

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 12th March 2025

The House met at 10:10 a.m.

(Temporary Speaker (Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi) in the Chair)

PRAYER

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON VETTING OF MARGARET WANJA MBUTHIA TO THE SELECTION PANEL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Ruiru Bernard: Hon Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, pursuant to section 58 (a) of the County Governments Act 2012 and section 9 of the Public Appointments Act of 2017, this Assembly adopts the Report on Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Margaret Wanja Mbuthia, a private sector representative nominated by His Excellency the Governor for appointment to the selection panel for recruitment of members of the County Public Service Board laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday 11th March of 2025.

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Basically, Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Appointments recently held interviews for members of this selection panel, but we were remaining with one final member who represents the private sector and recently we conducted an interview on the same. It is for that reason that we are here to Table a Motion requesting this House to approve this nominee to join this selection panel, so that they can proceed with their responsibility that is mandated to them.

Therefore, Mr Speaker, in a sitting held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, the Speaker informed the House that he had received notification from His Excellency the Governor on the nomination of this nominee to represent the private sector selection panel for selecting suitable members of the County Public Service Board.

The Speaker committed the nomination to the Committee on Appointments for approval hearing, reporting to the House within 21 days. Basically, once the Speaker received this nomination from the Governor, it was forwarded to our Committee which is the relevant Committee, and we were tasked to handle this issue and have it Tabled to the House within 21 days, the reason is why we are here.

Our responsibility as the Committee, we focused and ensured that the Committee during its scrutiny confirmed that the Governor complied with all legal provisions for the nomination or other as contemplated under the section 58(a). Basically, we had to ensure that for this nomination to have been done, all the provided laws and regulations were adhered to by the appointing authority: in this case who is His Excellency the Governor.

An advertisement was also made on Wednesday, March 5, specifically on page seven of the Star, where the Clerk of the Assembly invited members of public to attend the approval hearing and also submit memorandum and all that, to ensure that the public participation is also involved. We can confirm that the office of the clerk had not received any memorandum and therefore, the Committee held approval hearing of the nominee on Tuesday 11th which is yesterday from 10 a.m. in the County Assembly boardroom under the oath of section 7 the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act of 2017.

Upon conclusion, because I want to be brief, we noted that the nominee demonstrated knowledge of her role in the selection panel and also to the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience to serve in the selection panel. We, therefore, through our interview and engagement with the nominee, the Committee was satisfied that this person is able to handle the responsibility and on behalf of this House, we therefore felt prudent enough to submit their name, for the approval of this great House.

Therefore, having conducted approval hearings of the nominee pursuant to the relevant governing Act, the Committee therefore recommended that the House approves Margaret Wanja Mbuthia, member from the private sector for appointment by His Excellency the Governor to the selection panel for members of the County Public Service Board. This is the panel that is now given the responsibility to interview and also to help with the County get the relevant members of the County Public Service Board and therefore it is our commitment as a Committee to ensure that this County gets the best. The County Public Service Board we all know its role and it is now this panel that will help us to get a stable, an able, a powerful public service board, which in return will empower our workers and it will enable our service delivery as a County. I therefore call upon our able member from the Committee Hon. Kamunyua John to second Motion.

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I second the Motion and I wish the panel well as they interview those board members. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi): Hon. Mirara from Kangari.

Hon. Moses Musa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support this Motion Hon. Speaker and I want to congratulate my fellow Appointments Committee members for the good work. You know honorable Speaker, our role as Appointments is looking at the suitability of whatever nominee that is brought to us by the executive. I want to assure members that, what we have done is good, we have done all the due diligence and I would wish to urge members to support this Motion. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi): I now call the mover to respond.

Hon. Ruiru Benard: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the chance. I wish to thank all the members, Honorable Mirara and also members of the House, for the confidence that you have shown, you to have in us as a Committee on Appointments. Be assured that we have done due diligence and we are there to ensure that we give the quality of leaders, quality of members of this County, what they represent and therefore wish to thank you all for the commitment, and also for the support that you have shown to the work that we have been doing. It is now our wish, Honorable Speaker, that we can only wish them the best and also thank you all the members for the support. I thank you, Mr. Speaker, as we call upon the members to support. *Asante sana* (Thank you very much)

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi): Honourable members, I have a notification to make. We are about to go for a short recess; pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order no. 29 and no. 30, relating to regular sessions of the calendar of the Assembly, the Speaker notifies that, upon the rise of the House today at the appointed time, regular sittings will resume on Tuesday, 1st April 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Honourable members, there being no further Business, this House now stands adjourned until Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

The House rose at 10:23 a.m.