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SUBJECT: REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant Standing Order 196, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today Friday 23rd December 2022.

— THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES ON THE VETTING OF THE NOMINEES FOR THE CHIEF OFFICER FOR THE SECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(The Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Health Services)

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Subject: Adoption of report

Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion:-

- **THAT**, this Assembly Adopts **THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES ON THE VETTING OF THE NOMINEES FOR THE CHIEF OFFICER FOR THE SECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES** laid on the Table of the Assembly today, Friday, 23rd December 2022.

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Health Services)



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CITY HALL,
NAIROBI.

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1.0 PREFACE

1.1 Committee Mandate

Hon. Speaker,

The Sectoral Committee on Health Services is established under Standing Order No. 203 (1) and its mandate amongst others, as outlined under Standing Order 203 (6) includes *“vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 196(Committee on Appointments).”*

1.2 Committee Membership

Hon. Speaker,

The Sectoral Committee on Health Services was reconstituted by the Assembly on 27th October, 2022 comprising of the following Members:-

1. **Hon. Maurice Ochieng, MCA- Chairperson**
2. **Hon. Lily Akoth Kidenda, MCA- Vice Chairperson**
3. Hon. Evans Nyangicha, MCA
4. Hon. Asliv Muhamed, MCA
5. Hon. Benter Obiero, MCA
6. Hon. Ami Perez, MCA
7. Hon. Dabar Ahmedqadar, MCA
8. Hon. Emily Oduor, MCA
9. Hon. Cyrus Mugo, MCA
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11. Hon. Antony Maragu, MCA
12. Hon. Fatuma Abdiwahid Abey, MCA
13. Hon. Naomi Kerubo Bosire, MCA
14. Hon. Grace Kaheti, MCA
15. Hon. Chege Mwaura, MCA
16. Hon. Stephen Mugo Kimani, MCA
17. Hon. Chris Mtumishi, MCA
18. Hon. Patrick Macharia, MCA
19. Hon. Martin Mbugua, MCA
20. Hon. Lidya Akoth, MCA
21. Hon. Doreen Mugambi, MCA
22. Hon. Davidson Mugambi, MCA
23. Hon. Kame Adano, MCA

1.3 Message from His Excellency the Governor

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, **H.E. the Governor, Hon. Johnson Sakaja** vide a letter Ref. NCC/GOV/Legal/438/2022 and dated Wednesday 2nd December, 2022 nominated and forwarded to the County Assembly names of the following four (4) nominees for vetting and approval by the County Assembly for appointment to the respective Departments as indicated hereunder: -

S/NO	NAME OF NOMINEE	DEPARTMENT
1.	Mr. Geoffrey Omatoke Mosiria	Health Facilities
2.	Mr. Tom Michira Nyakaba	Public Health
3.	Ms. Irene Njeri Muchoki	Medical Services
4.	Mr. Benard Buluma Kulokhoma	Wellness, Nutrition & School Feeding

1.4 Committal to the Committee

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 43(1), the Honourable Speaker informed the Assembly on **Wednesday 14th December, 2022** that the Assembly had received the notification of the nominations. The notification of nominations was therefore referred to the Sectoral Committee on Health Services on Wednesday 14th December, 2022 for vetting and reporting to the Assembly within 21 days in accordance with Section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

Subsequently, the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the local dailies, specifically the Daily Nation Newspaper and the Standard Newspaper of Friday 16th December, 2022 inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (sworn affidavits) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees in conformity with Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

1.5 Committee Meetings

Hon. Speaker,

All the nominees appeared before the Committee on **Thursday 22nd December, 2022** and were vetted in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the County Governments Act, 2012 and the County Assembly Standing Orders on their suitability for appointment to the position of County Chief Officer. In total, the Committee held four (4) Sittings in consideration of this matter.

1.6. Committee observations on the nominees.

That pursuant to Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Committee observed that three(3) of the nominees namely; Mr. Geoffrey Omatoke Mosiria, Mr. Tom Michira Nyakaba and Ms. Irene Njeri Muchoki met the integrity threshold, and demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the sectors to which they have been nominated and professional experience to be approved for appointment. However, the Committee observed that one (1) nominee namely Mr. Benard Buluma Kulokhoma was considered as unqualified for the position of Chief Officer for Wellness, Nutrition and school feeding on the following grounds: -

- (i) Lacks any experience in the field of Wellness, Nutrition and School feeding and did not understand the sector demands.
- (ii) Lacks relevant academic qualifications since the nominee holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics which is not related to Wellness, Nutrition and School feeding; and
- (iii) Failed to respond to array of questions that were posted to him regarding Wellness, Nutrition and School feeding during the vetting process.

1.7. Committee Recommendations

THAT, having conducted the approval hearing of the nominees pursuant to Article Section 45 of the County Government Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the Standing Order 209 (6) (f) the Committee recommends that the House-

- a) Approves the nomination of Mr. Geoffrey Omatoke Mosiria for appointment as County Chief Officer, Health Facilities by His Excellency the Governor.
- b) Approves the nomination of Mr. Tom Michira Nyakaba for appointment as County Chief Officer, Public Health by His Excellency the Governor.
- c) Approves the nomination of Ms. Irene Njeri Muchoki for appointment as County Chief Officer, Medical Services by His Excellency the Governor.
- d) Rejects the nomination of Mr. Benard Buluma Kulokhoma for appointment as County Chief Officer, Wellness, Nutrition and School feeding by His excellency the Governor.

1.6 Acknowledgement

Hon. Speaker,

I take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations and vetting exercise. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk for the support accorded to it during the vetting exercise. The Committee is grateful to the staff of the County Assembly attached to the Committee for their services rendered to the Committee. Their efforts and input made the work of the Committee and the production of this Report possible.

Finally, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services pursuant to Standing Order 191 (6), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the County Assembly, the Committee's Report on the vetting of the two (2) nominees for appointment to the position of County Chief Officers to the Assembly for adoption pursuant to the Standing Orders of the County Assembly and other enabling provisions of the Law.

Thank you.

Signed
Hon. Maurice Ochieng, MCA, (Chairperson)

Sectoral Committee on Health Services

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Establishment of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services

The Sectoral Committee on Health Services is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order No. 203 (1) with the mandate to vet and report on appointments under Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, (County Chief Officers). The said Section requires H.E. the Governor of Nairobi City County, Hon. Johnson Sakaja to nominate as recommended by the County Public Service Board and with the approval of the County Assembly, appoint County Chief Officers.

In addition, Section 10(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 provides that:-

“Where the nomination of a candidate is rejected by a County Assembly, the appointing authority may submit to the relevant County Assembly the name of another candidate, and the procedure for approval specified in this Act shall apply accordingly.”

2.2 Appointment process of the County Chief Officers

Section 45 (1) (a) and (b) of the County Governments Act, 2012 provide for the Governor’s power to appoint County Chief Officers, with the approval of the County Assembly, from among persons who are not members of the County Assembly.

A letter from the Office of the Governor dated **Wednesday 2nd December, 2022**, addressed to the Speaker of the County Assembly indicated that pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, H.E. the Governor, Hon. Johnson Sakaja had nominated four (4) nominees to be considered for approval by the County Assembly for appointment as County Chief Officers responsible for the Sector of Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives.

On Wednesday, 21st December, 2022, the Honourable Speaker in a Message to the Assembly informed the Assembly on the receipt of the names of the four (4) nominees, and directed that the names and curriculum vitae of the said nominees be referred to the relevant Sectoral Committee for vetting and reporting to the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 203 (6) (f) and Section 10 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

2.3 Notification to the Public

Section 7(4) and (5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 provides that-, *“any person may, prior to the approval hearing and by a written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated” and “the committee shall, by notice in at least one newspaper of national circulation, notify the public of the time and place for holding an approval hearing at least seven days prior to the hearing”.*

Pursuant to the above provisions of the law, the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the local dailies, specifically the Daily Nation Newspaper and the Standard Newspaper on Friday 23rd December, 2022 inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (sworn affidavits) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees. At the close of business on Tuesday 20th December, 2022 no memoranda contesting the suitability of the nominees had been received from the public.

In accordance with the Section 7(4) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the general public was also notified in the local dailies by the Clerk of the County Assembly of the intention of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services to conduct the vetting and approval hearing of the four (4) nominees on Thursday 22nd December, 2022 at 12.00 p.m. 1: 00p.m, 2: 00p.m and 3:00 p.m. at the Assembly Chambers.

2.4 Clearance Requirements

To ensure compliance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Constitution, the nominees were asked to submit their clearance status with the following institutions for the vetting exercise –

- a) Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)
- b) Criminal Investigation Department (CID)
- c) Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
- d) Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) and
- e) The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)

The clearance by the foregoing institutions was primarily meant to provide information about the nominees on: -

- a) Matters touching on integrity;
- b) Tax compliance;
- c) Loan repayments; and
- d) Presence or absence of criminal records.

3.0 VETTING OF COUNTY CHIEF OFFICERS NOMINEES

In conducting the vetting process, the Sectoral Committee on Health Services examined the nominees against the following criteria, amongst others, as set out in the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017-

- (i) Academic qualifications;
- (ii) Employment record;
- (iii) Professional associations;
- (iv) Potential conflict of interest;
- (v) Knowledge of the relevant subject;
- (vi) Overall suitability for the position;
- (vii) Tax compliance;
- (viii) Integrity;

During its Sittings held on Thursday 22nd December, 2022 at the Assembly Chamber, Assembly Precincts, City Hall Buildings from 12:00 p.m, the Committee conducted face to face interviews of the nominees. The minutes of the vetting proceedings are attached to this report.

3.1 APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MR. GEOFFREY OMATOKE MOSIRIA - NOMINEE FOR HEALTH FACILITIES.

Mr. Geoffrey Omatoke Mosiria appeared before the Committee on Thursday 22nd December, 2022 at 12.00 pm and after introductions, he was informed by the Chairperson that in line with the provisions of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, the Committee had invited Memoranda from the Public on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, but none was received. He was further requested to forward his original credentials for verification by the Committee.

In response to questions put to him by Members of the Committee, Mr. Geoffrey Omatoke Mosiria stated as follows:-

While under oath, he proceeded to inform the Committee as follows:-

± Regarding self-introduction, knowledge, experience and qualification,

The nominee informed the Committee that he was born on 31st July, 1991 and; He is currently working as an Assistant Director, Youth Affairs at Nairobi City County.

‡ When asked on his Education Background and membership of any association

He stated that he is currently pursuing a second degree of Masters of Science in Business Administration at the University of Nairobi;
Graduated with a bachelor of Commerce Degree at the University of Nairobi

That he is currently a member of the Kenya Association of Health Administrators.

‡ When asked on where he has been employed

He responded that currently he is an Assistant Director, Youth Affairs at Nairobi County Government, in 2022 to date.

He also worked as a hospital administrator at Nairobi County Government, 2014 to 2022.

‡ On why he applied for the position

He responded that he had worked in the health sector for 10 years in various health institutions and that he has the capacity to serve Nairobians.

‡ When asked on how he would handle Pumwani Maternity hospital

He responded that in his previous job as hospital superintendent of the said hospital, he spearheaded transformation of the said hospital through safe delivery of expectant mothers as he managed to save a baby by arresting people who were alleged involved in theft of new born babies and further alluded that the same was aired by the media.

‡ When asked on how he will solve the current issue of land grabbing of the land housing the doctors' residence.

He reiterated that he will work closely with the County Department of Planning and Urban Housing together with the Sectoral Committee on Health Services to ensure that the grabbed land is repossessed.

‡ When asked how he would manage issue of equipping Mama Lucy Hospital

The facility had been on the limelight and that good management was vital, further he stated that Mama Lucy Hospital lacked Intensive Care Unit (ICU),

thus equipping the facility with an ICU unit in the institution was prudent and would help the entire Nairobians.

✚ When asked how he would manage issue of equipping Korogocho Level Five Hospital

He responded that, the facility needed to be fully equipped and operationalized by in cooperating the same into the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP).

✚ When asked on how he will ensure that he prevails reports requested by the assembly pursuant to the Standing Orders.

He would closely work hand in hand with the Committee and submit quarterly reports to the County Assembly for oversight purposes.

✚ When asked on whether he understood the role of the County Assembly

He responded by citing the three functions of the members of the County Assembly as;

- i) Legislation -They will come up with bills that ensures improvement of all County Health Facilities; and
- ii) Representation- He would work with Members of County Assembly to ensure that all the health Facilities in the 85 wards were well equipped with ambulance, ICU e.tc through in cooperating the same in the CIDP,

✚ When asked if he had other strengths Besides Education Background.

He responded that he had worked in health sector for more than 10years, was experienced and had capacity to deliver on the role of Chief Officer for Health Facility.

✚ When asked on how he would improve the health facilities in Nairobi, he stated as follows;

- i) Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital – had an ICU equipment donated by World Bank however the equipment had not been utilized hence he would equip it and operationalize it leading to reduced mortality rates;
- ii) Pumwani Maternity Hospital – He worked as a medical Superintendent where he helped in operationalization of the ICU unit and would do a follow up and request a list of all necessary equipment through the CIDP;

- iii) Mbagathi Hospital – that only two theatres had been utilized hence will follow up and request a list of necessary equipment through the CIDP;
- iv) Kwa Njenga Hospital – he would work to ensure facilitation and capitalization of its facilities.

± When asked on How he would contain the issue of smelling morgues at Mama Lucy;

He responded that the said hospital had coolants and these would help him to introduce embalming of the bodies in the said coolants by factoring it in the CIDP

± On the issue of Sector budget being redirected to other projects

He responded that he would work with the Chief Finance Officer to create a County Revenue Health Fund to avoid the said funds being directed to other County Projects.

± On his net worth,

He responded that his net worth was Ksh. 25million as follows;

- i) He invested in a land – 10 million
- ii) Land in Nairobi – 5 million
- iii) Two cars – owned through loans and business

That pursuant to Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Committee observed that the nominee met the integrity threshold, and demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the sector to which he has been nominated and professional experience to be approved for appointment.

3.2 APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MR. TOM MICHIRA NYAKABA – NOMINEE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Mr. Tom Michira Nyakaba appeared before the Committee on Thursday, 22nd December, 2022 at 1.00 pm and after introductions, he was informed by the Chairperson that in line with the provisions of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, the Committee had invited Memoranda from the Public on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, but

none was received. He was further requested to forward his original credentials for verification by the Committee.

While under oath, he proceeded to inform the Committee as follows:-

✚ When asked to enlighten the Committee about his personal background

He was currently a senior ophthalmic Clinical Officer and coordination Eye Practitioner at the Nairobi County Government, 2017 to date

He studied BSC degree in comprehensive ophthalmology and cataract surgery at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology

✚ On whether he had any professional membership

He stated as follows;

- i) He was the chairperson of the National Association of Comprehensive Ophthalmology practitioners (NACOPA);
- ii) He was a NEC member of the Global Association of Comprehensive ophthalmology practitioner (GACOPA);
- iii) He was a member of the Ophthalmic Clinical Officers Association (OCA); and
- iv) He was a member of the Kenya Clinical Officers Association (KCOA).

The nominee stated that, he had interest and passion in the area and would ensure achievement of Service Delivery

✚ On the number of Sub - Sectors in the Public Health Sector

He responded that there were four sub - sectors as follow;

- i) Food handling and Safety;
- ii) Vaccination;
- iii) Health Promotions; and
- iv) Maternal and Child Health.

✚ On how he would deal with the issue of Cholera outbreak in Nairobi restaurants operating without food handling certificates

He would engage in capacity building on all County Public Health Officers on maintenance of proper hygienic conditions and food safety.

Further, he reiterated that employment of personnel with integrity was vital to curb integrity issues in terms of efficiency

He would also ensure that the Public Health Sector provided enough reagents to test the foods in the restaurant and safe storage of the food thus he would give a checklist to all food venders

✚ **Regarding the loophole in revenue collection from the sector**

The nominee stated that he would strive to have revenue collection digitized and would also harmonize revenue collection laws both at the County and national levels. These would help to minimize loopholes within the system which makes it difficult for the County to reach its revenue targets and maximize on revenue collection.

✚ **With respect to the working relationship with the County Executive Committee member responsible for the sector and other officers**

He responded that he was committed to having a good working relationship with the CEC member and build bridges with other officers of the sector.

✚ **On whether he was suitable for the position of Chief Officer Public Health yet he is a Medical Officer**

He responded that, public health entailed primary health care thus he had involved himself in Community Health Projects which culminated into effective primary health care.

His focus was more on curative cure rather than preventive cure, leading to prevention of diseases and promotion of health.

✚ **On the issue of decongesting Lang'ata cemetery**

He would jointly with the Committee identify land in Athi River which will be suitable to place another cemetery.

✚ **On the first a hundred days in office as Chief Officer**

He would prioritize the issue of food handling certificates in restaurants and eateries in order to curb the outbreak of cholera.

± On the issue of rogue Public Health Officers who demand free food from restaurants and food eateries.

He would involve Members of County Assembly who are representatives of the public including Hotel/Restaurant owners in coming up with a proper system on how to handle rogue Public Health officers to avoid rampant conflict between the said officers and the restaurant owners.

He stated that the previous government lacked leadership and he could rectify that and that any officer found culpable would take responsibility.

± Regarding the Challenges facing the Public Health docket

He cited that there was lapse within the system regarding food handling certificates in food eateries and further promised to rectify on the same by engaging experts, providing reagents to test the food samples, a checklist to all food venders to check on hygiene standards.

± Regarding pressure from family and friends seeking services and favors from the docket

The nominee reiterated that he would deal professionally with pressure from friends and family within the given laws.

± When asked on his expectations by the Committee

He requested the Committee to approve him as he has all it takes to be in that position.

That pursuant to Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Committee observed that the nominee met the integrity threshold, and demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the sector to which he has been nominated and professional experience to be approved for appointment.

3.3 APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MS. IRENE NJERI MUCHOKI- NOMINEE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES.

Ms. Irene Njeri Muchoki appeared before the Committee on Thursday, 22nd December, 2022 at 2.00 pm and after introductions, she was informed by the Chairperson that in line with the provisions of the Public Appointments (County

Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, the Committee had invited Memoranda from the Public on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, but none was received. she was further requested to forward his original credentials for verification by the Committee.

While under oath, she proceeded to inform the Committee as follows:-

✚ When asked to brief the Committee on her educational background

She stated that she was currently undertaking her masters of Public Health at the University of Nairobi, 2016 – 2022.

She further stated that she had done a Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree at the University of Nairobi, 1999-2005 and also a BSC Zoology and Chemistry degree at the University of Eastern Africa Baraton, 1993 – 1997.

✚ On his work experience,

He stated that, he was the Head of Health products and Technologies/ County Pharmacies at the Nairobi County Government/ Defunct NMS, 2020 to date.

He was also a senior technical advisor for Antimicrobial Stewardship at the Management Sciences for Health, September to December 2021.

✚ Regarding his professional association

He stated that he is member of the pharmaceutical society of Kenya (PSK).

✚ On rebuilding the wounded trust between the Nairobians and the Health Care officials due to numerous cases of negligence in public hospitals across the City

She responded that she would engage the Medical workforce in capacity building both locally and internationally and offer Cooperative Social Responsibility within the medical facilities in the County.

✚ Regarding the issue of Health care services remaining a costly affair

She responded that they will accredit all county medical facilities with National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) covers to ensure that every Nairobi Can access quality and affordable Medical Services.

± On whether she understood the Facility Improvement Fund (FIF) Bill

She stated that the FIF Bill would allow the Level 4 medical facilities to be able to appropriate the funds at source. Further she cited that a County that doesn't reinforce FIF, faces a lot of challenges which leads to demotivated medical workers and poor accountability for money generated at medical facilities.

± With respect to the working relationship with the County Executive Committee member responsible for the sector and other officers

She responded that she was committed to having a good working relationship with the CEC member and build bridges with other officers of the sector

± In regards to address the shortage of drugs which has hit medical facilities across Nairobi

She stated that as a result of huge debt the County owes Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) which isn't able to supply medical and health products, she will authorize her sector to procure reliable affordable and quality medical products from outside KEMSA.

± Experience suitability for the position nominated

The nominee informed the Committee that she had gained sufficient managerial experience necessary for underrating the tasks of the sector she had been nominated to. The skills gained from her experience makes her suitably qualified for the position nominated.

That pursuant to Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Committee observed that the nominee met the integrity threshold, and demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the sector to which she has been nominated and professional experience to be approved for appointment.

3.3 APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MR. BENARD BULUMA KULOKHOMA- NOMINEE FOR WELLNESS, NUTRITION AND SCHOOL FEEDING.

Mr. Benard Buluma Kulokhoma appeared before the Committee on Thursday, 22nd December, 2022 at 3.00 pm and after introductions, he was informed by the Chairperson that in line with the provisions of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, the Committee had invited Memoranda from

the Public on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, but none was received. He was further requested to forward his original credentials for verification by the Committee.

While under oath, he proceeded to inform the Committee as follows:-

✚ Education suitability for the position nominated

The nominee informed the Committee that he holds a bachelor of arts degree in Economics from the University of Nairobi from 2003 to 2007.

He also stated that he holds a certificate in Certified Public Accountancy at the Kenya Institute of Management studies, 2014 to 2015.

✚ Work experience

He stated that he had worked as a deputy head station at Kenya Revenue Authority, 2016 to 2018.

He too worked as a head of enforcement unit at KRA, 2015 to 2016.

✚ On the relevance of his Economics Degree to the wellness, Nutrition and school feeding position he had applied for

He responded that economists are trained as public policy way makers hence economic factors play a crucial role and could affect personal nutrition status and wellness of an individual.

✚ On whether he had any experience in the field of Wellness, Nutrition and School feeding,

The nominee responded that he did not have any experience in the said field of Wellness, Nutrition and School feeding.

✚ When asked whether he understood the meaning of the sectors of wellness, Nutrition and school feeding since it was a new programme introduced in the County,

The nominee failed to respond adequately to the questions related to wellness, Nutrition and school feeding.

⌚ **Regarding importance of proper nutrition in schools**

The nominee failed to respond adequately to the said question.

⌚ **Regarding benefits of school feeding programs on children under adolescents**

The nominee failed to respond adequately to the said question

⌚ **Experience suitability for the position nominated**

That pursuant to Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Committee observed that the nominee met the integrity threshold but did not demonstrate knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the sector to which he has been nominated and professional experience to be approved for appointment.

4.0 COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS

The Committee having considered the nominees' filled Questionnaires pursuant to the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, their Curricula Vitae and having heard their oral submissions during the vetting exercise made the following observations:

THAT: -

1. All the nominees satisfy the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity which is a requirement under section 35(3)(c) of the County Governments Act, 2012 in that:-

The nominees have been cleared by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

2. All the nominees have not been charged in a Court of Law.
3. The Committee found only three (3) nominees suitable and qualified for appointment as the County Chief Officers for the three Sectors as follows;
 - a) Mr. Geoffrey Omatoke Mosiria – County Chief Officer, Health Facilities;
 - b) Mr. Tom Michira Nyakaba – County Chief Officer, Public Health; and
 - c) Ms. Irene Njeri Muchoki – County Chief Officer, Medical Services.


4. The Committee found that Mr. Benard Buluma Kulokhoma was not suitable and not qualified for appointment as the County Chief Officer for Wellness, Nutrition and School feeding due to the following reasons;

- (iv) The nominee was not qualified for the said position since he did not have any experience in the field of Wellness, Nutrition and School feeding and did not understand the sector demands.
- (v) The nominee lacks relevant academic qualifications since the nominee holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics which is not related to Wellness, Nutrition and School feeding; and
- (vi) The nominee failed to respond to array of questions that were posted to him regarding Wellness, Nutrition and School feeding during the vetting process.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT, having conducted the approval hearing of the nominees pursuant to Article Section 45 of the County Government Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the Standing Order 209 (6) (f) the Committee recommends that the House-

- a) Approves the nomination of Mr. Geoffrey Omatoke Mosiria for appointment as County Chief Officer, Health Facilities by His Excellency the Governor;
- b) Approves the nomination of Mr. Tom Michira Nyakaba for appointment as County Chief Officer, Public Health by His Excellency the Governor;
- c) Approves the nomination of Ms. Irene Njeri Muchoki for appointment as County Chief Officer, Medical Services by His Excellency the Governor; and
- d) Rejects the nomination of Mr. Benard Buluma Kulokhoma for appointment as County Chief Officer, Wellness, Nutrition and School feeding by His Excellency the Governor.

Signed  23-12-2022
Hon. Maurice Ochieng, MCA, (Chairperson)

Sectoral Committee on Health Services

