



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Third County Assembly – Fourth Session

Thursday 20th March 2025

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Kennedy Ng'ondi) in the Chair]

PRAYER

QUORUM

Hon. Speaker: The Attention of Chair has been raised for lack of quorum. Under Standing Order 37 (2), I direct the Serjeant-at-Arms to ring the Bell for ten minutes, as he leaves the door wide open.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Hon. Whip, kindly encourage your Members to go online because we are both physical and online. Please reach out as we only lack seven Members. The Acting Whip for the UDA side, as you mobilize your Members, also advise them to access the link. Each one of you should at least reach one of your friends to join the link.

Clerk, confirm whether we have the quorum to transact the business.

(The Clerk-at-the-Table confirmed there was quorum)

Hon. Members, the House is properly convened, so we can proceed with the business.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

ATTENDANCE OF PLENARY SITTINGS

Hon. Speaker: Hon Members, good afternoon. Today, as we prepare to adjourn for the short recess, I just want to put across – and this should serve as a wakeup call and subsequently might necessitate an action towards the unbecoming behaviour of some of the Members – that as

you move and proceed for the short recess, I would want to remind you of our Standing Order No. 252 on what is expected of you. I will read out the list of attendance of this session, that is immediately after we resume the Session after the recess.

Hon Members, Standing Order No. 252 is very clear on failure to attend sittings. I will be forced to implement this. I have just mentioned the unbecoming behaviour and attitude of Members towards their responsibility number one of making sure that they do legislation, which is normally done at the committee level and at the plenary. This House has a total membership of 124, and the Standing Order requires that we have 43 Members present to transact the business of the Assembly.

Hon Members, there is no any other way of avoiding the fact that the House has always been adjourned due to lack of quorum, and it is in public domain that this is a trend. As the custodian of the Constitution and other constitutional requirements; the Acts, the Standing Orders and the Statutes, I will be forced to implement this Standing Order No.252.

Hon Members, you know yourselves. When that axe will fall on you, don't blame me as the Speaker because I will just write a letter to give a notice of vacancy. Whether you challenge it, I am telling you, you won't succeed. It is not possible. You remember in the last Assembly, one of the Members lost the seat just by a stroke of a pen by the Speaker for not attending Assembly sittings. So, I will just read this as a reminder.

252 (1) If, during any Session – and Assembly Session Calendar runs from February to December. Correct, Clerk? – A Member is absent from eight sittings of the County Assembly without permission, in writing from the Speaker – I have not received any permission from any Member – the Speaker shall report the matter to the County Assembly – of which I am doing now – and the matter shall stand referred to the Committee of Privileges for hearing and determination.

(2) The Committee of Privileges shall enquire into the matter referred to it under paragraph one within 14 days from the date the matter is referred to it and shall thereupon for submit a report to the County Assembly.

(3) If the report of the Committee finds that the Member has offered a satisfactory explanation for the Member's absence from eight sittings of the County Assembly without the permission in writing from the Speaker, there shall be no further proceedings in the County Assembly in respect of the matter.

*(4) If the report of the Committee finds that the Member has not offered a satisfactory explanation for the Member's absence from eight sittings of the County Assembly under paragraph (1), the Chairperson of the Committee or a Member of the Committee designated by the Committee for that purpose shall, upon submitting the report, give a three days' notice of a Motion that, **"This County Assembly notes the Report of the Committee of Privileges laid on the Table of the County Assembly on ... regarding....."** with other necessary modification.*

(5) A Motion under paragraph (4) shall be debated in the usual manner of debating Motions, except that:

(a) No amendment shall be permitted to the Motion; and
 (b) The debate of the Motion shall not be anticipated by a Motion for the adjournment of the County Assembly, and no dilatory Motion shall be moved in relation to the business, and the business shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order. Under line, ‘the Motion shall not be interrupted’.

(6) At the conclusion of the debate on a Motion under paragraph (4), the Speaker shall not put a question but shall declare that, pursuant to Article 103 (1) (b) of the Constitution, the office of the Member concerned has become vacant.

Hon Members, I really don’t see a reason why the same Members, same faces who normally form a quorum in this Assembly are supposed now to take the bullet on behalf of lazy Members who are not in any way willing to adjust or even change their attitude.

On this, Hon Members, I am very categorical. When the House resumes, I will expect the Clerk to have done a tabulation on the performance and attendance of Members in the plenary, and I will forward the same names to the Powers and Privileges [committee], where I chair, then I will bring the report. The report is just for discussion; you don’t have to make any opinion out of it. It is still at the discretion of the Chair to decide whether to declare the seat vacant or not. We have Members here whom I cannot even say when I last saw their faces...

(Hon. Alvin Palapala spoke off the record)

Please, Hon. Member, do not make reference to an individual who is not in the Assembly precincts to defend themselves. Kindly withdraw. You cannot withdraw while seated, Hon. Alvin.

Hon. Alvin Palapala: I withdraw and apologize. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: So, Hon. Members, I am repeating again, you know yourselves and understand what is expected of you. But I am sorry because am talking to the wrong Members. By way of addressing wrong Members, is because I can categorically state here as the Chair of the Assembly that these are the same faces I normally find at whatever time I preside the Assembly. I hope it will be communicated. These are your colleagues and your friends. We will read out the report loud but I will not be ready to defend that report. It will be history because if we send up to 12 Members, we will declare those seats vacant. I am telling you whether you go to court, there are no terms of reference. So, take note, Hon. Members, Clerk, Proceed.

PETITIONS

ENCROACHMENT ON PUBLIC LAND BY PRIVATE DEVELOPER IN NJIRU WARD

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I have got the Public Petition by Njiru Ward residents on stoppage of encroachment on Public land by private developer in Nairobi City County.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED citizens of Kenya who are residents of Njiru Ward within Nairobi City County;

DRAW the attention of the County Assembly of Nairobi to the following; -

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AWARE THAT, Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 vests the legislative authority and oversight of the County Governments in the County Assembly;

THAT, Article 62 of the constitution mandates the county government to hold in trust public land in trust for County residents;

THAT, the Kenya National Land Use Policy 2017 recognizes the need for social development that takes cognizance of provision of basic infrastructure and services;

THAT WHEREAS Section 5(e) of The National Land Commission Act, 2012 requires the Commission to initiate investigations into present or historical land injustices and recommend appropriate redress;

THAT WHEREAS Section 116 of the County Governments Act, 2012 imposes an obligation on the County Government and its agencies to deliver services within its designated area of jurisdiction. Further, Section 117 (1) (a) of the Act provides that the County Government shall give priority to basic needs of the public to ensure that all members of the public have access to basic services;

THAT, before commencing any development, developers must seek approval from the County Government:

THAT, the Land F/R 242/86 that is adjacent to Parcel No.1B LR. No.209/9958 was reserved for public use;

THAT, a private developer has allegedly invaded and grabbed the said public land that was meant for the Community to build infrastructure that would provide public amenities to the community despite the lack of the same in the area;

THAT WHEREAS the petitioners confirm that efforts have been made to have the matter addressed by the relevant body, it failed to give a satisfactory response;

AND THAT, all the matters in respect of which the Petition is raised are not pending before any court of law or constitutional body;

NOW THEREFORE, your humble petitioners pray that the County Assembly of Nairobi City County intervenes and ensures that; -

- a) The National Land Commission and all the relevant bodies furnishes the Nairobi City County Government with the deed plans to facilitate and solve the dispute herein;
- b) The said land be surrendered to the Nairobi City County Government and issue appropriate deed plans in respect to the public utility land in issue herein: and
- c) The Nairobi City County Government to secure the said land and hold it in trust on behalf of the Njiru Ward residents and Nairobians at large.

And your Petitioners will forever pray.

Hon Members, on behalf of the Njiru Ward residents, I communicate. It is now committed to the Lands, Planning and Housing Committee for consideration and tabling of the report.

DILAPIDATED PUBLIC FACILITIES IN NAIROBI WEST WARD

Hon. Speaker: I have another Public Petition by West Park Police Post Estate Residents on dilapidated public facilities in Nairobi West Ward in Nairobi City County.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED citizens of Kenya who are the residents of Park Police Estate Nairobi West with Nairobi County;

DRAW the attention of the County Assembly of Nairobi to the following; -

AWARE THAT, Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 vests the legislative authority and oversight of the county government in the county assembly;

THAT, Article 62 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 mandates the county government to hold in trust public land in trust for County residents;

THAT, the Kenya National Land Use Policy, 2017 recognizes the need for social development that take cognizant the provision of basic infrastructure and services;

THAT, the West Park Police Estate is a public property hosting a police post, a dispensary and a school in Nairobi West. These public facilities offer services to the public within the Nairobi City County;

THAT, the estate's playing ground is in a dilapidated state posing health hazard to the residents, especially on children. Additionally, the place is in total darkness without street lights again posing a security threat to the residents;

THAT WHEREAS the petitioners confirm that effort has been made to have the matter addressed by the relevant body, it failed to give satisfactory response;

AND THAT, all the matters in respect of which the Petition is raised are not pending before any court of law or constitutional body;

NOW THEREFORE, your humble petitioners pray that the County Assembly of Nairobi City County intervenes and ensure that; -

- a) The Nairobi City County Government renovates the playing ground in the said facility to serve the residents better, especially the children; and
- b) The Nairobi City County Executive install street lights in the estate and the playing ground.

And your Petitioners will forever pray.

As requested by the Nairobi West Police Estate Residents. This is committed to the Transport and Public Works Committee for consideration and tabling.

PAPER

REPORT ON VETTING OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY RURAL AND URBAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, Planning Committee.

Hon. Alvin Palapala: Thank you. Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Section 9 of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, I beg to lay the following Paper:

The report of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Planning and Housing on the vetting of nominee for appointment as Non-Executive Chairperson of Nairobi City County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: This is a Committee that was formed by the Governor and subsequently nominated one, Mr. Abuga to chair as Non-Executive Chairperson of the Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee. You know there are several on-going affordable housing programs in Nairobi, and for that reason, the Governor formed the committee and forwarded the name for consideration. So, this is the report of the Committee. I hopefully think there shall a Notice of Motion. The Paper laid is committed to the Lands, Planning and Housing Committee.

Clerk, let us proceed

NOTICES OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON VETTING OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY RURAL AND URBAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, proceed.

Hon. Alvin Palapala: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I stand here to give a Notice of Motion.

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Planning and Housing on vetting of nominee for appointment as Non-Executive Chairperson of Nairobi City County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Robert Alai? Can the Hansard office confirm whether we have Hon. Robert Alai online? The Chair has been notified the Hon. Member is neither physically nor virtually present in the meeting. So, Order No.6 (ii) on Notice of Motion by Hon. Robert Alai has been dropped for a later date to be considered by the House Business Committee.

(Notice of Motion dropped)

Clerk, kindly proceed.

STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Munuve, do you have the statement?

Hon. Joel Kimanzi: No, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly, Clerk, this is something you need to be doing much earlier. When you know a Member has a Statement, you need to brief them way much earlier.

Hon. Joel Kimanzi: I think there are two statements, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Just forward the other one.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING QUALITY OF WATER FROM BOREHOLES WITHIN THE COUNTY

Hon. Joel Kimanzi: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation regarding the quality of water from boreholes within the County, especially in Eastleigh area.

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Hon. Speaker, Article 43 (1) provides for the right of every person to clean and safe water in adequate quantities. While the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company claims to have stringent water quality monitoring programs, a significant portion of Nairobi's water supply, both from the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company and private borehole water vendors, is at risk of contamination and doesn't meet safety standards.

Hon. Speaker, it is alleged that a majority of borehole water vendors sell untreated water from illegal boreholes in some estates, which is a health hazard thus exposing residents to several diseases such as typhoid and cholera. Notably, such boreholes do not meet the safety standards.

Hon. Speaker, in the Statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. Which body is responsible for issuance of approvals of drilling of boreholes and licensing of water vending businesses within the County;
2. Whether the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company has stringent water quality monitoring programs especially borehole water in Eastleigh area; and at what intervals of frequency is the monitoring and testing undertaken;
3. Data on borehole water vendors within the County and whether they meet the required Standards; (attach a copy of the standards and requirements to be adhered to); and
4. Measures the County Executive is taking to ensure all boreholes and borehole water vendors adhere to the required standards of operation for the safety of the residents within the County.

I still have another one, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Let us transact the business one by one.

Hon. Joel Kimanzi: Mr. Speaker, I think this is very crucial; about Dishu na County.

Hon. Speaker: But you need to give the Chair time to commit.

Hon. Joel Kimanzi: Okay, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: The Chair, Water? We have Hon. Matara in the House?

Hon. Samson Ooko: Chair, I am a Member of the Water Committee.

Hon. Speaker: Oh, I am sorry, Hon. Matara is the Chair of Environment Committee.

Hon. Samson Ooko: The Chair of Water Committee was here. I think he is out for a short meeting.

Hon. Speaker: So, you want to...

Hon. Samson Ooko: I want to commit that we will respond to the matter two weeks after resumption from the recess.

Hon. Speaker: I think that is in order. Hon. Munuve, the Member has given an undertaking of two weeks after the resumption of the Assembly, on behalf of the Committee.

There was request for Statements from the Sectoral Committee on Health Services regarding the management of the school feeding programme. Clerk, where is the Statement? Hon. Carrington Heho, as they look for the Statement? He is not in the Assembly. Is he online? Deferred. Hon. Jeckoniah? Is he online? Deferred. Hon. Joyce Muthoni? Kindly find out whether the said Members are online. Hon. Redson Otieno? Hon. Jared Akama? As I give Hon. Munuve an

opportunity to proceed, the Hansard office, kindly find out whether Hon. Akama, Hon. Redson, Joyce Muthoni, Hon. Jeckoniah and Hon. Heho are online. Mheshimiwa Munuve, you may proceed.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING
MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME

Hon. Joel Kimanzi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services regarding the management of the school feeding programme.

Hon. Speaker, Article 43 (1) of the Constitution provides for the right of every person to be free from hunger and to have adequate food in acceptable quantities.

Hon. Speaker, the County Government introduced the school feeding programme with the aim of addressing the issue of education in the County such as high school dropout rates, poor academic performance and increasing cases of malnutrition.

Hon. Speaker, it has been noted that the management and operation of the school feeding programme is marred with lot of challenges, such as lack of clear operation plans which has impeded the implementation of the programme in transparent and accountable manner.

Hon. Speaker, the County Executive engaged a service provider by the name of 'Food and Education Company' for a pilot exercise without an agreement or memorandum of understanding being signed.

Hon. Speaker, in the Statement, the Chairperson shall enquire into and report on:

1. Breakdown of total amount contributed by the parents since the commencement of the programme to date;
2. Breakdown of total amount contributed by the local donors or well-wishers since the commencement of the programme to date;
3. Breakdown of total amount contributed by the international donors or well-wishers since the commencement of the programme to date;
4. Number of accounts and banks under which the programme operates and the signatories of those accounts;
5. Reasons for using a limited company to manage and operate the programme;
6. Any agreement or memorandum of understanding between the County Executive and Food for Education Company Limited; and
7. Measures the County Executive is taking to ensure transparency and accountability in the management and operation of the school feeding programme.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Do we have the Chair of the Health Committee in the Assembly? Can you find out whether he is online? The Vice-Chair is in the House. Kindly, Madam Kidenda, proceed.

Hon. Lily Kidenda: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of my Chair who I spoke to shortly before we started, he probably is online, I request for two weeks after resumption from the recess.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Munuve, are you in concurrence with the Hon. Member?

Hon. Joel Kimanzi: Mr. Speaker, since this is a very serious issue and there are many connotations around the Dishi na County, I would like to request the Committee to take up this issue with a lot of seriousness. I request that they give me a response of one week after recess.

Hon. Lily Kideda: Hon. Speaker, I appreciate the sensitivity of the matter and the concerns that the Hon. Member has raised, but because of those same reasons, it is critical that we do a detailed research to be able to bring back to this House and the Hon. Member a comprehensive information. We do not want to do half-baked work; it is not our way of doing things. I would like to request that...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Munuve, please take your seat.

Hon. Lily Kideda: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, two weeks would be perfect.

Hon. Speaker: I think, Hon. Members, you understand the requirements of our Standing Orders when it comes to communicating our agenda to the Executive. 14 days is just a bare minimum because you must give a 7 days' notice. When a Member gives two weeks to bring a response, that is legible time to work with. Hon. Munuve, you will have to be contented with that.

Do we have any Member online with a Statement request? Hon. Members, before we proceed, the Notice of Motion on the nominee is committed to the House Business Committee for allocation of debate.

Hon Member of the Speaker's Panel, Hon. Kimemia, please proceed.

Hon. Antony Gathumbi: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would like you to give an order in regards to the Motion...

Hon. Speaker: The Notice of Motion?

Hon. Antony Gathumbi: Yes, so that I may get the Committee's report and so that when it comes to debating, I may be aware.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, it will be uploaded in the website immediately after consideration by the House Business Committee.

Hon. Antony Gathumbi: I would like to have a hard copy because it is a very sensitive matter.

Hon. Speaker: That is the responsibility of the Planning Committee. You are a senior Member, so you understand.

Hon. Antony Gathumbi: I am. However, the seriousness of the matter is making me request for that report so that I can go through it.

Hon. Speaker: If you want a hardcopy, then you can go to the Table Office and make a request. However, immediately the House Business Committee is done with it, they will upload it in our website.

Hon. Antony Gathumbi: I am happy that you have noted that. Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Clerk, proceed.

MOTION

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF
AUDITOR-GENERAL ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
IN NAIROBI CITY COUNTY BUDGET MAKING PROCESS FOR FY 2021/2022

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chege Mwaura on Motion No. 8? Do we have the Vice-Chair of Public Accounts Committee? Hon. Emmy you are upstanding.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am a Member of the Committee and I want to move the Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Have you gone through the report?

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: You are sure that you will be able to take us through the sensitive report?

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly take the responsibility.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker...

Hon. Speaker: The report is supposed to be in circulation. I believe that all Members have the report. Hon. Members, this is a report of the Public Accounts Committee on the consideration of the report of the Auditor General on Public Participation in Nairobi City County Budget making process for the financial year 2021/2022.

You remember Hon. Jera cited some discrepancies when it comes to communication by our offices. They need to get this report in good time. I wonder how Members will contribute to this report when they have not seen the report. Hon. Whip, please. Vice Chair, you may be seated.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, you have done a very good communication about it, this report has serious implications. Even those Members who are online do not have copies. How can we make a decision on a report that talks about theft of public funds and its implications and we don't have copies? Hon. Speaker, under your guidance we request that we be given copies of that report so that we can peruse. You may find that it is implicating me and I do not know. Public Accounts Committee reports are not reports to joke with because they have very serious implications. Hon. Speaker, with your guidance we are requesting that---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Whip, the Office of the Clerk has actually informed the Chair that the said report has already been uploaded on the website. It is the responsibility of a Member to download.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, I want to speak on behalf of other Members who are technically challenged. Yesterday, there was a Motion that was supposed to be moved but we did not have quorum and we adjourned.

Hon. Speaker, PAC reports have implications, and for that reason, the Members who are here please with due respect, can the Clerk give us at least 10 copies so that we can proceed? You may find that the report is implicating a Hon. Member who is sitting here.

Hon. Speaker: Serjeant-at-Arms, what are these? You are distributing the report which Members are supposed to debate?

Hon. Silas Matara: Hon. Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. It is my humble view that in as much as the Clerk is intimating that he has already uploaded the report on the website,

he should be reminded that it is also his responsibility to submit hard copies to this House before Members are seated for a proper and insightful engagement. It is wrong that after the Members have raised the issue is when we are being given this document. With all respect, this document is not paginated, and to my estimation, this document may be having 20 pages. It will be wrong for us to assume that the Members are going to be sufficiently informed within few minutes to peruse such a document and make an informative debate in this House. This House has traditions and procedures, and it is wrong for the Office of the Clerk to insist that by the simple reason that they had uploaded this document that we can be able to dispense with this matter.

It is my humble view, and I invite you to share your opinion, for the Members who are present here and the ones who are online, that we defer this matter to a later sitting so that the Members can have time to look at this document and examine it so that we can be able to make a proper resolution and agree or disagree to what the report recommends. Hon. Speaker, we cannot be forced to go through a document within minutes and dispense with it. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, kindly use parliamentary language. There is no one here who can force a Member to pass or make any form of resolution. It is for your consumption and decision. Hon. Matara, please

Hon. Silas Matara: Apologies, Hon. Speaker. The import of my sentiments is...

Hon. Speaker: This will go out there that Members have been forced to adopt a report. Who has forced them?

Hon. Silas Matara: I withdraw the word, 'forced.'

Hon. Speaker: All the Motions have to be put through a question.

Hon. Silas Matara: Hon. Speaker, I withdraw. The import of my statement is that, within the limited time that we have with this document, we are unable to interact with the documents and be able to decline or support it.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, is that the feeling of the House for both Order No 8 and 9?

Hon. Samson Ooko: Can I support?

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Member.

Hon. Samson Ooko: Hon. Speaker, with all due respect, the report before us is for the Public Accounts Committee. This report requires Member's attention and concentration for debate. Receiving this document now and expecting Members to digest it page by page is a lie. You once told us, Hon. Speaker, that as much as we come to debate here, we should learn that the Committee of Public Accounts should have all its Members so that as we argue, they help get us where we want to go to.

Hon. Speaker: Correct, because they are supposed to guide the debate.

Hon. Samson Ooko: In that regard, Hon. Speaker, I support my brother here that we push this to a later date.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, is that the feeling of the House?

(Hon. Members unanimously agreed)

Hon. Speaker: I direct that Order 8 and 9 be deferred and referred to the House Business Committee for allocation to later date to be communicated. Thank you.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I urge the Hon. Emmy Khatemeshi to mobilize the Members of Public Accounts Committee to be present and inform us on this decision, as the Speaker has said.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Whip, before you conclude on Order No. 8, there is a pending business before your desk on the committees. The life of the committees' membership has come to an end and you need to adhere to the requirements of the Standing Orders. I expect your office to move with speed so that as the first week as we resume, we get all the committees reorganized.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, that is why I was giving my brief so that the Members of the Budget Committee, Public Accounts Committee and other select committees know that there will be a reshuffle. This will depend on the performance. Where is the Vice Chair of PAC? I am asking because the report belongs to them.

Hon. Speaker, I want to move the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders 30 (1) and (3), this Assembly adjourns until Tuesday, 1st April, 2025 at 2.30 p.m., in accordance with the Calendar of the County Assembly (Regular Sessions).

Hon. Speaker, I believe that the recess will enable our Muslim brothers and sisters enjoy their Ramadhan.

I wish to call Hon. Kimemia to second me on this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you are aware that the Standing Orders gives a period of time with which you are supposed to serve in a committee. By virtue of the party which nominated you to sit in a certain committee, if they deem fit the extension of your stay in the same committee, then that should be the case. I expect Members to be aware of this and start addressing the whips of both sides of the divide. And has indicated, this will depend on the performance. Whenever a committee is reconstituted, it must go through an election. So, that should be very clear.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members. I can see Hon. Ochieng Jera.

Hon. Samson Ooko: Sorry, Hon. Speaker. It is by mistake

Hon. Speaker: Okay. I almost thought that you did not want the House to adjourn.

Hon. Samson Ooko: Hon. Speaker, you know that the adjournment is as a result of the working Calendar.

Hon. Speaker: I do not know.

Hon. Samson Ooko: Let me say that the adjournment is as a result of the Assembly Calendar.

Hon. Speaker: The Assembly can always alter the Calendar.

Hon. Ochieng Jeera: Okay. It is good to know, that is a learning process.

Hon. Speaker: If you want us to alter...

Hon. Samson Ooko: Hon. Speaker, now that you have announced that Members are going back to their wards as they celebrate the Eid-ul-Fitr, I wish to join my people of Lindi Ward during Ramadhan.

Hon. Speaker, another thing that is itching the Members, allow me to tell you this because you are the Chairman of the welfare of Members. Most Members feel let down because they attend many retreats especially in Naivasha and Mombasa but their allowances take too long to be paid. They feel demoralized. Some even don't have fuel and transport to come here because of the hard conditions of life. It is expensive here without money. When you walk outside the gate here, some people assume that you have money and ask you for it. Same goes to the people at the ward level. Therefore, as we go back home, I know that Members owe a lot of money, and they should be paid. As the welfare Chair, I know you are trying and we are not pushing you, but may God bless you so that you are able to push it further. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: That should be corrected. Our financial status as of today shows that we owe you nothing and that we have paid all dues as of today. If there is something pending, then it should hit the accounts by tomorrow. What is left is the office imprest for some Members. We have also addressed the issue with the special elect Members; about 18. Their monies are going to hit the account of their landlord any time from tomorrow. If you know that you are a special elect Member and has not complied, do the needful.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we have come to the close of the business of the day, and for that reason, the Assembly stand adjourned in accordance with the Assembly Calendar, which is 1st April 2025 at 2:30pm. Thank you, Hon. Members.

The House rose at 4:05 p.m.