



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
SECOND ASSEMBLY - FIRST SESSION
COMMUNICATION BY THE CLERK

**—PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN ELECTION OF
CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES**

Hon. Speaker, I have a report to make regarding the procedure to be followed in the election of the Chairperson of Committees or Deputy Speaker. If it pleases the Assembly, for purposes of the said Election, I am the retuning officer.

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, Article 178(1) of the Constitution provides that each County Assembly shall have a Speaker elected by the County Assembly from among persons who are not members of the assembly.

Further, Article 178(2)(b) provides that in the absence of the speaker, another member of the assembly elected by the assembly shall preside over a sitting of the County Assembly.

In furtherance of the foregoing, the Second Schedule to the County Governments Act, 2012, provides for the Office of the Chairperson of Committees or **a person to deputize the Speaker** as provided for under Article 178(2) (b), as amongst matters to be provided for in the Standing Orders.

Appropriately, the said Office of Chairperson of Committees or Deputy Speaker is provided for under Part III of the Nairobi City County Assembly Standing Orders.

Hon. Members, the Office of the Chairperson of Committees or Deputy Speaker became vacant at the commencement of today's sitting at 9.00 a.m. in the morning, being the first sitting of the new County Assembly after an election.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 15(1) provides as follows regarding the election of the Chairperson of Committees –

As soon as practicable after the election of a Speaker following a General Election, a Chairperson of Committees shall be elected in accordance with Article 178(2) (b) of the Constitution and as referred to in Section 9(5) of the County Governments Act, 2012.

Specifically, Standing Order 15(3) provides that the Speaker shall preside over the election of the Chairperson of Committees under paragraph (1).

Most importantly, **Hon. Members**, Standing Order 15(4) in terms of elections for the said office provides that the procedure for electing a Chairperson of Committees shall, with necessary modifications, be the same as that prescribed for the election of the Speaker. This means that we will be making reference to Standing Orders 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Accordingly, **Hon. Members**, in exercise of the power conferred by Standing Order 6 (*Nomination of candidates*), I notified the membership of a vacancy in the Office of the Chairperson of Committees or Deputy Speaker of the Nairobi City County Assembly vide a memo dated

3rdSeptember, 2017, circulated on all Notice Boards of the Assembly and similarly communicated to all Members through the Assembly SMS platform.

In the notice, I invited interested persons who qualify to be elected as Chairperson of Committees or Deputy Speaker of the Nairobi County Assembly in accordance with the Constitution to submit their nomination papers for elections as the Chairperson of Committees or Deputy Speaker of the Nairobi City County Assembly.

Hon. Members, the following candidate collected nomination papers from the office of the Clerk of the Nairobi City County Assembly, namely:

1. The Hon. John Kamangu Nyumu, MCA

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, as per the *Notice*, the persons who collected nomination papers was required to submit the completed papers together with their Curriculum Vitae (CV) and relevant supporting documents to the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly not later than 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 5thSeptember, 2017.

Hon. Speaker, at the close of the nomination period, only **The Hon. John Kamangu Nyumu, MCA** submitted his nomination papers for election as the Chairperson of Committees or Deputy Speaker of the Nairobi City County Assembly.

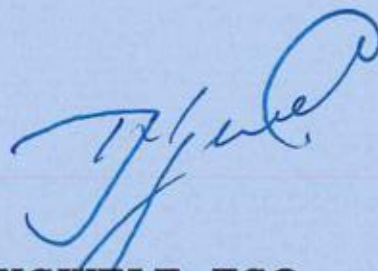
Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, as earlier alluded to, the provision of Standing Order 12 applies in respect to the election of a Chairperson of Committees or Deputy Speaker as provided for in Standing Order 15 which provides:

“The procedure for electing a Chairperson of Committees shall, with necessary modifications, be the same as that prescribed for the election of the Speaker”.

In this regard and pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 12, which provides that if there is only one candidate who has been duly nominated for election as Speaker at the expiry of the nomination period, that candidate shall be declared forthwith to have been elected Speaker without any ballot or vote being required, I therefore declare one **Hon. John Kamangu Nyumu, MCA** duly elected as the Chairperson of Committees or Deputy Speaker of the Nairobi City County Assembly.

Hon. Members, I now invite the Hon. Speaker to proceed with the necessary steps to admit the said Member to the Office of Chairperson of Committees or Deputy Speaker of the Nairobi City County Assembly.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.



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