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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 9:30 a.m.

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

PRAYER

PAPERS

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

Mr. Speaker: Yes, the chair of the Committee, Hon Psero.

Hon. Jack Psero: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to give a report on the training of membership at the Centre of Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) for the Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs.

(Report tabled by Hon. Jacob Psero)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, the report by the Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs on the training of the members at the Centre of Parliamentary Studies and Training is hereby tabled by the Committee, and it formally becomes the property of the House accordingly.

REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY/CEO TO THE BUNGOMA COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Martin Chemorion, proceed please.

Hon. Martin Chemorion: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I rise to table a report of the Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities on the consideration of the nomination for appointment of Secretary/CEO to the Bungoma County Public Service Board.

(Report tabled by Hon. Martin Chemorion)

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Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, the report of the Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities on the consideration of the nomination for appointment of the Secretary and the CEO to the Bungoma County Public Service Board is hereby tabled, and it formally becomes the property of the House accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Mr. Speaker: Chair, Hon Psero proceeded to issue a notice.

Hon. Jack Psero: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs on the training of members at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST).

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, a notice has been duly issued by the Committee that this House does adopt the report of the Sectoral Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs on the training of the members at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST). I urge the table clerks to issue the same report to the Honourable members.

The same will be coming up as a motion in the Order Paper once the same is scheduled in the Order Paper as a motion accordingly.

REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY/CEO TO THE BUNGOMA COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Martin, proceed.

Hon. Martin Chemorion: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities on the consideration of the nomination for appointment of Secretary/CEO to the Bungoma County Public Service Board.

Mr. Speaker: Equally, Honourable members, the notice of motion has been duly issued by the Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities that this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities on the

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consideration of the nomination for appointment of the Secretary/CEO to the Bungoma County Public Service Board.

The said report be shared with the Honourable MCA's and it is going to form part of the Order Paper as a motion accordingly. The same will be circulated to Honorable Members.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

RESPONSE IN RESPECT TO THE STATUS OF BUNGOMA AND KIMILILI MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Aggrey Mulongo, it's okay. Hon. Johnston Ipara, proceed if you are ready with the report of the committee.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. This is a progress report by the Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing and Municipalities on the statement raised by Hon. Aggrey Mulongo on the status of Bungoma and Kimilili Municipalities.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 54(a) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, the Committee on lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing hereby submit its progress report on a statement raised by Hon Aggrey Mulongo in respect to the status of Bungoma and Kimilili Municipalities.

The statement sought a response on the budgetary allocations for the two Municipalities for FY 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and 2025/2026, external funding and projects including the total amount received from the World Bank under Kenya Urban Support Program(KUSP), a comprehensive list of successfully executed Ward-based projects in the FY 2023/2024, reasons for the prolonged delay in achieving full administrative and financial autonomy for the two Municipalities and justification for the failure to full substantive Municipal Manager Posts as provided for in Urban Areas and Cities Act.

The Committee during its internal meetings considered the statement, and requested for response from the concerned department. The department did respond to the issues raised in the statement and the committee shared the response with the owner of the statement for consideration.

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The committee then interrogated the department on 11th May, 2026 in the presence of the owner of the statement where the following was submitted:

1. Budgetary allocations for the three financial years

The budgetary allocation was as follows;

Bungoma Municipality

Vote	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	
Recurrent	68,817,666	55,949,973	44,248,371	
Development	80,000,000	216,564,925	100,783,414	
Total	148,817,666	272,514,898	145,031,785	

In the Financial year 2023/24, the approved 2nd supplementary budget was Kshs. 192,125,073 (Kshs. 23,025,073 recurrent and Kshs. 169,100,000 development). The variance is Kshs. 43,307,407 (Kshs. -45,792,593 recurrent and Kshs. 89,100,000 development)

Financial year 2024/25, the approved 2nd supplementary budget was Kshs. 272,488,241 (Kshs. 55,922,317 recurrent and Kshs. 216,565,924 development). The variance being Kshs. -26,657 (Kshs. -27,656 on recurrent and Kshs. 999 on development)

Financial 205/26 approved first supplementary Kshs. 142,336,513 (Kshs. 41,553,099 recurrent and Kshs. 88,517,684 development). The variance is Kshs. -2,695,272 all recurrent.

Kimilili Municipality

Vote	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	
Recurrent	39,439,632	42,698,217	46,442,260	
Development	112,000,000	57,980,097	67,239,549	
Total	151,439,632	100,678,314	113,681,809	

In the Financial year 2023/24, the approved 2nd supplementary budget was Kshs. 150,700,008 (Kshs. 29,045,268 recurrent and Kshs. 121,654,740 development). The variance being Kshs. 739,624 (Kshs. 10,394,364 recurrent and Kshs. -9,654,740 development)

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Financial year 2024/25, the approved 2nd supplementary budget was Kshs. 95,337,575 (Kshs. 42,678,680 recurrent and Kshs. 52,658,895 development). The variance being Kshs. -5,340,739 (Kshs. -19,537 recurrent and Kshs. -5,321,202 development)

Financial 205/26 approved First Supplementary has no variance from the submission.

2. Conditional Grants within the same period

Over the period, the following is the summary of the grants allocation per financial year;

Municipality	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	
Bungoma	0	55,065,924	55,070,504	
Kimilili	0	45,368,215	45,369,982	
Total	0	100,434,139	100,440,486	

3. Ward Based Projects executed in 2023/24

The Ward Based Project allocation for 2023/24 were Kshs. 68,400,000 for Bungoma Municipality (Township, Khalaba, and Musikoma Wards) and Kshs. 89,154,740 for Kimilili Municipality (Kibingei, Kimilili, Maeni, and Kamukuywa Wards)

4. Administrative Autonomy

The Chief Officer submitted that the two Municipalities have opened recurrent bank accounts through the Central Bank of Kenya while the development accounts are being worked on.

On transfer of functions, the Chief Officer submitted that the CECM Lands had submitted a memorandum to Cabinet for approval of transfer of 17 functions.

Conclusion

The committee made the following observation and conclusion;

1. It was not clear and neither disclosed to the committee on who were the signatories and operating the recurrent bank accounts opened through the Central Bank of Kenya.
2. The department wrote a memorandum to the cabinet requesting for transfer of functions to the two Municipalities. It was not clear if the memorandum reached the cabinet because the copy supplied to the committee is not dated and signed by the CECM lands.
3. On transfer of functions, it was long overdue and there seem to be no goodwill from the County Executive to act on the so called memorandum by the department.

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4. There are no substantive managers in place so far, the department submitted evidence of communication to the cabinet for an intent to recruit substantive managers. There was no evidence of subsequent communication or response from the cabinet.

The committee and the owner of the statement were not satisfied with the response until further documentation and evidence to clarify the aforementioned issues are submitted by the department. The committee has committed to make a follow-up on the matter and seeks two weeks' leave to make a follow up and ensure compliance with all commitments made by the department. The committee reports that until now no documentation has been provided and requests that the department appears before this House so that it can give the details that we have demanded for a long time.

We also noted one thing during that deliberation, the Charters for both municipalities were approved and gazetted in 2018 and all the 19 functions which are supposed to be undertaken by the Municipalities are indicated.

I think now the role of this House during the budget deliberations should only be to allocate budgets to those functions that is required to jumpstart the Municipalities. I submit.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ipara. Let me hear Hon. Aggrey Mulongo, the Hon. MCA for Kibingei Ward.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. That is the way it is supposed to be handled. I agree that we give them two weeks to appear in this Honorable House.

Mr. Speaker: Can you be clear Hon. Aggrey Mulongo; is it to appear before the Committee or this Plenary.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: We concluded that they need to appear because they have two responses; we received one which was progressive, this is the second one. We have written as a progressive report because they have not come with the full documents and therefore they need to appear before this House as a department.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ipara, let me hear you. Where do you want to handle this matter, in the Plenary or Committee room?

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Honorable Speaker, in the second paragraph of my conclusion, that place where we are saying two weeks, is misplaced because we have made several efforts to make the department give us what is required.

Mr. Speaker: Hold on Hon. Ipara, this is your signature.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: That is why I am saying the first sentence displaces us and I admit that it is a mistake. I want this House to go with the last part of our statement that they should appear before this House as stated by the owner of the statement.

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Mr. Speaker: Can I have a date for those people and I think let them come here... but of late I am always in a very good mood. What I take for breakfast is what gives me this good mood, so let them appear here on 17th June and to that extent let the summons be issued to the relevant officer to appear here. I need to clear one thing here; if you are inviting a director, he must be a substantive director with the qualifications, anybody masquerading as a director without qualifications is not allowed to come before us, because that is an imposter. We have a date for the Chief Officer and the CEC before us here.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Look at the Charter Hon. Aggrey, getting a Manager is through competitive recruitment, not appointing somebody after tea. Let's proceed.

RESPONSE ON THE STATUS OF REGIONAL BLOOD BANK CONSTRUCTION AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE CT SCANS AND MRI MACHINES

Mr. Speaker: Anybody standing in for Hon. Sudi Busolo? Hon. Jack, are you standing in for Hon. Busolo?

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Health committee, can you proceed, what do you mean? Are you asking me to give you the statement? You are out of order! No, this is your own report, you are giving to us here then you are asking me for a copy? Are you asking me for a copy of your response?

(Applause)

Hon. Jack is in order because he is waiting for the response but Hon. Tony asking me a copy of the response...

Hon. Tony Barasa: Remember I am not the Chair Honorable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: You are a member of the committee

Hon. Tony Barasa: But we will proceed.

Mr. Speaker: Proceed!

Hon. Tony Barasa: I proceed

Progress report on the statement raised by Hon. Sudi Busolo on the Status of regional blood bank construction and the provisions of the CT scans and MRI machines.

I want to believe you have a response with you Hon. Jack?

Honourable Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 54(a) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, the Committee on Health hereby submits its progress report on the statement raised by Hon. Sudi Busolo in respect to the Status of the Regional Blood Bank Construction and Provision of CT Scan and MRI machine services. The Honourable member sought a response on:

- a) The budgetary provisions earmarked in the financial year 2025/26
- b) Information regarding the procurement of the blood bank building

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- c) Current status of personnel recruited or seconded to the blood bank Centre
- d) County executive's concrete road map

The committee met and considered the statement and thereafter requested for a response from the concerned department.

The department did respond to the issues raised in the statement which were issued to the owner of the statement for consideration. The schedule of interrogation of the statement which had been scheduled for 18th May, 2026 did not kick off because of the interrogation of the financial statements and reports for financial year 2025/26 which took place on 18th to 19th 2026.

The committee requests for leave of the House to enable it re-invite the Executive to appear before it and thereafter report back to the House. That is the progressive report.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Jack, you have heard what they are saying,

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Having heard what the executive is saying, I will allow them for the last time so that they can re-invite the Executive to appear and give a comprehensive report.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Tony, how long?

Hon. Tony Barasa: Give us 2 weeks that is 14 days.

Mr. Speaker: 14 days then when are you reporting back to this House because feedback has to come here. What about the owner of the statement?

Hon. Tony Barasa: 14 days is when we are giving feedback to the House.

Mr. Speaker: Can I have a date for 14 days, that takes us up to 17th June, 2026.

Hon. Tony Barasa: Yes, that is good.

Next item,

MOTION

REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON BUNGOMA COUNTY REVENUE ENHANCEMENT ACTION PLAN

Mr. Speaker: Honorable Vice Chair of the committee

Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am on my feet to move a motion on the Bungoma County Revenue Enhancement Action Plan

Mr. Speaker: As a precedent in this House, you may lay the basis of quorum of your committee, we can't read the report to strangers of the committee, and do you have membership

Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana: I think the quorum is overflowing, members of the committee...

Mr. Speaker: I will read them out; Hon. Polycarp...no at the time of this report he was a member, whether there was whipping or not is not a problem here. Hon. Godfrey, Hon Stephen Wamalwa, Hon. Kirong', Hon. Aggrey Mulongo, Hon. Vitalis Wangila, Hon. Sundukwa, Hon. George Makari, Hon. Jack Kawa, Hon. Milliah Masungu, Hon. Violet Makhanu, Hon. Tony, Hon. Hentry and Hon. Catherine, you have 4 out of 15, do you still think the quorum is overflowing?

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Hon. Tony Barasa: Honourable Speaker, on behalf of the committee and on behalf of the chair, I still want to believe that we have a quorum because out of 15, one is bereaved which is a natural calamity, another one is sick...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Tony, all permissions are granted by this Chair. I have not allowed anybody to be away. I only have an apology of Honourable Deputy Speaker, about the sickness I am not aware

Hon. Tony Barasa: About Hon. Vitalis

Mr. Speaker: He has not told me

Hon. Tony Barasa: I have told you now Honorable Speaker

Mr. Speaker: No, it has to come from him.

(Laughter)

You can use all tricks but this one you know where it is headed to, unless we get quorum of this committee, I will not allow you to proceed. If the committee was in Kisumu on my permission, I could allow you to proceed. I know Hon. Deputy Speaker is bereaved, Hon. Vitalis was to go for treatment but he didn't come to me, so even if you use whichever language, there is no quorum and therefore I am referring this matter back to HBC.

Hon. Tony Barasa: Honourable Speaker, but can we ring the quorum bell because we don't have quorum in the House.

ADJOURNMENT

We adjourn accordingly.

The House rose 10:17a.m.

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