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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

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Honorable Members, I did receive proposed names from the Office of the Governor to be approved by this House to be in the Selection Panel to recruit the Secretary to the Board.

Equally, this morning I have received an extract from the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, State department for Labour and Skills Development indicating the officials of the Kenya County Government Workers Union, all the way to the Nation office to Branch level, a proposed name of one Mary Murongoro representing workers association does not appear among the officials as per the list here.

Let me go through the names so that you are aware;

1. National Chair Person - Mercy Muthoni Wanjohi effective from February, 2026
2. First National Chair Person – Calvince Otieno Okello effective from 28th February, 2026
3. Second National Chair Person - Eliud Wepukhulu Nabiimba effective from 28th February, 2026
4. Deputy General Secretary - Roba Sharu Duba effective from 28th February, 2026
5. Deputy General Secretary - John Muthini Ndunda effective from February, 2026
6. Assistant General Secretary - Kevin Owango Onyango effective from 28th February, 2026
7. National Treasurer - Tom Eddy Kang'ethe effective from 28th February, 2026
8. Assistant National Treasurer - John Kioko effective from 28th February, 2026
9. Organizing Secretary - Vacant
10. National Women Representative - Winnie Chepkorir Tenia effective from 28th February, 2026
11. Assistant Women Representative - Mary Muthoni Wachira effective from 28th February, 2026
12. National Youth Leader - Robert Ouko Ogonyo effective from 28th February, 2026
13. First National Trustee – Abdurehman O. Mwamagadi effective from 28th February, 2026
14. Second National Trustee - Meshack Onyango effective from 28th February, 2026

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15. Third National Trustee - Shukri Hussein Hiding effective from 28th February, 2026
16. Samuel Mugweru Wambui effective from 28th February, 2026.
17. Haji Mwinyi Kibwana effective from 28th February 2026.
18. Johana Kiboi Kimani effective from 28th February 2026.
19. James K. Chepkechei from 28th February 2026.
20. Margaret C. Limareng from 28th February 2026.
21. Hassan Adow Ali from 28th February 2026.
22. Leila Ahmed Abdow from 28th February 2026.
23. Maimuna Abdikadir Ali from 28th February 2026.
24. David K. Rono from 28th February 2026.
25. Jackline Kukel Kipampi from 28th February 2026.
26. Benson Murithii Njeru from 28th February 2026.
27. Ruth John Mutindi from 28th February 2026.
28. David Olinda Agufa from 28th February 2026.
29. Oscar Namusasi Sifuma from 28th February 2026.
30. Grace Apadet from 28th February 2026.
31. Suguta Levocastus Marwa from 28th February 2026.
32. Deborah Nyang`ara Onyoni from 28th February 2026.
33. Stephene Sule Ogendo from 28th February 2026 and finally,
34. Samuel Kariuki Kabua from 28th February 2026.
35. Monica Thuita from February 2026

At the Branch level, I also want to read;

1. Branch Chairperson – Florian Sifuna Nganga from 28th January 2026.
2. Branch Vice-Chairperson –Kennedy Mukheri Wanyama from 17th January 2026.
3. Branch Secretary – Oscar Namusasi Sifuma from 17th January 2026.
4. Assistant Branch Secretary – Nafutali Makokha from 17th January 2026.
5. Branch Treasurer – Paul Wanjala Khaemba from 17th January 2026.
6. Assistant Branch Treasurer – George Muyundi Peter from 17th January 2026.
7. Branch Women Rep – Juliet Kiluhiri Karani from 17th January 2026.
8. Assistant Women Representative – Marystellah Nafuna Wamalwa from 17th January 2026.
9. Branch Youth Rep – Robert Simiyu Masinde from 17th January 2026.

From the list I have read Honourable members, one Mary Murongoro who purports to represent the Workers Association is not among the officials at Branch level and National level. That name is hereby expunged from the list before us here for debating.

PAPERS

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON THE BUNGOMA ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2027/2028

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Mr. Speaker: Chair Finance.

Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I rise to table a report by the Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the Bungoma Annual Development Plan 2027/2028.

(Paper laid by Hon. Polycarp)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, the Chair is purporting to retain the report but my table has two copies and I will use this one. The report by the Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the Bungoma County Annual Development Plan 2027/2028 is hereby laid before the House and a formally becomes the property of the House accordingly.

Mr. Speaker: Yes Honourable Leader of Majority.

Hon. Joseph Juma: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to table The Bungoma County Government Knowledge Management Policy 2026

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, the Bungoma County Government Knowledge Management Policy 2026 is hereby tabled in this House and accordingly, I commit the same to the Committee on Public Administration and ICT for processing and reporting back to the House accordingly.

NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORT BY THE SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON THE BUNGOMA COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Polycarp,

Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to give notice that this House adopts the report by the sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on Bungoma County Annual Development Plan.

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, a notice of motion having been duly issued by the sector Committee of Finance and Economic Planning on the Bungoma County Annual Development Plan for the Year 2026/2027/2028. The same be shared to the Honorable members, as it's going to come up as a motion in the course of the day in our Order Paper accordingly.

MOTION

PROCEDURAL MOTION ON THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SELECTION PANEL AS PER SECTION 58 (A) OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT ACT 2012

Mr. Speaker: Hon Leader of Majority

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Majority Leader): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to move a procedural motion on the Nomination and Appointment of the Members to the County Public Service Board Selection panel pursuant to section 58 (a) of the County Government Act 2012 revised version 2020

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AWARE THAT, Section 58 A (1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 (Revised 2020) provides that whenever a vacancy arises in the County Public Service Board (CPSB), the Governor shall nominate and, with the approval of the County Assembly, appoint members to a Selection Panel for the purpose of selecting suitable candidate for appointment as Secretary of the CPSB;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Section 58 A (2), provides that the Selection Panel shall consist of the following five (5) persons—

- a) A chairperson, not being a public officer;
- b) One person from the private sector;
- c) An Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, who is a member of the Law Society of Kenya;
- d) An accountant who is a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya; and
- e) One person from an association representing workers;

NOTING THAT, Section 58 A (3) provides that in nominating members to the Selection Panel, the Governor shall ensure that not more than two-thirds of the nominees are of the same gender;

COGNIZANT THAT, vide a letter dated 15th September, 2026 to the Clerk, the Governor submitted the names of five (5) nominees as follows:

1. Julius Bakasa - Chairperson
2. Joan Cheptorus – Representing the Private Sector
3. Advocate Maloba Hammerton - Representing LSK
4. CPA Rita Nabalayo Manyonge – representing ICPAK (No. 19373)
5. Mary Murongoro - Representing Workers’ Association

APPRECIATING THAT, the nominations complies with the gender rule as required under Section 58A (3), and that the five nominees meet the statutory and professional requirements stipulated in law;

NOW THEREFORE, this House resolves to approve the following five (5) nominees to serve in the Selection Panel for the recruitment of the Secretary to the County Public Service Board:

1. Julius Bakasa - Chairperson
2. Joan Cheptorus – Representing the Private Sector
3. Advocate Maloba Hammerton - Representing LSK
4. CPA Rita Nabalayo Manyonge – Representing ICPAK (No. 19373)
5. Mary Murongoro - Representing Workers’ Association

Having reached there, allow me call upon the Honorable Deputy Speaker to second.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, our Leader of Majority. Let me invite our Deputy Speaker Hon. Stephen Wamalwa to second the motion.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am on my feet to second the Procedural Motion as moved by the Leader of Majority. As we are aware, the County Public Service Board is a very integral and important body within the County system and the CEO to that board is equally vital in completing membership of the board for proper functioning.

Therefore, these are names that will ensure we have a competent CEO to the board and therefore we need to fast-track to ensure that we have the CEO in place for this county to move forward.

I want to urge the House that we support this motion to hasten the process of enabling this county to have a substantive secretary to the County Public Service Board and this county not to lag behind in terms of human resource as envisaged in the laws of this country. I second this procedural motion and urge the Honourable Members to support, so that we have the membership in place.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, allow me propose a Procedural Motion to allow Members debate on the same before we make a decision. Honourable Members, a procedural motion has been moved and seconded pursuant to the Provisions of Section 58 (A) of the Government Agreement Act as revised in 2020 that this House resolves to approve the following four nominees to serve in the Selection Panel for the recruitment of the Secretary to the County Public Service Board.

1. Julius Bakasa – Chairperson,
2. Joan Cheptorus – Representing the Private Sector,
3. Advocate Maloba Hammerton - Representing LSK,
4. CPA Rita Nabalayo Manyonge – representing ICPAK (No. 19373)
5. Mary Murongoro - Representing Workers’ Association, I propose.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Ipara,

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. First of all, I rise to contribute to this particular motion and my attention has been drawn to the section you are reading. It says the person who nominates the names is the Governor and submits to the Assembly which approves. Honorable Speaker, you have raised a very serious issue, where one member is not a member of the group that they have been nominated to represent.

Before I proceed and you said that name stands expunged and if you read the law, the law says that the composition under 58 (A)(2) provides for five categories of members and where one is missing and even though this House does approve, will it proceed and do the assignment that have been given? I think the answer is no, Honorable Speaker., I need your guidance.

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Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, once these names are approved, they are gazetted and sworn in and I am very sure the forwarding entity is aware of the problem that this name has faced. He was made aware of this member not being a member of the workers' union, so we will be having a replacement from the concerned union, if they are not five, there is no quorum. Secondly, there must be at least three or two ladies, so from where I sit, they are going to do the necessary before we proceed.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Thank you, Honourable Speaker for that guidance and if it means that even though today we do approve the four names and one is missing, it means that there is no quorum. Then the question what is the hurry to approve the four and yet they don't fulfill the requirement of a panel of five? I think if it was my wish and the wisdom of all of us that these particular names be referred back to the source to amend to meet the threshold of the law, then resubmit the names when they are five that represent those organizations as required by law.

Mr. Speaker: Honorable Members, just for guidance. When you are approving these names, you don't approve as a group. You will be voting on each individual name. You can have five names, reject three, and pass two. Then again you will put extra names again to have them passed. You don't vote as a block but on individual names. So that's the guidance.

Even the ones you are having, you can reject three and approve one. Inform them that basically your names have been rejected, bring more names, until they have the quorum. They cannot work until all have been approved by this House. So as we are discussing, be aware that you're not going to vote as a block. For instance even you can Google and find that Hamilton has no license. You raise it to me here, we reject it. I think the forwarding entities did not comply with the issue of the lawyers and the one for CPA-K. Proceed please.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I'm well guided. Maybe now the thing that we also need to reprimand the Executive is where they normally forward the names purported to be belonging to an organization and they well know according to the law, where you give false information, it attracts the consequences. The consequences are clearly stipulated in both the Penal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code, where you know that what you are giving is false.

Based on the magnitude of what is before the County Public Service Board, where they cannot proceed without a substantive Secretary to the Board, I recommend that we proceed with this motion. We approve name by name to the end then they are taken back to them so that they meet the requirements of the law.

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

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I also want to support and echo what Hon. Ipara has raised that as a House, we need to respect the rule of law and wherever

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the Executive makes a mistake, we are not supposed to make correction on the floor of the House.

I expected this same sender to be sent back his names so that he can get the right officials who can represent us in appointing the CEO of the County Public Service Board. This being a sensitive position, I don't think we are in a rush to just allow the report to proceed. It could be challenged because it's supposed to have five members.

When I was trying to raise my alarm over this Murongoro, she has a pending case from the time of CAP 265 when we were in local authorities. She's not an employee of any County. Neither has she ever worked in the County Government of Bungoma or even any other County in Kenya. She's been appearing every time being a representative of workers. Whoever advises the CEO or whoever advised him to appoint her, I think she will also be questioned. That's why I could still request that as much we need to have a CEO, but let it be sent back to the appointing authority so that he may realize that there are mistakes that he has been continuously making.

This is the same Murongoro who goes to court to challenge if workers are being employed, yet she does not represent anybody. We are in a hurry to have the CEO, but it's just very important that you write back and inform the sender that indeed these mistakes should not continuously be coming to the House.

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

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I also want to echo what my other two colleagues have said. As an oversight House, shall we be right in knowing that the number that is in law is five? Even if we approve name by name, we need to have five names, so that even if we reject, we reject one or two names from the five.

Now that we have four names, and even looking at the House, the quorum that is approving, is it there? The CEO of this County had all the opportunity, it's not the first time we are having this scenario, that we approve four names, again they will bring another name to be approved. Why can't we go slow? That the Governor brings another name to make them five, then we approve once. I rest my case.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah, you were missing on the line. I am trying to get where you are seated, you have not logged in, and do you have a card?

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: No, Honorable Speaker

Mr. Speaker: That's why, you know I am trying but I'm not seeing you anywhere. Well, use the dispatch.

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: I was trying to confuse you.

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Mr. Speaker: That will not be allowed to happen, you go and sit down. I have allowed you to use the dispatch, you have a card and you say that you are trying to confuse me. Let's proceed. Hon. Polycarp.

You can't say you wanted to confuse me and I am allowing you to use the dispatch, having left your card at home. Let's see what happens now. Proceed, Hon. Polycarp.

Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi: *(On a Point of Order)* Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I am rising to seek guidance on the issue. You made the first communication that the name of one Mary Murongoro be expunged from the rest of the names. Are we in order to still be discussing about one Mary Murongoro, whose name has been already expunged? The issue is that we require five names in the House, but now that we have the four, why can't we proceed with the four as we wait for communication for the other one? From your prior communication, you indicated that the fifth name has been removed. I am also sure whoever made the direction to send the names here must have observed Chapter 6 of the Constitution which deals with Leadership and Integrity.

Two, I have seen it's compliant with Constitutional basis that is two-third gender rule, so we should not victimize the rest of professionals who have been forwarded to this House in the name of one person lacking. I think we should proceed and be able to vote for each particular person, irrespective of the people they are representing.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, for guidance purposes, what has been said by Hon. Polycarp, there is a presumption that once the Speaker has expunged that name is not part of the discussion before us here. It is deemed that basically you are not aware of that name.

Number two, Members, after these names have been approved, and I think you must be aware, there's always a gazettelement of the mandate of this team, which is done after the names are forwarded. So I'm beseeching you that you approve or reject what is before you. Even the ones before you, there is no guarantee that you are going to approve all of them. Maybe you can reject some of them again. Until they achieve that quorum, they won't be gazetted. Then from there, you will be able to move on. Because I am very sure next weekend, we have good work that we are planning for you as a leadership and a board for whole House again. So finish what is available so that we are able to move on. That's why I only spared a Tuesday for your discussions.

Tomorrow, I don't want people walking around this Assembly; call your committee to go to Kisumu for the retreats. I think that's proper guidance. Leader of Majority you reply to the motion?

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I want also to appreciate the Members for their contribution and the key issues that they are raising. What Members are raising are very key; actually, our work is to scrutinize and analyze, so that as an Assembly we do what is right. Sometimes it is also good to listen to their views, because they will not work if they are not five.

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Again, if the appointing authority could also show us the regions where these people come from, it would be better so that at least we are all around. So I also beseech you that let us listen to these Members then request the appointing authority to uniformly bring the full list as we do what the House is requesting. Otherwise, I do appreciate the concerns of the people.

Mr. Speaker: Leader of Majority, you are yet to finish, now what happens to the motion you moved before this House? You moved the motion; you are supposed to reply to the views or withdraw the motion. That is the position, because the moment you move the motion under the law, you must use the same law, say we defer the debate, have the extra name, whichever name we want to use it, but we cannot leave it to me. It's not my baby; it's your baby Leader of Majority.

Members for guidance, the only way to escape what we have done here now is to go back to Standing Order 64, defer the debate. The only challenge you are going to have, the new name will be introduced again in a procedural way, so there will be two motions on the Order Paper, one for four people and one for the remaining person.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Honourable Speaker, I want to inform as follows; Honourable Speaker, as much as we expunged whoever that is not a legal person representing the workers, if we allow the four to continue and recruit without a representation of the workers, then who is the CEO going to represent? I think it's an area that we also need to be guided accordingly, and what the Majority has done is just to expunge it back so that you can refer back to the appointing authority to tell us the regions of those he has appointed, as well as get us another representative of the workers.

Mr. Speaker: So that means you withdraw the entire Motion, that is the position.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: You withdraw the entire Motion and write back and seek those clarifications. That's what I'm guiding you, because if you leave it to me here, it remains on the Order Paper, it remains in this House; it's not going to go anywhere.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. That's why we sometimes appreciate your ruling, the Solomonic one. So as per the Standing Order No. 70, I seek to withdraw the motion, so that the CEO complies with the Law, especially Section 54 (a), so that at least he brings the full list of the five members. And again, also, we request that he should also show us the regions where these people are coming from. I now welcome Hon. Johnston Ipara to second the withdrawal of this Motion.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Johnston Ipara, proceed.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Honourable Speaker, I rise to second this motion for efficiency, effectiveness, accountability and transparency. On those basis, I second the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order No. 70 that this House allows the withdraw of the procedural motion earlier moved and seconded.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Isaiah Sudi,

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Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Honourable Speaker, I want to agree with the mover of the motion and the seconder that we return back the four names, so the Governor organizes and brings five names, because it's very risky that if we continue and we vote against all the four names, then we shall be taking this process back. It will take too long. Let us be very careful that we defer. We already have four names, why can't he get another name?

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sudi, you are introducing a new term, we are not deferring, it's being withdrawn completely. Deferring means we come back tomorrow and debate the same motion.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Honourable Speaker, even if it is removed, it's better than rejecting, because if we reject the entire names, you can imagine what can happen. Let us have the fifth name, then the motion is again tabled and we will approve it. We urge the Governor to do it as soon as possible because we need that Secretary to the Board as early as today, but let's follow the Law so that we avoid litigations. If we pass these four names, I'm very sure the Bungoma people will go to Court.

They will not, because they are not here to know that we are just doing the four, we are passing the four, we want another name to come, so that they have five to start working. They might not know, so let's withdraw the way the majority leader has done it. Then advise the CEO to make the names five and bring them, so that we pass. We shall not reject any name, Honourable Speaker, as long as...

Mr. Speaker: You are pre-empting the debate. You are out of order on that issue.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Of course, Speaker, as I pre-empt it, but that is what will happen, Honourable Speaker. I rest my case.

Mr. Speaker: Leader of Majority

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I want to appreciate members for the support so that at least we do what is right and we shall be also helping this County as well as helping our CEO.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Members. A motion has been moved and it has been seconded by this House to allow the withdrawal of the previous motion that was earlier on moved and seconded on the appointment or approval of the panel of the members to serve on the Public Service Board Selection Panel pursuant to the provisions of Section 58 (a) of the Government Act revised in 2020.

(Question put and agreed to)

The entire motion is withdrawn and the Office of the Clerk to communicate for the list to be brought afresh with five names as by the members' views and equally indicate the region where these members are coming from.

ADJOURNMENT

That was the last motion, we adjourn this House and resume at 2:30 p.m.

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