointment	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	0.00%
25	Whole-House	20,268,000	14,732,600	5,535,400	72.69%
26	Adhoc/Account Payable	2,746,800	2,737,200	9,600	99.65%
	Grand Total	120,595,784	70,760,200	49,835,584	56.59%

From the table above, it is observed that:

- i. Committees have utilized Kshs. 70,760,200 (56.59%) out of the Kshs 120,595,784 allocation hence a balance of Kshs. 49,835,584.
- ii. The Committee on Selection and the Speaker's Panel recorded expenditures exceeding their approved budget allocations, resulting in negative balances.
- iii. The Committee on Appointments did not incur any expenditure against its approved allocation, reflecting 0% budget utilization.

CHAPTER FOUR

SCHEDULE FOR EXTERNAL COMMITTEES' MEETINGS

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 216(2) (c), the Liaison Committee is mandated to consider and schedule the business of all Committees. In fulfillment of this mandate, the Committee prepared a schedule for external Committee meetings covering the period from September, 2025 to February 2026. The schedule commenced in September following delays occasioned by disputes

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over the approved Annual Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2025/2026. The schedule was reviewed twice to accommodate the processing of the First Supplementary Budget for FY 2025/2026 and to prioritize Committees with urgent activities requiring immediate consideration.

The Committee has developed a tentative schedule for Committees' retreats covering the period from February to June 2026, prioritizing Committees with pending business referred to them for consideration and processing. The schedule also takes into account the mandatory statutory budget documents that must be considered within the prescribed timelines. However, it remains subject to adjustment depending on the business before the County Assembly and any other unforeseen developments that may arise.

Below is the schedule;

SCHEDULE FOR EXTERNAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES FROM FEBRUARY TO JUNE 2026

NO	COMMITTEE	DATES	DA YS	PLANNED ACTIVITY
1	Public Accounts and Investments Committee	26 th Feb -2 nd March, 2026	5	Report writing on the Auditor General report for the County Assembly FY 2024/2025, Hon. Members Car Loan and Mortgage FY 2024/2025, staff Car Loan and Mortgage FY 2024/2025.
2	Budget and Appropriations Committee	6 th – 10 th March, 2026	5	Report writing on CFSP, 2026
3	Finance and Economic Planning	6 th – 10 th March, 2026	5	Report writing on Disaster and Emergency Fund Financial Statements for the period ended 30 th June 2025
4	Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development	12 th – 16 th March, 2026	5	Report writing on Bungoma County Agriculture Institutions Bill and prepublication scrutiny of the Bungoma County Agriculture Farm Inputs and Equipment support Bill

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5	Education and Vocational Training	12 th – 16 th March, 2026	5	Status of learning tools and equipment to VTC's FY 2024/2025
6	Whole House	19 th – 22 nd March, 2026	4	Consideration of the proposed amendments to Standing Orders
7	Public Administration and ICT	23 rd - 27 th March, 2026	5	Report on the Financial Statements for KDSP program as at 31 st December, 2025
8	Budget and Appropriations Committee	28 th March - 1 st April, 2026	5	Report writing on DMSP, 2026
9	Justice Cohesion and Legal Affairs	28 th March - 1 st April, 2026	5	Training of members and secretariat at CPST
10	Appointment	2 nd - 6 th April, 2026	5	Review of committee activities from the 1 st to the 4 th Session
11	Labour Relations, Member Facilities and Services	9 th – 13 th April, 2026	5	Report writing on construction of the CPSB Office Block, Debating Chambers and Speakers Residence
12	Procedures and House Rule Committee	9 th – 13 th April, 2026	5	Report on the review of the Standing Orders
13	Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources	16 th – 20 th April, 2026	5	Climate Change Financial Statements for the period ended 30 th September, 2025.
14	Gender, Culture and Social Welfare	23 rd -27 th April, 2026	5	Benchmarking on liquor licensing
15	Health Services	30 th April – 4 th May, 2026	5	Report on writing on the review of the Bungoma County Health and Sanitation Bill, 2025
16	Trade, Energy and	30 th April – 4 th May, 2026	5	Report writing on the Bungoma

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	Industrialization			County Trade Development Loan Fund quarterly report and Financial Statements
17	Implementation	5 th - 9 th May, 2026	5	Interrogations and report writing on the implementation of the house resolutions by the County Executive
18	Delegated County Legislation	5 th - 9 th May, 2026	5	Post legislative scrutiny of Bungoma county education support scheme regulations 2019
19	Whole House	10th -13th May, 2026	4	Financial Statements
20	Roads, Transport and Infrastructure	14 th – 18 th May, 2026	5	Report on implementation of Framework contracts for FY 2024/2025
21	Powers and Privileges	14 th – 17 th May, 2026	4	Training of members
22	Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing	19 th -23 rd May, 2026	5	Status of donor funded projects in Housing department for FY 2023/24
23	Budget and Appropriations Committee	24 th – 3 rd June, 2026	10	Report writing on Annual Budget Estimates FY 2026/2027
24	Youth and Sports	4 th – 8 th June, 2026	5	Talent development and nurturing in Bungoma County
25	Public Accounts and Investment Committee	11 th – 15 nd June, 2026	5	Report writing on OAG reports on facilities
26	HBC	18 th – 22 nd June, 2026	4	Affairs of the House for February – June, 2026
27	Liaison Committee	25 th – 30 th June, 2026	5	Committees' Annual Reports

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CHAPTER FOUR

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

OBSERVATIONS

It was observed that;

1. Although Committees remained active and complied with the minimum sitting requirements, there were notable disparities in the number of reports generated and overall output levels across Committees despite comparable meeting frequencies.
2. Committees that conducted capacity building activities in their external sitting are yet to present their reports to the House for consideration.
3. The overall budget utilization stood at 56.59 percent, with some Committees exceeding their approved allocations while others recorded low absorption or zero expenditure, indicating inconsistencies in financial planning and expenditure control.
4. Several statements requested by Members remain pending or received unsatisfactory responses, leading to delays in resolving matters affecting Wards and oversight effectiveness.
5. During the period under review, only two Bills and one Policy were considered and processed by the respective Committees. This level of legislative output is considerably low, particularly given that legislation constitutes the core mandate of the County Assembly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **THAT**, clear performance benchmarks be established linking Committee sittings to measurable outputs and that periodic performance reviews be undertaken by the Liaison Committee to ensure uniform productivity and accountability across all Committees.
2. **THAT**, Committees should ensure that all external sittings result in structured reports that are tabled before the House within the fourteen days as prescribed under the Standing Order no. 202 (7).

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3. **THAT** all Committees strictly operate within their approved budgetary allocations and plan, prioritize and implement their activities in accordance with the funds appropriated to them for the financial year.
4. **THAT**, Committees should expedite the consideration of pending statements and ensure timely engagement with the respective County Executive Committee Members to facilitate prompt responses to matters raised by Members of the House.
5. **THAT**, Sectoral Committees should proactively identify legislative and policy gaps within their respective departments and formally engage the respective County Executive Committee Members (CECMs) to initiate, develop and submit the necessary Bills and Policies to the County Assembly, in order to strengthen the legal framework and enhance effective service delivery.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker Sir,

It is now my humble request to this House to approve this report by the Liaison Committee on the activities of County Assembly Committees and the second phase of Retreat Schedule for FY 2025/26.

I move and at this juncture I want to say that the subsequent page is the adoption schedule which was signed by the Honorable members with no other attachments and with your permission, let me call upon Hon. Chikati Timothy to second this report.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ipara Okasida-Johnston, Member for Tongaren, for moving the Motion. I now call upon Hon. Timothy Chikati to second.

Hon. Timothy Chikati: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to second the Motion moved by Hon. Johnston Okasida Ipara, Member for Tongaren/Kiminini Ward.

The Liaison Committee serves as the engine of all committees in this Honourable Assembly. The Motion before the House is important as it facilitates coordination of committee activities and ensures that the Assembly effectively discharges its oversight, legislative, and representative roles.

On page 8 of the Report, it is evident that committees such as Budget, Public Accounts Committee (PAC), and Finance have been allocated higher resources due to the magnitude of their work. Similarly, pages 19 and 20 reflect allocations based on the volume of activities undertaken. For instance, the Budget Committee produced three reports, while PAC produced five reports, alongside their external engagements.

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This Report is a working tool and not a permanent one. For example, as indicated on page 20, the Selection Committee exceeded its budget allocation, largely due to increased activities, including committee placements.

(Loud consultations)

Honourable Speaker, I am protected. I am stating the facts.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Chikati, let us hear from Hon. Eric Wekesa, Member for Kabuchai/Chwele.

Hon. Eric Wekesa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Is the Member in order to imply that I was “crying” to be placed in committees? Is that parliamentary?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It was merely an observation. Hon. Chikati, kindly use parliamentary language.

Hon. Timothy Chikati: Honourable Speaker, I withdraw and apologize.

(Applause)

(Laughter)

Honourable Speaker, as I was saying, this Report is flexible and may change depending on emerging needs.

By adopting this Motion, the House will strengthen collaboration among committees and enhance accountability in the implementation of committee resolutions and reports. I therefore fully support and second the Motion and urge Honourable Members to support it for the effective functioning of this Assembly. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chikati. I now propose the Question for debate:

(Question proposed)

I now invite contributions.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I begin by appreciating the Mover of the Motion, Hon. Ipara, for his commitment in steering the Committee, as well as the Seconder for his candid contribution.

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As we support this Report, it highlights the unique operational structure of Bungoma County Assembly. Unlike other counties that operate through pooled resources, Bungoma operates through committee-based allocations, promoting equity in resource distribution.

Members serving in multiple committees benefit from this arrangement, particularly in terms of welfare. However, it is evident that some committees received allocations that were insufficient relative to their activities. For instance, the Selection Committee exceeded its budget by over 161%, indicating increased engagements. Such committees should be considered for enhanced allocations in future budgets.

Further, while all committees engaged with the Executive, the outcomes of such engagements remain largely unmeasurable. Going forward, there is need to assess the value derived from these engagements, particularly in terms of development outcomes.

Lastly, there has been a challenge where Members fail to support reports despite participating in retreats. This matter requires attention. With those remarks, I support the Motion.

Hon. Martin Cheseto: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I also appreciate Hon. Ipara for moving the Motion.

The Report provides a useful overview of committee activities, including internal and external engagements. However, there appears to be a disparity between the number of meetings held and the outputs generated.

For instance, the Speaker's Panel held approximately 21 meetings and one external engagement, yet no reports were generated, despite exceeding 113% of its allocated budget.

Similarly, the Appointments Committee has an allocation of KSh 1.5 million but has not utilized it due to lack of activity. What becomes of such funds?

Additionally, I wish to draw attention to the adoption schedule, where some Committee Chairs appear not to have supported the Report. If there was dissent, was it formally recorded? Were Members absent? Were resources expended in the process? These are issues that require clarification, particularly in the event of an audit. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cheseto. I now call upon the Mover to reply.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: (Mover to reply) Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I wish to appreciate all Members who have contributed to this Motion.

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Regarding the concerns raised on the Speaker's Panel, it is important to note that the House cannot transact business without the Speaker or the Panel. Their role is to preside over proceedings, maintain order, guide debates, and put Questions to vote. Their function is therefore critical to the operations of the Assembly.

I concur with earlier contributions that committees must ensure that their engagements, including retreats, result in tangible outputs such as reports that support their oversight and legislative roles.

To Hon. Cheseto, I urge that leadership begins within committees. Members must take responsibility for ensuring quality outputs, including in committees where they serve in leadership positions.

This Report is a true reflection of committee's performance based on submissions made. It has not omitted any information and serves as a record for both current and future reference.

I therefore urge Honourable Members to adopt the Report in its entirety. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members, I will now put the Question:

(Question put and agreed to)

The Report is hereby adopted, together with its recommendations. The Table Clerks are directed to facilitate its implementation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members that concludes the business on the Order Paper. The House stands adjourned until Wednesday, 11th March, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

The House rose at 4.18 p.m.

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