

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY

SECOND ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 AT 9:30 AM

1. The Assembly assembled at Thirty Minutes past Nine O'clock.

2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.

QUORUM OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY-

The Speaker having confirmed that there was no Quorum caused the bell to be rung for Ten minutes.

There being a Quorum at the expiry of ten minutes, the Speaker called the Assembly to order

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

SPECIAL SITTING

"Hon Members, may I take this opportunity to welcome you all to today's special sitting which has been convened at a time when the Assembly is on short recess. I sincerely thank you for honoring the invitation despite the short notice and cutting short your deserved break.

Hon. Members, this special sitting is of great significance to the people of Nairobi since it shall form the foundation of the much desired service delivery under the new dispensation of the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS). Indeed Hon. Members, on the request of the Leader of the Majority Party and in consultation with the NMS, I convened this special sitting in order to consider the following business:

- i) The Sessional Paper No.1 of 2020 on a Policy Framework for Nairobi Revenue System by the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS); and
- ii) The addendum to the County Assembly Service Board Annual Report for the FY 2019/2020.

POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR NAIROBI REVENUE SYSTEM BY NAIROBI METROPOLITAN SERVICES

Hon. Members, without appearing to pre-empt debate, as you can note from the scheduled business, the Leader of the Majority Party shall be tabling a framework that is aimed at streamlining revenue collection within Nairobi City. This is a framework that is quite significant to improving revenue collection in order to enable NMS fund its noble programs. I will be expecting that once tabled, the Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee shall proceed and collect the views of the public on this framework and table its report as soon as possible so that we can give the NMS a green light to proceed and implement the framework.

ADDENDUM TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 2019/2020

Further, Hon. Members, I will be expecting the County Assembly Service Board to table an addendum to their main Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019/2020 which was adopted in today's morning sitting of the Board. Just to mention, the addendum highlights new developments that emerged after the tabling of the main report on 2nd June, 2020. The developments relate to the regularization of employment of the Clerk of the County Assembly as decreed by the Employment and Labor Relations Court and the operationalization of the new Assembly Staff structure aimed at improving efficiency of the service. The structure was adopted by the Board having reviewed the report of Deloitte Kenya Ltd with the help of Senior Officers from the Ministry of Public Service. Just to mention, Hon. Members, the new structure, has created two positions of Deputy Clerk i.e. one in charge of Administration and the other in charge of Legislative Services and Seven Directorates with two independent Departments I.e. Internal Audit and Legal Services. In filling the positions, the Service Board has conducted a competitive internal recruitment processes.

It is important to note that these serving officers whom the Board recruited from were employed by the defunct Board and therefore the current Board had no role in their initial recruitment. The internal recruitment process was spearheaded by the Fourth and Fifth Members of the Board who are required by law to take care the interests of the public and the staff. Similarly, the process was guided by Senior Officers from the Ministry of Public Service and Strathmore University.

Hon. Members, I must at this juncture congratulate this panel for their impartiality and fairness. I am happy that the panel emphasized on merit, experience and regional balance. However, I am concerned that only major tribes were employed by the defunct Board and thus they form the major bulk of the Assembly Service. The Board shall ensure that minorities and persons with disabilities are considered in future recruitments. To this end, in order to comply with the National Cohesion and Integration Act, 2008, the Board has tried to balance the staff in senior positions as follows:

1. Deputy Clerk Administration Luhya Christian Female Nairobi City

2. Deputy Clerk Legislative Service Luo Christian Female Homabay

3. Director Speaker's Office Kikuyu Christian Male Nyeri

4. Director Legislative Services Kalenjin Christian Male Elgeyo Marakwet

5. Director Human Resource Luhya Christian Male Bungoma

6. Director Administration Kalenjin Christian Male Elgeyo Marakwet

7. Director ICT and Information Services Luo Christian Male Migori8. Director Accounting and Financial Services Kikuyu Christian Male Kiambu

9. Director of Security Services Kamba Christian Male Machakos

10. Principal Accountant Kamba Christian Male Kitui

11. Principal Procurement Luo Christian Male Kisumu

12. Principal Committee Services Luhya Christian Male Kakamega
13. Principal Legislative and Procedural Services Kamba Christian Female
Kitui

14. Chief Serjeant-at-Arms Kamba Christian Male Machakos

15. Hansard Editor Luhya Christian Male Kakamega

16. Principal Research Luo Christian Male Siaya

17. Principal ICT Luhya Muslim Male Bungoma

It is also worth noting that there are other Senior positions that have been filled that have been filled with emphasis still being regional balance, gender balance, and consideration of minorities. Accordingly, Hon. Members, after a competitive recruitment process, Ms. Pauline Akuku has been appointed to be the first occupant of the position of Deputy Clerk in charge of Administration. This will ensure that at no given time shall the operations of the County Assembly stall just because we have a dispute with the holder of the position of the Clerk. May I take this opportunity to congratulate the Officer on her deserved appointment. I am also aware that the Service Board has been able to finalize the promotion of all staff between grade 3 and grade 7 to the next grade.

Lastly Hon. Members, the Chair wishes to remind you of the provisions of Standing Order No. 30 (4) which provides that, and I quote; "Whenever the County Assembly meets for a special sitting, the Speaker shall specify the business to be transacted on the day or days appointed and the business so specified shall be the ONLY BUSINESS before the County Assembly during the special sitting, following which the County Assembly shall stand adjourned until the day appointed in the County Assembly calendar". You are so guided! I thank you Hon. Members. Hon Members I also wish to reiterate that I know there is a lot of interest in the board and we hereby now agree that for purpose of bringing information to this house the board will coopt the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader to be sitting whenever we have sittings for purposes of transparency and bringing out information to all members, thank you. It is allowed by the law, there is nothing irregular there. Proceed Clerk

4. PAPERS

The following paper was laid on the Table of the Assembly:-

(No.027) <u>WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020</u>

i) THE NAIROBI COUNTY ASSEMBLY SESSIONAL PAPER 1 OF 2020 ON POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR NAIROBI REVENUE SYSTEM BY NAIROBI METROPOLITAN SERVICES

(Hon. June Ndegwa, MCA)

There being no other business and the time being Fifty minutes past Elleven O'clock, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders

ASSEMBLY ROSE - Fifty minutes past Eleven O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Tuesday, July 16th, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

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