



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Third County Assembly – Fifth Session

Tuesday 7th April 2026

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYER

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you may take your seats.

QUORUM

Hon. Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have quorum to allow us to transact the business of the day.

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

Hon. Members, it has been confirmed by the Clerk-at-the-Table that we have a quorum to allow the House proceed with the business of the day. I call upon the Clerk to call out the order of the business.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

RESUMPTION FROM RECESS

Hon. Speaker: Good afternoon, once again, Hon. Members. I have got a communication on the resumption from the recess.

Hon. Chege, kindly proceed and be seated. Hon. Ashley and Hon. Joyce, kindly proceed.

(The Hon. Members entered the Chamber)

Hon. Members, may I seize this moment to warmly welcome you back to the County Assembly after a well-deserved break. Indeed, as the sunset of our term begins – and kindly



underline the word ‘sunset of the term begins.’ – the constituents are keen on us providing our impact on their lives and livelihoods. Being their representatives in matters of service delivery, they have been and will continue holding us to account in matters related to education, health, water, sanitation, infrastructure, and other services.

Hon. Members, as we resume this part of the Assembly Calendar, our in-tray is full with business that need to be processed and considered. In the Assembly Business Committee that I chair, numerous businesses, including Motions, Bills, and Reports have been presented, and the same will be lined up for consideration in this plenary in the coming days.

Hon. Members, committees are the engine of any legislature where business are processed. Engagement with stakeholders takes place and in-depth deliberations are undertaken. Consideration of such business is always a work in progress that is expected to culminate into documents that are tabled in this Assembly.

I am aware that many committees are currently considering and processing Petitions, Sessional Papers, Statements, Regulations, and Reports on various other items. I call upon the chairpersons to expedite the consideration of such businesses in accordance with and in compliance with timelines provided for in the Standing Orders, practice, and undertakings. Most importantly, any committee before which any Bill was committed must first track its consideration and present reports within the coming two weeks of this communication. Any committee that is experiencing any challenge that affects the timely tabling of business should escalate to the Chairperson of the Committee on Liaison or even my Office.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Hon. Members, my office is in receipt of a letter from the Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service at the National Government, Felix K. Kosgei, EGH, REF SHGM/2 VOL/128, dated 23rd March 2026, confirming that His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, CGH, the President of the Republic of Kenya, will deliver an address to this County Assembly on Thursday 9th April 2026.

(Applause)

Therefore, this is to officially bring to your attention the said Presidential Address to our Assembly and inform you that I have consulted with the Leader of the Majority and the Leader of Minority Party, and we are in concurrence in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 28(1).

Hon. Members, without appearing to undervalue the former President's Address to the County Assembly of Nakuru in 2019, this Address will be historic because it will be characterized with protocols and formalities that benefit a Presidential Address akin only to the State of the Nation Address normally delivered in the Kenya National Assembly.

In order to ensure the success of this scheduled address, plans which include parking management, access control, security in and around City Hall, traffic management, protocol and invitation guests and friends of the County Assembly are already at an advanced stage.

Hon. Members, Standing Order No. 28 provides that the procedure applied in the conduct of an address by the Governor and the protocol applied to the Governor entering and leaving the Chamber shall, with necessary modifications, apply to the Senator or a visiting dignitary. Therefore, as plans get underway, you will be guided and indeed you will observe alterations in the manner in which the events will be conducted. All Members are duly notified and are hereby invited to attend this important event on Thursday 9th April 2026. Thank you, Hon. Members. You may proceed and take your place.

(Several Members entered the Chamber)

ADMISSION OF LYDIA MATHIA TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Hon. Members, I have further communication to relay to the Assembly. This being on admission of Lydia Mathia to the County Assembly.

Hon. Members, you may recall that at its sitting held on 24th June 2025, this County Assembly passed a Censure Motion against Lydia Mathia, the then Chief Officer for Urban Renewal and Housing in the County, for alleged gross misconduct, abuse of office and disobedience of the court order. This resolution of the Assembly resulted in her being declared unfit to hold public office and a recommendation for disciplinary proceedings to be commenced by the County Public Service Board.

Hon. Members, vide Petition No HCC-HRPET/E392-2025 dated 26th June 2025, Lydia Mathia, while seeking relief, informed the court that the Censure Motion was introduced and debated without notice and without according her a hearing, and that she only learned of it through the media. Consequently, she sought the following relief from the court:

1. Conservatory orders restraining the implementation of the Assembly resolutions or any adverse action against her;
2. A declaration that she was denied a fair hearing; and
3. A declaration that the Assembly usurped the powers of the County Public Service Board.

The court granted the conservatory orders restraining the respondents, the Nairobi City County Assembly, Nairobi County Government and two others from implementing, enforcing or acting in reliance on the resolutions emanating from the Censure Motion dated 19th June 2025, which was passed on 24th June 2025. Further, the respondents were restrained from taking any adverse action against the Petitioner, Lady Mathia. This will be enforced until the determination of the matter.

Hon. Members, in view of the foregoing, I have isolated two issues for examination:

1. Whether courts can interfere with parliamentary processes despite the existence of the principle of separation of powers; and

2. Application of the sub-judice rule in the Assembly in relation to the current Petition.

I will proceed to address the first issue, which is whether the courts can interfere with parliamentary process despite the existence of the principle of separation of powers.

Hon. Members, the principle of separation of powers provides that:

- a) Each arm of government must respect the independence of other arms of government.
- b) No arm should direct another arm on how to exercise its mandate.
- c) Courts of law are proper judges of compliance with constitutional requirements for all public agencies and must exercise this role with objective and specificity.
- d) All arms of government in performing their function remain subject to the law.

Hon. Members, the Constitution apportions power among different organs. In the devolved scheme of things, the County Assemblies are mandated to exercise legislation, oversight and representation, which are equivalent to those of Parliament.

However, the court retained some authority under Article 165 (3) (d) (ii) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 to determine whether an act or omission purportedly exercised under the Constitution or any law is consistent with or contravenes the Constitution.

Hon. Members, whereas the principle of separation of powers must be respected, it does not seal parliamentary processes from judicial scrutiny, where allegations that fundamental rights are alleged to have been infringed are proved or where the court needs to protect persons from irreparable harm that may be occasioned caused by such processes.

Indeed, in his ruling issued in May 2025, the Right Hon. Moses Masika Wetangula, the Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya, determined that once a matter is tabled in Parliament, plenary, or committee, it falls under the legislature's exclusive constitutional territory, and that while individuals can seek legal redress, they must wait until parliament has concluded its business, e.g. vetting, passing a Bill before challenging it in court.

Under application of the sub judice rule in the Assembly in relation to the current Petition, Hon. Members, the principle of sub judice, as provided for in the Standing Order 97, prohibits from discussing matters that are actively before the court, where such discussion may prejudice fair determination. However, the Standing Order provides for the following thresholds: -

- a) Standing Order No 97 (2), a matter shall be considered to be sub judice when it refers to active criminal or civil proceeding.
- b) Standing Order No. 97 (3) (c), civil proceeding shall be deemed to be active when arrangement for hearing, such as setting down a case for trial, have been made, until the proceedings are ended by judgment or discontinuance.

I now therefore determine and direct as follows;

1. *With respect to whether the courts can interfere with parliamentary process despite the principle of separation of powers:*

Judicial oversight in the circumstance of the matter impugned petition in court or the censure motion is not considered an encroachment on legislative independence but a constitutional necessity to ensure organs of government act within the scope of the law.

This is so because the matter had already been concluded by the Assembly and open to scrutiny; and

2. *On the application of the sub judice rule in the Assembly in relation to the current petition:*

The petition was already filed and pending before the court and therefore any debate or resolution by the Assembly or whoever touching on the same matter will amount to violation of this rule.

Now therefore, Hon. Members, in the foregoing circumstances, the status quo that obtains is that the court has suspended the implementation of the Censure Motion and that the resolution passed on 24th June 2025 will only stand reversed once the Hon. Speaker formally communicates as such.

In view of the foregoing and in compliance with the courts order, the said officer of the County Executive shall be admitted to the precincts of the Assembly for the purpose of discharging her duties in the plenary committee or any other platform. Hon. Members, you are so guided. Thank you.

Hon. Members, kindly proceed and take your positions. Clerk!

(Several Members entered the Chamber)

PAPERS

REPORT ON COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER AND DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PAPER FOR FY 2025/2026 AND OVER MEDIUM TERM

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No 196, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 7th April 2026:

The 3rd Report of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the Nairobi City County Fiscal Strategy Paper and the Debt Management Strategy Paper for the financial year 2025/2026 and over the medium term.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

REPORT ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER FOR FY 2026/2027

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, Tuesday 7th April 2026:

The 14th Report of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations on public participation on Nairobi City County Fiscal Strategy Paper for financial year 2026/2027.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Next Order!

NOTICES OF MOTION**ADOPTION OF REPORT ON COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY
PAPER AND DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PAPER
FOR FY 2025/2026 AND OVER MEDIUM TERM**

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

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of the Select Committee On County Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Nairobi City County Fiscal Strategy Paper and the Debt Management Strategy Paper for the financial year 2026/2027 and over the medium term, laid on the Table of the Assembly, today, Tuesday 7th April, 2026.

Hon. Speaker: The notice stands given.

RENAMING OF FOREST LANE TO BISHOP ALLAN KIUNA LANE

Hon. Chege Mwaure: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to give notice of the following Motion:

AWARE THAT naming and renaming of county roads, streets, and public places is a function vested in County Governments under paragraph 5 (c) of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and is guided by the need to honor distinguished individuals who have made outstanding contributions to society;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the late Bishop Allan Kiuna was a distinguished religious leader, humanitarian, and co-founder of Jubilee Christian Church, alongside Reverend Kathy Kiuna, whose headquarters is located along Forest Road (Forest Lane) in Parklands, Nairobi, and with over 15 other branches in Kenya and several international locations;

APPRECIATING THAT the late Bishop Allan Kiuna through his initiative dubbed; ‘Heroes for Christ Program’, created an impact in the County by rehabilitating destitute men struggling with addiction by providing meals, counseling, medical care, and spiritual support;

FURTHER APPRECIATING THAT his foundation supported education, healthcare, and numerous social initiatives that positively transformed lives and restored families across Nairobi and beyond;

COGNIZANT THAT after a courageous battle with cancer, Bishop Allan Kiuna passed away on 9th July 2024, leaving behind a legacy of faith, resilience, compassion, and service to humanity;

MINDFUL THAT Forest Road (Forest Lane) hosts the Jubilee Christian Church headquarters, which for decades has served as the spiritual and administrative home of his ministry and remains a center where countless lives have been transformed and community outreach programs continue to thrive;

RECOGNIZING THAT renaming Forest Lane in Parklands to Bishop Allan Kiuna Lane would be a fitting tribute to his enduring legacy and would preserve his memory for future generations as a symbol of hope, transformation and service;

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly urges the County Executive, through the County Addressing Unit, to initiate the necessary administrative and legal processes to rename Forest Lane to Bishop Allan Kiuna Lane, and upon approval, the County Government undertakes the installation of approved signage upon all official records, maps and documentation reflecting the same name.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The notice stands given.

Point of Order

What is it, Deputy Speaker?

Hon. Paul Kados: Hon. Speaker, I have a concern. I have seen the Majority Whip walking around carrying a certain item...

Hon. Speaker: What do you mean by an item. Can you describe the item?

Hon. Paul Kados: He is carrying something which do not know, maybe it is a bomb. He is also not sitting in his place.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Deputy Speaker, maybe you understand how a bomb looks like. I do not want to go into that because I do not understand how the bomb looks like.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, what we want...

Hon. Speaker: I can see the leader carrying a cup of tea.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: But, Hon. Speaker, is it allowed for everybody to walk in with a cup? Is this a precedence we want to set?

Hon. Speaker: Can it be confirmed by the Sergeant-at-Arms?

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Point of information, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Order, Whip! Sergeant-at-Arms, kindly confirm whether that is a cup and its contents. Come with the cup. If he is indeed on medication, then he ought to have informed the chair earlier

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Members, I have confirmed that the Hon. Member is sipping water and not tea.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, the issue here is that are we setting a precedence for Members to walk around with cups in the pretense of water or tea. If the Speaker rules that, then tomorrow all of us will have cups in our hands.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, out of the concern of the Members, I will excuse the Whip to use it for now but it should not be a culture. This stands to be the last admission to such.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members!

(Hon. Member raised a Point of Information)

Declined! Yes, Deputy Speaker

Hon. Paul Kados: Hon. Speaker...

Hon. Speaker: Order! The Speaker is on the floor.

Hon. Paul Kados: Hon. Speaker, you have just alluded that he is carrying water.

Hon. Speaker: I have not alluded. I have confirmed

Hon. Paul Kados: You have confirmed that it is water and you have not tasted. Water and chang'aa are the same color.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members! I have made a determination on this issue. Let us rest the case at that point. I have made a determination that this one being the last admissible in the Assembly today. No one should walk into the plenary with such cups.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: He has come with a container which is not visible. Then he has run from his seat. It can be *juju*. We don't understand what is going on. He has a cup that is not transparent. It can be *chang'aa*. He has left his seat and he is sitting on the other end. Can we be sure of his safety also?

Hon. Speaker: The title on his seat seems to have been plucked out. For that reason, the Sergeant-at-Arms will enquire what happened, whether maybe it lost the grip of the glue. But that one will be corrected. Yes, Hon. Whip.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you. I was concerned whether the mics are working prior to the Head of State visitation. However, I would like the Hon. Deputy Speaker first to withdraw *chang'aa* wording that he has used.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly, Hon. Member, I have made a determination on the issue. So please, let us not go back there.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you. Hon. Speaker, as you also made a ruling on the same, I just want to let you know that I have been unwell for some days and I am under medication. As the Whip, I know I am supposed to lead by example. It is not my wanting to come to this house with such a cup. Actually it is hot water.

Hon. Speaker: It is Okay. You don't have to explain everything.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: No, I needed to put clarity, Hon. Speaker. Secondly, the reason I am seated here is because there is no difference between sitting on that unlabeled seat and this other one. I can see that my seat tag has been deliberately removed as we await the visitation of the Head of State. I am not certain of the intention of the person who did that. I demand a footage from the Sergeant-at-Arms so that we can know who is culpable of doing so. Out of all the other seats, it is only mine that is not labelled. Anyone who will be found culpable must go. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members, just to bring to your attention, the Sergeant-at-Arms has confirmed that there is an on-going renovation and facelift of the plenary which is going to interfere with the microphones and the tags. Also, there is mounting of a new system under the carpet. We are expecting tablets very soon, the contractor has indicated that they are ready and

they are about to fix the tablets so that we can go e-parliament. Please bear with us. You may continue.

Hon. Chege Mwaure: Mr. Speaker, before I proceed, you know that I am a very close friend of the Whip and I think it is his renewed energy to look for the Clerk for any small reason. There is a new term called 'siakasiaka', he may be looking for him to take him 'siakasiaka'. He better return that tag before Thursday so that we are not entertained to another 'siakasiaka'.

Mr. Speaker, I am back on another notice of Motion on renaming.

NAMING OF 4TH PART OF PARKLANDS
AVENUE AS SHREE VALLABH AVENUE

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give Notice of the following Motion: -

AWARE THAT Paragraph 5 (c) of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides for county transport, including but not limited to county roads as a county government function;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the County Government of Nairobi is vested with the mandate of naming and renaming streets, roads, and public places within its jurisdiction in a manner that reflects the cultural diversity, heritage, and historical identity of its residents;

APPRECIATING THAT Parklands area in Nairobi County is home to a significant population of residents of Indian descent who have, over decades, contributed immensely to the economic, social, and cultural development of the County and the Republic of Kenya at large;

COGNIZANT THAT Clause 3.3 of the Nairobi City County Property, Addressing and Street Naming Policy under Sessional Paper No. 2 of 2021, provides for the general guidelines for street and road and on the selection of names which requires such name to be inter-alia of good character, must meet the threshold set by Chapter 8 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010;

NOTING THAT the current designation of 4th Park Avenue Road, from Diamond Plaza to Wangapala Road does not adequately reflect the rich cultural heritage and historical presence of the Indian community residing in the Parklands area;

FURTHER NOTING THAT the proposed name, Shree Vallabh Avenue, bears cultural, religious, and historical significance to members of the Indian community, particularly those who associate with the Shree Vallabhacharya, who was a 16th century Hindu philosopher, thereby fostering a sense of belonging, identity and recognition while promoting cultural diversity, and social cohesion;

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly urges the County Executive, through the County Addressing Unit, to initiate the necessary administrative and legal processes to rename part of 4th Parklands Avenue Road - from Diamond Plaza to Wangapala Road adjacent to Karama Towers in Parklands, Nairobi County, to Shree Vallabh Avenue, and upon approval, the County Government undertakes the installation of appropriate signage and updates all official records maps and documentation to reflect the new name.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Leader of Majority.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, at this juncture, allow me on behalf of this House to appreciate your office for a job well done as we expect the highest citizens of this country before this Hon. House. I remember saying long time ago that this House has received all types of people but I did not expect that one day it would receive H.E the President of the Republic of Kenya to give an address. Hon. Speaker, this is courtesy of your office and your work and also the Office of the President. I implore the entire House that as they go through the dry run programme for tomorrow, allow me to welcome all Members of the County Assembly...

Hon. Speaker: Kindly expound on the dry run programme.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: This is how the things will work on Thursday. This will start from here tomorrow at 12 p.m. We expect the entire House, the entire security apparatus of the County Assembly, the Executive, and the National Government to be present. It is a day in history that we shall never have ever as an MCA. It has started with the County Assembly of Nairobi. This is something that we cannot ignore as the citizens of this County, it is a very momentous time. I implore upon the Hon. House to come on time. Let us not have incidences with the security apparatus on Thursday. Let us come by 12 p.m. tomorrow so that we can have the dry run on how things will work.

Hon. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention that on Thursday we shall have a very momentous day for the County Assembly's forums in the republic. Being privileged to be working together with the Secretary General of County Assemblies Forum, I am aware that we are having a legislative summit to be hosted in Mombasa. Therefore, we may not have time to deliberate on Thursday. Hon. Speaker, may be you can allow the SG to expound on a few things. Nairobi holds everything in CAF, the SG here and the Speaker who sits in the Governing Council. We want the SG to give us the programme because on Thursday there will be no other thing to be transacted. I am also aware that by next week we should all be in Mombasa for the Legislative Summit.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chege, do you have something to share with the Members?

Hon. Chege Mwaura: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you and extend the same thanks to the Leader of Majority. We were consulting loudly in your office trying to see if the House should adjourn to allow us to go to Mombasa. Mr. Speaker, just to give a short background, the County Assemblies Forum that brings together all the 47 county assemblies with over 2,248 members, has a programme of events. The first being the annual general meeting which this Assembly and the County of Nairobi hosted the President at the KICC where the issues deliberated are of the whole counties in nature. We have the special interest groups summits; we did one on the 2nd of December for the PLWDs which was held here in Nairobi. We have held another one in Embu around the 4th of March for the Women Conference. We separated all these conferences so that at least all the special interest groups can be captured.

The upcoming one that the Leader of Majority is talking about is the Legislative Summit. We showcase legislatively what every Assembly has been doing and what other areas within the

specific departments, the committees that we chair and the best practices and better ways of improving amongst ourselves. In August around the Youth Day, we will have the Youth Conference.

Mr. Speaker, this calendar of events is important because it helps us first to unite all the 47 county assemblies and also speak to Kenyans on what the individual county assemblies are doing in various areas. In this year's summit we will be in Mombasa from Monday 13th April to 16th April. The assemblies will be asked to extend their programmes so that we start on Monday and end on Friday.

I want to thank you, your secretariat and the leadership of this House. Nairobi City County Assembly is in good standing with the County Assemblies Forum, this means that it has paid all its dues and is a fully compliant, and their letters have already been dispatched. We will be expecting the involvement of this Assembly and the experiences that we have had amongst our Members starting from Monday.

I had forgotten that we also run the County Assemblies Sports Association which takes place at around September. Essentially that is the programme that we have.

This summit is important because it is the penultimate to the next year's election. It is important to see what we have been able to do in the last three years; the gains that we have made. Of the five key areas, I am happy to announce that the taxation for the car reimbursements for the assemblies has been done. The financial autonomy for the county assemblies has been done, the salaries is an ongoing process and the pension. The Ward Development Fund to be captured in the NADCO Report is also an ongoing process. All these details will be conversed in details in Mombasa.

My final plea Mr. Speaker, and I did ask the Leader of Majority is that, it would be prudent – I plead because I am also a member who understands the backbench very well - if the Members are facilitated early enough so that we can allow members to be in Mombasa fully.

(Applause)

I am saying this, Mr. Speaker, because I have held two events at KICC where Members do not benefit from per diem. It is only fair when it is their turn now to go to Mombasa, that they go fully prepared and fully equipped to hold that meeting fully

(Applause)

It is a conversation we have had with the leader of Majority and I know you also being a very good leader of this process I know that the Members will be ready and we will be ready for them for them to come and exchange their the support that they have done in their various Committees with other County Assemblies to enrich the experience without Mr. Speaker I welcome the Assembly of Nairobi starting from you and the team that you will be bring so that as we start the process next week will be fully part of the process I thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chege.

(Applause)

Hon Peter Imwatok: I am reminded that the Clerk is under instructions to make sure Members go to Mombasa in a very dignified manner. The leadership of this House is on top of it, led by the Speaker. Before tomorrow, we will give further communication on the same. I am also aware of other things that I cannot say on this microphone, that what we had agreed in different forums. We are also following up. By the end of this week, things will be rolling properly for the interest of the Members.

Hon Speaker, I think you are the most blessed Speaker. You remember before the Rt Hon. Raila Odinga, our late party leader passed on, he visited this Chamber. I believe his spirit on Thursday will be with us here. So, we expect minute of silence, led by you or His Excellency the President, on behalf of our fallen hero. That day will be a solemn day for us to respect the sanctity of this House and to be there for the good of the future of Nairobi and precedencies that we are setting for this country.

Hon. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity, and Secretary General, thank you for that elaborate explanation of what we look forward in Mombasa. See in Mombasa next week. Thank you.

Hon Speaker: Thank you. Clerk!

BILL

First Reading

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY WARDS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BILL, 2026

(Order for First Reading read accordingly)

Hon Speaker: The Bill is now committed to the Committee on Ward Development Fund for further consideration and final processing.

MOTIONS

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON ALCOHOLIC DRINKS CONTROL
AND LICENSING BOARD FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Hon Chege Mwaura: Mr. Speaker, I thank you for this opportunity. Something I forgot, the Leader of Majority will bring the Procedural Motion for next week's adjournment for Legislative Summit

Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Public Accounts Committee, 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 the Nairobi City County Alcoholic

Drinks Control and Licensing Board for the year ended 30th June 2023, laid on the Table of this House on Tuesday 18th November 2025.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee's mandate is to oversight 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 to ensure that the Nairobi City County public funds are prudently and efficiently utilized. The Committee executes its mandate based on the annual and special audit reports prepared by the office of the Auditor General.

Mr. Speaker, following the committal of the Auditor General's report, as required by Article 229 of the Constitution, the Committee interrogated the accounting officers, witnesses and their written submissions, and in the scrutiny, the Committee was concerned in determining whether the year under review the County Officers upheld key principles of Public Finance.

Mr. Speaker, part of the report on the segments, one is on the inaccuracies of financial statements which include statements of financial performance and statements in changes in net assets, statements in comparison with actual budget and actual amounts, omission of rental arrears in trade and other payables, other matters which include and resolve prior year matters, non-enforcement of collection of revenue, and non-provision for rehabilitation facilities.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee having interrogated the management responses aforementioned, the audit queries for the Nairobi City County Alcoholic Drinks Control and Licensing Board for the year ended 2023 as far as inaccuracies in financial statements, the Committee recommends that: -

- i. The County Liquor Board and the County Assembly should consider approving the proposed amendments in the County Alcoholic Drinks Control and Licensing Act of 2014 within the next 90 days.
- ii. The County Liquor Board should undertake an annual update of the database of all liquor outlets within the County.
- iii. That accounting officers be reprimanded for failure to provide supporting documents as required by Section 62 of the Public Audit Act.
- iv. On the omission of rent areas in trade and other payables, the Committee recommends that within three months upon adoption of this report, the Board to provide the Committee with payment plans they entered into with the County Department for Trade.
- v. As far as prior year matters are concerned, the Committee recommends for a strong reprimand for the accounting officers for contravening Section 163 of PFM Act, and henceforth the accounting officer must always ensure adherence to the PFM Act.
- vi. As far as a collection of revenue, the County Assembly provides a clear schedule of licensing fees indicating the type of licenses and prescribed fees during the consideration of the proposed Amendment Bill.
- vii. On the provision of rehabilitation facilities, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly reprimands the Nairobi City County Alcoholic Drinks and

Licensing Board for failure to establish treatment and rehabilitation facilities and develop programs for persons dependent on alcoholic drinks in each of the various wards within the County area of Nairobi.

- viii. That the Nairobi City County Alcoholic Drinks Board should establish a treatment and rehabilitation facility and develop programs for persons dependent on alcoholic drinks.

Mr. Speaker, this Committee urges the County Assembly to adopt this report with the recommendations therein for further implementation by the relevant County officers.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the County officers and witnesses who appeared before the Committee. We also want to appreciate the Committee Members, the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk, and the office of the Auditor General for their steadfast support.

Mr. Speaker, if you allow me, I will request the Members of the Public Accounts Committee who are in the Chamber to be upstanding just for recognition. Mr. Speaker, I was earlier telling the Leader of Majority that this is one of the major committees that brings a lot of business, together with the Budget team. Today, we have three reports that we are bringing. In the pipeline, we have another six ready to be tabled to this House. These Members – you can see that they are on both sides of the House – work, including on Mondays, when there are no sittings, so that we are able to deliver to the Nairobians the mandate that they have been given. I want to thank them. I want Nairobians to know that a lot of work is done for us to be able to get the report.

Hon Speaker: The Chair, while they are still standing, you would want to persuade the Whips, at the point of reorganizing the Committees, to retain the Members

Hon. Chege Mwaura: That has been my standing request, because, Mr. Speaker, before the Members understand how various audit works, it takes a lot of time to understand how it works. It took a lot of time for us to be able to understand and be able to now move forward. If you make changes to these Members, we have to start again. So, it is my plea as the Chair of this Committee that I am confident and support all Members of every side to be remaining as they are for us to be able to conclude this business that is just one year to the end of this term.

Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Leader of Majority is a Member, the Deputy Whip is also a Member. Mheshimiwa Cyrus Mugo, who we call him *mzee wa kazi*, brings a lot of wisdom to the Committee. Our very indomitable woman leader, Mheshimiwa Emmy Khatemeshi is a Member. Mr. Speaker, it is important to mention that Mheshimiwa Emmy Khatemeshi, Mheshimiwa Jane Musangi and Mheshimiwa Rachel never miss the Committee sittings. So, we are always having quorum. In the gender balance, we always hit the requirements.

When you now bring the expertise of Mheshimiwa Paul Wachira, Mheshimiwa Carrington Heho and Mheshimiwa Martin Mbugua, you add them up with the likes of Mheshimiwa Mark Thiga, Mheshimiwa Eutychus and Mheshimiwa Rex, no one gets a way of escape. Anything that you might think you have passed through, Mheshimiwa Stazo, it is grabbed immediately on this other side by the Vice Chair. I really want to thank them. I will allow them to sit.

Mr. Speaker, finally, I want to add that I saw a blogger throwing jabs at me and saying how we do not call the TV people to put a lot of camera work. We have put a lot of

recommendations here and our recommendations are balanced between reorganizing the work that is supposed to be done, putting specific measures to support the work and also requesting for reprimands and administrative action to be done. So, it is important that the bloggers also take time to read the report before they attack the Chair. This Committee works as a team, so, anytime anyone wants to request this report, I know it has been tabled to you, look at it.

I also want to end by saying this committee thought that it would be important we put timelines. We have put 90 days where we feel it is applicable. We follow our own recommendations so that if a person from the Executive is not adhering to the recommendations they will be again in the hot soup of this Committee, and we might also be bringing them again for sanctions here. With that, Mr. Speaker, I beg to move. I will request Mheshimiwa Emmy to second this Motion.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Thank you, Hon Speaker and the Chair. I stand in support of the Motion. As the Chair has said, this Committee has lot of work. We make sure we burn midnight oil to make sure the reports are tabled in time. We only have one issue, sometimes before going through the reports and interrogate the people concerned, the reports reach the Senate. As the Chair said, the reports are supposed to have timelines. We make sure we do our best as a committee and come with recommendations and submissions that Nairobians should be seeing.

Lastly, as the Chair said, this Committee has a lot of work. Sometimes when we ask for more time or more funding, Hon Speaker and Chair of Chairs, kindly understand. I second the Motion. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, my screen is clear, an indication that there is no more debate on this Motion. I therefore call the Mover to reply.

Hon. Chege Mwaura: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Hon. Chege Mwaura: Mr. Speaker, I am back here again to move the following Motion:

THAT, the Assembly adopts the Report on the Select Committee on Public Accounts on the consideration of the Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements for the Nairobi City County Executive for the year ended 30th June 2023, laid on the Table of this House Tuesday 18th November 2025.

Mr. Speaker, the same background is what I will use as a foundation, and just cite two recommendations so that the Members also are not bored by many stories. We cited a couple of key areas, one was on the financial reporting and reconciliation. Of the five recommendations we mentioned, one of it was the institutional disciplinary action against officers responsible for the failure to provide statutory records in line with the County Public Service Human Resource

Manual. Again, on the issues of inaccuracies, and misclassification of expenditures and liabilities, we have recommended the strengthening of financial systems by digitizing the accounts payable process. We also requested that the Auditor General conducts an independent forensic audit into the pending bills with material relevant information supplied.

Mr. Speaker, on the issues of irregular payments, we requested, as a recommendation, that we are not just dealing with Executive but also the suppliers that also happen to be playing ball be blacklisted from doing business with this County moving forward.

Mr. Speaker, those are some of the recommendations, of course the detailed ones. I will request Members to check and follow up with them. I also want to thank the Members for following up. I will just request that the internal vigilance of making sure things are followed up is the strictness of this Assembly. With that, Mr. Speaker I beg to move and request Mheshimiwa Rachel to second this Motion. I thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Rachel Maina.

Hon. Rachel Maina: Thank you Hon. Speaker, for the time you have given me, and I want to thank you for catching my eye. I second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, my screen is clear. Allow me to request the mover of the Motion to make a point of reply.

Hon. Chege Mwaura: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you the House for agreeing with the Committee. I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON RECEIVER OF REVENUE FOR
COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Hon. Chege Mwaura: Mr. Speaker, again, I beg to move the following Motion:

THAT, this Assembly adopts the Report on Select Committee on Public Accounts on the consideration of the Report of the Auditor General on Receiver of Revenue for the County Government of Nairobi for the year ended 30th June 2023, laid on the Table of this House on Tuesday 18th November 2025.

Mr. Speaker, riding on the already established background that I gave when I was moving the first report, some of the recommendations vary. from the Committee recommending that the County Officer in charge of Treasury be directed to submit various reconciliation reports, bank balances, arrears and revenues, and the documentation of the Committee within the strict deadlines of 60 days after the report of this House.

Again, another recommendation is that, the Committee calls upon multiple follow-up actions including independent audits of Nairobi Pay, a follow-up by the Auditor General to verify compliance. We also want to establish an independent oversight taskforce on data migration, and the development of data security and compliance for this work.

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Mr. Speaker, the Receiver of Revenue is a big word of just saying that is the area that money comes in, and then the financial statements are the monies that are spent. So, in as much as we look at the monies that has been spent, we also want to see that based on the budget estimates that is tabled and also the finance bill, that bill is supposed to show you how to get that money. As we try to get that money, how prepared are you and how far are you from the targets that you put? So, we want to be very clear that some of the recommendations here touch on the Nairobi Revenue Authority that was supported, but has not moved very far.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I want to also commend the clerks that are working with us, Wasike and Benedict, and the team of the secretariat led by Rama Salim and another team that works behind the scenes to make sure that we are on course, and the team from the Office of the Auditor General that comes into play in helping us get the timely reports. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would wish to request Hon. Paul Wachira to second.

Hon. Paul Wachira: Hon. Speaker, I rise to second. I also want to join Members of the Committee in the House to appreciate the work that has been put in place by this Committee. It is sad and painful for us as a Committee that a keyboard warrior can sit somewhere and just blog without being factual about the workings of this Committee. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to call mover of the Motion to reply.

Hon. Chege Mwaure: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the House at large for agreeing with the Committee recommendations. I just want to again thank the House for staying put and ensuring that the processes have been done to completion. I want to thank you for giving us the necessary support to ensure that we are on time in bringing our reports. With that, Mr. Speaker, I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you may be up standing as we come to the close of the business of the day. I direct the sitting of the House Business Committee at the rise of the Assembly.

Hon. Members, the Assembly stands adjourned to tomorrow, Wednesday 8th April 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 4:16 p.m.