



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Third County Assembly – Fifth Session

Wednesday 4th March 2026

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Anthony Gathumbi) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you may be seated.

QUORUM

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Clerk, please confirm if we have quorum.

(The Clerk-at-the-Table confirmed there was no quorum)

Sergeant-at-Arms, please ring the bell for 10 minutes so that we can attain the requisite number.

(Quorum Bell rung)

PAPERS

**REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF MOU BETWEEN
NAIROBI COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND SIDIAN BANK**

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Budget Chair?

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Section 6 (3) of the County Government Act, (Cap 265) and Standing Order No. 196, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Wednesday 4th March 2026:

The 38th Report of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations on Consideration of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Nairobi County Government and Sidian Bank Limited for payroll support services.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

REPORT ON NAIROBI CITY COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2025

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 196, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Wednesday 4th March 2026:

The 37th Report of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations on Nairobi City County Finance Bill 2025.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

REPORT ON NAIROBI CITY COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY 1 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR FY 2025-2026

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Orders No. 196 and 234, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Wednesday 4th March 2026:

The 35th Report of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the Nairobi City County Supplementary 1 Expenditure and Revenue Estimates for financial year 2025-2026.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

NOTICES OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON NAIROBI CITY COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY 1 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR FY 2025-2026

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Budget Chair?

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Orders No. 196 and 234, this Assembly adopts 35th Report of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the Nairobi City County Supplementary 1 Expenditure and Revenue Estimates for financial year 2025-2026, laid on the Table of this Assembly, today, Wednesday 4th March 2026.

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF MOU BETWEEN NAIROBI COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND SIDIAN BANK

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Section 6 (3) of the County Government Act, (Cap 265) and Standing Order No. 196, this Assembly adopts the 38th Report of the Select Committee on County Finance Budget and Appropriation on consideration of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Nairobi County Government and Sidian Bank Limited payroll support services laid on the table of this assembly today Wednesday 4th March 2026.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

BILL

Second Reading

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY CLEAN RENEWABLE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BILL, 2025

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah Themendu? Sorry, Chairman, continue.

Hon. Fredrick Njogu: Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on Energy and ICT, I wish to report on the progress, pursuant to Standing Order No. 135 (5). The Committee is still considering the Nairobi City County Clean Renewable and Sustainable Bill, 2025. Currently, it is on evaluation; the memorandum from the stakeholders. The delay in the submission of the report was occasioned by the fact that the Bill was committed to the Committee the time Assembly was proceeding on a long recess, thereby affecting the set time timelines. Therefore, I beg to seek extension in order to finalize and table the report after short recess.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Chairman. Mheshimiwa Jeremiah Themendu, do you agree to that request?

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Hon Speaker, thank you very much. I think it was progress that was to be reported here and then we proceed.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: He has made a request such that the matter can be dealt with.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: I think we can proceed, Hon Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Chairman, do you think that we should continue?

Hon Fredrick Njogu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was requesting if we can be given one month to finalize and report back.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Mr. Chairman, maybe one month is just too long and we are also going for recess for two weeks. Hon. Themendu, just accept two weeks after recess, please.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Hon Speaker, on the Bill, I do not think it is being affected by the progress report, which shall be brought even after we proceed. This is the Second Reading and it is not affected by the report, because the report is from the stakeholders who brought it late.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon Jeremiah Themendu, so that we have a meaningful debate, we must wait for the report. I request you to allow us to give two weeks. Chairman, Hon Fredrick Njogu, I will give you two weeks after recess. That is the conclusion that I have made.

(Bill deferred)

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON COUNTY REVENUE FUND FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Chairman, Select Committee On Public Accounts. Is the Vice Chairman there?

Hon. Abel Atito: Thank you, Hon Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion:

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of the Select Committee on Public Accounts on the consideration of the Report of the Auditor General on County Revenue Fund for the year ended 30th June 2023, tabled in the Assembly on Tuesday 18th November 2025.

Hon. Speaker, the primary mandate of the Committee is to oversight the expenditure of public funds by Nairobi City County entities to ensure value for money and adherence to government financial regulations and procedures. The Committee further aims at ensuring that Nairobi City County public funds are prudently and efficiently utilized.

The Committee executes its mandate based on annual and special audit report prepared by the Office of the Auditor General. Hon. Speaker, following the committal of Auditor General report, as required under Article 229 of the Constitution of Kenya, the Committee interrogated various accounting officers and witnesses together with their written submissions. In this scrutiny, the Committee was concerned in determining whether in the year under review accounting officers upheld key principles of public finance management, namely; value for money, efficiency, and effectiveness in public spending.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee upon careful examination of the evidence brought before it, identified various issues raised by the Auditor General during the period under review, that hampered service delivery in the County. The audit revealed numerous critical issues, with the recommendations that required management intervention;

1. Rectify irregular financial practices - The Executive must provide proof of National Treasury approval extending the last financial year. Without it, all transactions under June 20th are considered irregular.
2. Ensure all revenue, especially from bodies like the Alcoholic Drinks and Licensing Board, is fully remitted to the CRF, as required by the PFM Act. An amendment to the Alcoholic Drinks and Licensing Act is required to stop illegal spending at the source.
3. Improve budgeting and financial controls - Revenue targets must be based on historical data and current economic conditions not unrealistic projections.
4. Establish mechanisms to ensure allocated funds are fully used, including mid-year review, to reflect under-utilized resources.
5. Improve internal control to ensure a timely and accurate reconciliation of budgets as actual amounts with a clear explanation for any variances.
6. Enhance accountability and documentation;
 - i. Ensure all revenue transactions are properly documented and archived for audit scrutiny. The Accounting officer was reprimanded for failing to do so.
 - ii. Submit a detailed plan to resolve all previous audit recommendations.
 - iii. Strengthen the internal audit functions and provide bi-annual progress reports to the County Assembly.

- iv. Training and compliance – Accounting officers, particularly those on the Alcoholic Drinks and Licensing Board, must undergo mandatory training on the Public Finance Management Act to prevent tenure violations.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the accounting officers and witnesses who appeared before the Committee and provided responses, which provided valued insights into the issues raised by the Auditor General. I wish also to appreciate my fellow Hon. Members of the Committee, the officers of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly, and Office of the Auditor General for their steadfast support. Special appreciation also goes to the Members of the Committee secretariat who have had to go beyond the normal call of duty on numerous occasions.

Hon. Speaker, I call upon my colleague, Hon. Emmy Isalambo, to second. Thank you.

(Hon. Member raised a Point of Order)

Hon. Speaker: You cannot be before the seconder.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Before I delve into the findings of the Committee, I wish to say that the amount of work we have as Public Committee is quite voluminous. As read by the Chair, now they have a good framework that the County is going to have more straightforward ways of running, especially on Alcoholic Drinks and Licensing Board. There are some areas as a Committee we cited, which we hope by the next financial year, Hon. Speaker, the Executive will have rectified. With those few remarks, I second the Motion.

(Hon. Member raised a Point of Order)

Hon. Temporary Speaker: I have to propose the Motion first.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, you may now contribute. Go on Mheshimiwa.

QUORUM

Hon. Eric Murigu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise under Standing Order No.38 (c). The matter that is being discussed by the Public Accounts Committee is a matter of importance, but as I can see, there is no quorum in the House to debate. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Clerk!

(The Clerk-at-the-Table confirmed there was no quorum)

Sergeant-at-Arms, please ring the bell for five minutes.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Hon. Members, following Standing Order No 38 (2), we have been unable to acquire quorum during the debate.

(Motion deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Speaker Hon. Members, we adjourn this sitting to tomorrow, Thursday 5th March 2026. Thank you very much members.

The House rose at 3:35 p.m.