

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Thursday, 2nd November, 2017

The Assembly met at 9:35 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR

**NOTIFICATION OF VETTING ON NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
POSITIONS OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Members, I wish to make the following communication, particularly, to explain the need for this special sitting.

Pursuant to Section 35 of the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012 and Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies' Approval) Act, we wish to report that the County Assembly received notification of nomination of the following for appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Members (CECMs) as listed below;

- a) CECM, Environment and Climate change – Cecilia Muthoni Kibe
- b) CECM, Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries – Albert Mwaniki Ndung'u
- c) CECM, Roads and Public Works – Amos Kuria Njoroge

Pursuant to Section 7 (5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies' Approval) Act, the County Assembly, vide advertisements in the daily newspapers on October 20, 2017, notified the public and the nominees of the time and place for holding the approval hearing. Subsequently, pursuant to Section 7 (10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies' Approval) Act, members of the public were invited to attend the approval hearing and/or submit any information or comments on suitability or otherwise, for appointment of the nominated persons.

The submissions were to be in the form of sworn affidavits and were to be accompanied by any documentary evidence. They were to be received by the Office of the Clerk on, or, before

Monday October 30, 2017. I wish to report that, as at 11:00 a.m. on October 30, 2017, the Assembly had not received any information, comments or affidavits on suitability or otherwise for the appointment of the nominated persons.

Hon Members, pursuant to Section 8 (1) (a) of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 7 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies' Approval) Act 2017, and Standing Order 198 (4), a meeting of the Committee on Appointments was convened to conduct the approval hearing for the nominees on Tuesday October 31, 2017. The nominees appeared before the Committee in the following order;

- Cecilia Muthoni Kibe, nominee for the Department of Environment and Climate Change.
- Albert Mwaniki Ndung'u, nominee for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.
- Eng. Amos Kuria Njoroge, nominee for the Department of roads and public works.

Upon conclusion of the vetting exercise, the Committee was to prepare a Report on the vetting exercise and Table it to this Assembly for consideration and approval today. That is the first communication. I will now proceed to the second one.

NOTIFICATION AND VETTING OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITIONS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Members, Section 12 of the County Government Act as read together with Section 46 of the County Assembly Service Act, provides that there shall be a County Assembly Service Board (CASB) for each County Assembly responsible for the following:-

- a) Providing services and facilities to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of the County Assembly;
- b) Constituting offices in the County Assembly Service, and appointing and supervising office holders;
- c) Preparing annual estimates of expenditure of the County Assembly Service and submitting them to the Assembly for approval, and exercising budgetary control over the service;

- d) Undertaking, singly or jointly, with other relevant organizations programs to promote the ideas of parliamentary democracy; and
- e) Performing other functions;
 - i) Necessary for the well-being of the members and staff of the County Assembly or,
 - ii) As prescribed by national legislation.

Hon. Members, Pursuant to Section 46 (3) of the County Assembly Service Act, the Board consists of;

- a) The Speaker of the County Assembly, as the Chairperson;
- b) Two Members of the County Assembly, nominated by the political parties represented in the County Assembly according to their proportion of Members in the County Assembly; and
- c) One man and one woman appointed by the County Assembly from amongst persons who are experienced in public affairs, but are not Members of the County Assembly.
- d) The County Assembly Clerk as the Secretary to the County Assembly Service Board.

Hon. Members, you are all aware that the Assembly does not have all the Members of the County Assembly Service Board as required by law. I further wish to notify you that without an operational County Assembly Service Board, it is impossible to run the Assembly optimally and make decisions. For instance, it is important that the Assembly establishes the County Assembly Car and Mortgage Committee which is a Committee of the Board; we cannot have this very important Committee without the appointment of the Board.

We, therefore, need to approve the Members of the Board to facilitate the processing of car loans and mortgages as quickly as possible for the Members of the County Assembly. We also need to formalize the requisition, with the assistance of the County Treasury and the Executive, funds for immediate programs of the Assembly, including the inter-County Assembly sports which are due very soon and the various seminars, and capacity buildings of Committees. The funds can only be requisitioned with the approval of the Board. I will now proceed to the next communication.

SUBMISSION OF OFFICIAL NAMES FOR
HANSARD RECORDING

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Members, this is a reminder; as communicated earlier, you are required to use the microphone and state your name whenever you make contributions during debate sessions to ensure that you are recorded in the Hansard. In view of this, you are required to submit two official names as they should appear in the Hansard. If you have not done that already, ensure that you give the details in a prescribed form to be filled at the Chief Serjeant-At-Arms office.

Hon. Members, it is also my very great pleasure to announce that one of our Members, Hon. Jeremiah Kongo, who was recently hospitalized is, by grace of God, well enough to be with us this morning.

(Applause)

I made a call to him this morning and he told me that he was in a car driven by my Personal Assistant (PA), and he expected to be here this morning. Hon. Kongo are you here?

(Hon. Jeremiah Kongo rose in his place)

Thank you very much. I hope that you are well. We can see that you have improved and we promise that we shall be with you all the way until final recovery. Do not feel that you are alone in that journey; we shall be with you through prayers and material support. Thank you.

SPECIAL MOTIONS
APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY
ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Francis Kibe: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Ithiru Ward. On behalf of the Leader of Majority, I beg to move the following Motion:-

THAT, pursuant to Section 12 of the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012 as read together with Section 46 (3) (c) and (d) of the County Assembly Service Act No. 24 of 2017; this House approves the appointment of the under listed, as Members of the County Assembly Service Board:-

1. Hon. Eric Kamande Kimani, MCA;
2. Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni, MCA;
3. Peter Kimani Njuguna; and
4. Catherine Wairimu Mugo.

Mr. Speaker, Section 12 (1) of the County Governments Act, 2012, establishes a County Assembly Service Board for each County Assembly. Further, Section 8 and 9 and the First Schedule of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017, provide that the County Assembly shall have regard to the national values and principles set out in Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. The County Assembly Service Board is responsible for the following;

1. Providing services and facilities to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of the County Assembly;
2. Constituting offices in the County Assembly Service, and appointing and supervising office holders;
3. Preparing annual estimates of expenditure of the County Assembly service and submitting them to the Assembly for approval, and exercising budgetary control over the service;
4. Undertaking, singly or jointly, with other relevant organizations programs to promote the ideas of parliamentary democracy; and
5. Performing other functions necessary for the well-being of the Members and staff of the County Assembly or as prescribed by National legislation.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Section 46 (3) of the County Assembly Service Act, the Board consists of;

1. The Speaker of the County Assembly, as the Chairperson;
2. Two Members of the County Assembly nominated by the political parties represented in the County Assembly according to their proportion of Members in the County Assembly;
3. One man and one woman appointed by the County Assembly from amongst persons who are experienced in public affairs, but are not Members of the County Assembly.
4. The County Assembly Clerk as the Secretary to the County Assembly Service Board.

Mr. Speaker, in this regard, the first category of Members appointed to the County Assembly Service Board have been nominated in accordance with Section 46 (3) (c) of the

County Assembly Services Act, 2017, which provides that the Board consists of, “Two Members of the County Assembly nominated by the political parties represented in the County Assembly according to their proportion of Members in the County Assembly. The appointing authority in this case is the party, through the party leader.

Mr. Speaker, having consulted your able office, the party leader nominated the following two persons in this first category;

- 1.Hon. Erick Kimani Kamande, MCA Kahumbu Ward and Leader of the Majority Party.
- 2.Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni Maina, MCA, Kakuzi/Mitubiri Ward.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform this Hon. House that Hon. Erick Kimani Kamande holds vast experience, having been a Member of the First County Assembly of Murang’a and the Chair of the Public Accounts and Investment Committee (PIC/PAC). He is a trained accountant and holds a Diploma in Business Management.

I wish to note that while enhancing checks and balances, and separation of powers pursuant to Article 174 and 175 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the County Assembly Service Board regularly interacts with the Executive Arm of the County Government, particularly on financial matters, among other issues of concern for the County. Many are the times, when the County Assembly has to seek assistance of the County Executive to temporarily bridge gaps in its cash flow and also in getting funds released from the Controller of Budget (COB) and the County Treasury. This very useful linkage is provided through the Office of the Leader of Majority.

Mr. Speaker, it is my belief that, as the Chair of the County Assembly Service Board, you will find it very useful to have somebody who has direct and unimpeded access to the relevant Executive authority.

The Second nominee in this first category is Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni Maina, Member of the County Assembly for Kakuzi/ Mitumbiri Ward. In your speech, upon being sworn in as the Speaker of the Second Assembly of Murang’a, you put it very clearly that you would like to set high standards of performance in this Assembly to retain the positive reputation it has had. These were your words, “It is my hope and also the hope of all the Members of this Hon. House, that this Assembly will achieve International Standards Organization (ISO) certification which will open the door to many possibilities.”

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni Maina is an Information Technology expert and an approved ISO certified auditor, with over 23 years of proven experience and visionary leadership. She will bring to this Board such vast experience gained from recognized audit and management institutions she has previously served. More importantly, she has been instrumental in the formulation and review of the strategic plan for the Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examination Board (KASNEB), among other institutions of repute.

Mr. Speaker, the nomination of the second category of the Members of the County Assembly Service Board was done pursuant to Section 46 3(d) of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017 which provides that, “the board consists of one man and woman appointed by the County Assembly from amongst persons who are experienced in public affairs, but are not Members of the County Assembly”.

The nomination of Members of the County Assembly Service Board for this category was conducted through a competitive recruitment which was advertised in the local dailies through the office of the Clerk. 22 applications were received at the end of the application period and 10 applicants were then shortlisted on merit and interviews were conducted. The selection criteria also considered the following:-

1. Knowledge of the County Government structures.
2. Knowledge of the work of the County Assembly Service Board.
3. Experience in public affairs.
4. Added value to the Board.

Mr. Speaker, the following two persons were nominated for appointment as Members of the County Assembly Service Board pursuant to Section 47 3 (d) of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017.

1. Peter Njuguna Kimani.
2. Catherine Wairimu Mugo.

Peter Njuguna Kimani is a Kenyan national and a resident of Murang'a County, presently awaiting graduation for a Master's Degree in Law at the University of Nairobi, with special bias in democracy and governance. He is an Advocate with good background in legal practice, but over time, building capacity and interest in socio-economic development, governance and agri-business.

He was a former Member of the First County Assembly Service Board of Murang'a for a period of four and a half years, where he greatly assisted the Assembly in legal matters. He is also the former Managing Director of the Kenya Planters Co-operative Union (KPCU), an apex body of Kenyan planters with networks and branches all over the country.

Mr. Kimani has deliberately devoted part of his life to community development especially in areas of education for the less privileged, youth career coaching and Christian ministry. This experience and exposure makes him a talented and resourceful individual with a broad mind; a pre requisite for the Board Member position.

Mr. Speaker, the second nominee in this second category is Catherine Wairimu Mugo.

Catherine is a Kenyan citizen and a resident of Murang'a County. She holds a Bachelor of Social Legislation, a Bachelor of Law and a post graduate Diploma in law from the Kenya School of Law.

She is an Advocate with over 10 years post admission experience, a former Member of the first County Assembly of Murang'a and a former Member of the Speaker's panel. She possesses good knowledge in public affairs, public participation, Assembly procedures, and structures and statues relating to County Government.

I request the Members of this Hon. House to adopt the nomination of the aforementioned as Members of the County Assembly Service Board. I now call upon Hon. Lilian Kabaya to second the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Lilian Kabaya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am a nominated Member of the County Assembly from Township Ward and I beg to second the Motion. Under Section 4 of the County Assemblies' Services Act of 2017, the County Assemblies' Service Board is envisioned to be an institution that embodies extemporary administration and technical competence.

As the Hon. Mover has mentioned, all the persons who have been nominated to this Service Board have extensive professional knowledge and competence. They also embody the principles that we, as a County, stand for. Under the values in Section Five of the County Assemblies' Service Act, Members of the Board are supposed to have, among others, the following values:-

1. To offer non-partisan and impartial advice to the Assembly and its Committees.
2. Promote accountability and integrity in delivery of services by the County Service Board.
3. Inspire public confidence and respect for our County Assembly.

As you can see from the profile of all the Members, they have those values. They will inspire confidence in our Assembly and they will offer us much needed advice as we go on with our duties. The recruitment of the other two Members, apart from the Assembly Members, was done through a competitive process; it was advertised in local dailies. We have thus met the test of integrity in recruiting the Members. I will, therefore, urge my fellow Hon. Members to adopt this Motion as I believe the Members will offer great service to our Assembly. I second. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): There being no reaction, I will put the Question.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

APPROVAL OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Kakuzi/Mitumbiri Ward and I beg to move the following Special Motion on the approval of CECMs:-

THAT; this House adopts the report of the Select Committee on Appointments, bearing the persons appointed as the CECMs, and pursuant to Article 179 (2) (b), Section 35 of County Government Act No. 17 of 2012 and Section 4 of the Public Appointment County Approval Act No. 5 of 2017 approves the appointment of :

1. Cecilia Muthoni Kibe, CECM for Environment and Climate Change;
2. Albert Mwaniki Ndung'u, CECM for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries; and
3. Amos Kuria Njoroge, CECM for Roads and Public Works.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 8 (1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and Section 7 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies' Approval) Act 2017, the Committee on Appointments conducted vetting of three nominees for public appointments to the positions of the CECMs. The terms of reference for the Committee are:

- 1.To report on the findings of the vetting of the three nominees for the public appointments to the positions of CECMs.
- 2.To recommend the approval or disapproval of appointments of the nominees to the positions of CECMs.

Mr. Speaker, the Members of the Committee on Appointments are as follows:

Hon. Leonard Nduati Kariuki	Chairperson/Speaker
Hon. Erick Kamande Kimani	Leader of Majority
Hon. Zablon Machugu Nduati	Member
Hon. Sospeter Nyoko Muriuki	Member
Hon. Gerald Wambugu Mwangi	Member
Hon. Cathryn Wanjiku Mwangi	Member
Hon, Jane Wanjiru Muigai	Member
Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni Maina	Member
Hon. Zablon Machugu Nduati	Member

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Appointments is established and derives its mandate from Standing Order 198 as follows:-

1. There shall be a Select Committee to be designated the Committee on Appointments to be appointed by the Assembly, consisting of the Speaker as a Chairperson, the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and not more than six other Members nominated by the Assembly parties, on the basis of proportionate party membership in the Assembly, taking into consideration the numerical strength of the parties and interests of independent Members.
2. The Committee on Appointments shall be appointed within seven days of a new Assembly and shall serve for a period of three years and shall, thereafter, serve for the remainder of the term of the Assembly
3. In the absence of the Speaker, the Committee shall select a Member, from amongst its Members, to chair the meeting.
4. The Committee on Appointments shall consider, for approval by the Assembly, appointments under Articles 179 (2) CECMs.

5. The quorum of the Committee on Appointments shall be one half of the Members of the Committee, but the Speaker shall not be counted for the purposes of quorum and shall not vote.

Mr. Speaker, this report was considered at length by the Committee in a sitting held at the County Assembly Boardroom on October 31, 2017. The resolution to adopt this report was reached unanimously by Members of the Committee. The Committee wishes to sincerely thank the Offices of the Hon. Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support and services extended to the Members to enable it complete this report. I am grateful for the Members of the Committee as well, for their diligence, commitment and competence in the completion of this task.

On behalf of the Committee on Appointments and pursuant to Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 8 (1) (a) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and Section 9 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies' Approval) Act 2017, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report on the vetting of the three nominees for appointment to the position of CECMs for consideration and adoption.

Pursuant to Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 8 (1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and Section 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies' Approval) Act 2017, the Governor, forwarded to the Clerk of the County Assembly, the nomination of the following three persons, vide letter Ref: MCG/PS/COUNTY/ASS/VOL.II (81) dated October 10th, 2017, and another letter Ref: MCG/PS/COUNTY/ASS/VOL.II (83) respectively for vetting by the Committee on Appointments and consideration for approval by the County Assembly for appointment as CECMs for the respective Departments:

- Cecilia Muthoni Kibe, nominee for the Department of Environment and Climate Change.
- Albert Mwaniki Ndung'u, nominee for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.
- Amos Kuria Njoroge, nominee for the Department of Roads and Public works.

Mr. Speaker, the first nominee is, Mrs. Cecilia Muthoni Kibe, nominee for the Department of Environment and Climate Change. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen born on 12th January 1957 in Murang'a County. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Sociology and Community Development from the University of Nairobi. The nominee holds a Degree from the

Methodist University in BSc. Agriculture from the year 2003 to 2005. She also holds a Diploma from the Egerton University from the year 1983 to 1986 in Animal Husbandry.

Cecilia is currently working for the Climate Change Working Group as a Director from 2009 to date. She has worked for the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Production from the year 1983 to 2007. She has also worked for the Revitalization of Indigenous Foods (RINCOD).

This nominee has held public offices for the following period:-

- a) Trainer, Embu Institute of Agriculture, 1983 -1988;
- b) Principal, Mariira Farmers Training Centre, 1988 -1991; and
- c) Divisional Agriculture and Livestock Officer – Kangema, 1992 – 2007.

Cecilia understands the roles of a CECM for Environment and Climate Change. She stated that water is a devolved function and she would ensure clean and accessible water for all the residents of Murang'a County. She informed the Committee that she had prepared a roadmap for clean water that was submitted to the Governor and would cater for immediate water needs of the County, that are a priority and a need/ challenge to most residents of the County.

The nominee highlighted various issues related to environment and climate change that she would be in a position to address once in office. She highlighted the following:

- 1) Waste management in towns and rural areas; and
- 2) Water catchment areas.

Having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7 (9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies' Approval) Act, 2017, her Curriculum Vitae (CV) and having heard her oral submission during the vetting exercise, the Committee made the following observations:-

1. THAT, she satisfies the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity, having been cleared by the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).
2. THAT, she has no potential conflict of interest and in case it arose, she would declare in advance.
3. THAT, she exhibited expressive knowledge of topical issues pertaining to the Department of Environment and Climate Change.

Cecilia, therefore, demonstrated that she has the requisite competencies, qualifications, exposure and experience for the position. The Committee found her suitable for appointment as the CECM for Environment and Climate Change.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Albert Mwaniki Ndung'u, is the nominee for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree (First Class Honors) in Agriculture and Home Economics from the Egerton University, Njoro, (1993 -1998). Albert attended Kiriti Secondary School (1988 -1991) and attained Grade B-. He is currently pursuing a Master of Science Degree in Integrated Soil Fertility Management at Kenyatta University.

This nominee has undertaken trainings in the course of his employment in the following areas:-

1. Traceability and Food Safety - A.I.C.A.D – Thika; March 2007;
2. Quality Management Systems and Audit Techniques – House of Quality, South Africa: August 2004;
3. Safe and Effective use of pesticides – Real I.P.M Company; June 2004;
4. Integrated Pest Management - Real I.P.M Company; March 2004;
5. Training of Trainers (T.O.T) - Real I.P.M Company; February 2004; and
6. Effective Pesticide use – Pesticides and Agricultural Resource Center (PARC); January 2004.

Mr. Speaker, Albert is currently serving as the CECM for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, since May 2013 in Murang'a County Government. He worked as a technical specialist for food security at the World Vision Kenya from the year 2012 to 2013, worked at Frigoken Limited as an Agronomist at the Coast and Central Kenya regions between years 2009 to 2001, was the Regional Manager of the East African Growers Limited; Central Kenya region in the year 2008 and has worked as the product manager, Vegetables at Everest Enterprises Limited between years 2004 to 2007.

Mr. Speaker, Albert is a registered member of the Kenya Society for Agricultural Professionals and is a Board of Management Member for the Nature Conservancy, 2016. He is also an Alumni of JICA, 2015.

Having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7 (9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies' Approval) Act, 2017, his CV and having heard his

oral submissions during the vetting exercise, the Committee made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as the CECM for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries:-

1. THAT, he satisfies the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the KRA, HELB, EACC, DCI and the CRB.
2. THAT, he has no potential conflict of interest.
3. THAT, he exhibited remarkable knowledge and interest on topical issues pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.
4. THAT, from his impressive employment records and major achievements, he demonstrated that he has the requisite competencies, qualifications and experience for the position.

Therefore, the Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the CECM for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

Mr. Speaker, I will now proceed to the last one, Mr. Amos Kuria Njoroge, the nominee for the Department of Roads and Public Works. Amos holds a Bachelor of Science (Civil Engineering) Second Class Honors, Lower Division, from the year 1993-1998 and is trained on disaster preparedness. Amos has been working as the CECM for Energy, Transport and Infrastructure, Murang'a County Government, from the year 2013 to date.

He was the project manager at Songwe Airport in Tanzania from year 2010 to April 2012. He worked as a project manager at Kundan Singh Construction Limited in the year 2006 and was involved in projects such as Gigiri Water Project, upgrading to bitumen standard of Kaptama-Kapsokwony-Sirisia road (D275) and Kisumu Water Supply and Sanitation Project. This nominee has over 14 years extensive experience in civil/structural analysis and supervision of airport, water and sewerage, roads and other associated works.

Engineer has been involved in the design, tender documentation, project management and supervision of infrastructure development, roads, sewer reticulation and storm water drainage, structural designs for residential departments, shopping complex, office blocks and schools. He conducted hydrological evaluation analysis of the performance of drainage system in the Central Business District (CBD) Nairobi.

The nominee has worked in Botswana where he was involved in lead engineering team in design and tender documentation of the upgrading of old Naledi infrastructure which involved

road networks, sewer and water reticulation, street lighting and storm water drainage, Tshabong access roads, Serowe phase II and Lethakane internal roads and link roads, totaling to over 400 kilometres. He was a section Engineer for Machaneng access road, a 78kilometre network, and was responsible for design, implementation, design modification to suit site conditions, quality control and assurance and co-ordination of junior staff.

Mr. Speaker, Amos was involved in labour-based projects in Kenya where access roads to tea estates were upgraded by hand packing of stones and excavation of meter drains. He has been involved in community based projects, especially Ragia Water Community Project, in offering technical advice during implementation. The nominee is a professional registered Engineer with Engineers Registration Board (ERB). He was once registered with the ERB of Tanzania between 2011 and 2012.

Mr. Njoroge has satisfied the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, having submitted the following documents: the clearance certificate by the HELB and the certificate of clearance is No. 66435 dated 9th July, 2013. His EACC clearance certificate is dated 13th October, 2017. The CRB certificate is No. MCRB/C121408 dated 14th October, 2017 while the police clearance invoice from the DCI is dated 13th October, 2017.

This nominee has never held any public office and has never been involved in any political activities and affiliations. He has never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution and has never been adversely associated with practices that depict bias, favoritism or nepotism in the discharge of public duties. Amos has never been charged in any Court of law in the last three years. He has never been adversely mentioned in an investigatory report of Parliament or any other Commission of Inquiry in his entire life.

The nominee did not have any objection in making any enquiries with her employer/referee in course of consideration of his nomination. He has no plans whatsoever for outside commitment during service in office. He is tax compliant.

Having considered his filled questionnaire, pursuant to Section 7 (9) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies' Approval) Act, 2017, his CV, and having heard his oral submissions during the vetting exercise, the Committee made the following observations on the suitability of Amos for appointment as the CECM for Roads and Public works:-

1. THAT, he satisfies the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the KRA, DCI, HELB, EACC and CRB.
2. THAT, he has no potential conflict of interest.
3. THAT, he has never been dismissed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution, which deals with conduct of state officers that are adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any commission of inquiry.
4. THAT, he presented knowledge of issues pertaining to the Department of roads and Public Works.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee, therefore, found this nominee suitable for appointment as the CECM for Roads and Public Works.

Having considered the nominees' filled questionnaires pursuant to Section 7 (9) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies' Approval) Act, 2017, their CVs and having heard their oral submissions during the vetting exercise, the Committee made the following general observations for all them:-

1. THAT, all the three nominees satisfy the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the EACC, DCI, KRA, HELB and CRB.
2. THAT, all the nominees have not been charged in a Court of Law in the last three years.
3. THAT, the nominees do not have a potential conflict of interest.
4. THAT, none of the nominees has ever been dismissed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution, which deals with conduct of state officers that are adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any commission of inquiry.
5. THAT, the nominees have never been adversely associated with practices that depict bias, favoritism or nepotism in the discharge of their duties.
6. THAT, all the nominees exhibited outstanding competencies, qualifications and experience on matters pertaining to the respective Departments.

Therefore, the Committee found all the nominees suitable for appointment as CECMs.

Mr. Speaker, I beg that, pursuant to Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 198 (4); the County Assembly adopts the report of the Committee and approves the nomination of the following persons for appointment by His Excellency the Governor to the positions of CECMs:-

1. Cecilia Muthoni Kibe, nominee for the Department of Environment and Climate Change.
2. Albert Mwaniki Ndung'u, nominee for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.
3. Amos Kuria Njoroge, nominee for the Department of Roads and Public Works.

I now call Hon. Cathyrn Mwangi to second the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Cathyrn Mwangi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am a nominated MCA and I stand to second the Motion. I sat through the Appointments Committee and listened to the three nominees. I believe in their employment records, the education records, the achievements they portrayed and the work they plan to do for the County. They are relevant to us and are capable of holding the respective offices. I, therefore, urge the Members to support the Motion. I second.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Thank you, I will now propose the question.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Peter Mweri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Rwathia Ward and I stand here to support the Motion. I begin by thanking you, as the Chair of the Committee, for spearheading this sitting. We are very happy since, going by your opening remarks, some services have to go on, including those of the Service Board. I really appreciate the report because it has come at the right time. We also need to start working.

I also thank the Governor for making these appointments. I was in the last Assembly and I know two of the nominees. If you look at the report, you will realize that the Committee considered academic qualifications and previous records; hence I am sure these CECMs will deliver.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Mwaniki and Hon. Amos were in the last government and I wish to inform the Hon. Members that we had started many projects, especially on roads and infrastructure. As we talk, those projects are not complete. Further, we initiated many projects in agriculture on value addition, most of which are still on-going. It is therefore good that the Governor thought it wise to have these CECMs back for continuity.

We had programs in irrigation whereby each Ward had been allocated Kshs10, 000,000. I am sure we are going to follow up on those projects, through the wise leadership of our Majority Leader, so that every home in our Ward gets water for irrigation and drinking. It is good to note that the CECM for Agriculture did a lot of value addition on avocados and such programs will continue. With those few remarks, I support the report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Murigi Amos: Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Kimorori/Wempa. I also congratulate the Committee for the work done and the exhaustive report. Basing on the impeccable experience of the nominees, I do not have any issue with them. However, public participation is lacking.

According to Section 79 of the Public Appointments and County Assemblies' Approval Act, it is a requirement to notify the public. Last time, there was a notification on 17th September, 2017 notifying members of public about the vetting of the CECMs. If we go on to approve these names, any resident of Murang'a can move to Court to oppose their appointment. Article 118 of the Constitution has been violated and, as Members of this Assembly, we should not ignore it.

Mr. Speaker, I learnt about the approval this morning meaning that the public was not also aware and they might oppose it in Court. I have seen other Assemblies in this country take two weeks to vet such nominees but for us, we spend 10 to 15 minutes and at times, we do not get enough time to scrutinize these reports. I propose that we take this report back to the Committee so that members of the public can have their input on what we are doing to avoid them taking us to Court. We also need to comply with various Sections of the County Assemblies' Approval Act and the Constitution of Kenya. I beg to oppose and have the report taken back to the Committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Stephen Chege: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am a nominated MCA representing the youth. I stand to support the Motion from a point of knowledge. I attended the Appointment Committee meeting when they were carrying out the vetting exercise and I am aware that members of public were invited. They came and participated. I support the Motion.

(Applause)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Charles Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I come from Ichagaki Ward and I represent the people that voted for me, inclusively and exclusively. I stand in this House to oppose the Motion knowing that Article 1 of the Constitution provides that sovereign power belongs to the people. The people of Ichagaki delegated their power to me and I delegated the same power to the Committee on Appointment.

Mr. Speaker, when I delegated the vetting power to the Committee, I expected to get a fully fine-tuned report to fully adopt it. If you check page 16 on the integrity in section A, on Albert Mwaniki Ndung'u, the clearance certificate number by the HELB is 66435 and is dated 25th February, 2014. It cannot be the same certificate that is clearing Amos Kuria Njoroge. If you check page 21, the clearance certificate by the HELB is number 66435, dated 9th July 2013. I believe that the vetting Committee did a thorough job but one certificate cannot clear two persons. Those certificates should be brought to this House so that we verify. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Mburu Muthoni: Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Kagunduini Ward. My great interest as I support this Motion is on the access roads. The nominee, Eng. Amos, has vast experience, bearing in mind that he was in the last Executive Committee. I also congratulate Members of the Committee who did this good work, by vetting these people clearly. Page 23 captured my attention where question number three was posed to the nominee.

Before I even pose the question, the last Assembly, being the first Assembly under the County Government had so many challenges, especially on supplies and the issue of contractors. We have seen them go to streets complaining about their payments. This issue is still in our good County of Murang'a. I am however satisfied because when the nominee was asked question six in page 24 number, he replied that he would ensure that priorities would be set well to avoid such instances.

Mr. Speaker, when he talks of priorities, it means there were other things that were given attention to, and this particular good factor was not considered. I know he responded to this with

his mind put together. As the Chairperson for the Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Committee, I will follow him to the letter to make sure that these priorities are not misplaced.

I am also satisfied with question number three on page 23 on why the County Government failed to tarmac roads in various Wards during the previous regime. In his good and sober mind, the nominee said tarmacking of County roads had not been set as a priority in the last County Government; again the key word, priority, comes back.

Mr. Speaker, even as I support, the status of our roads in our County is too pathetic. I beseech this particular nominee to put in more effort and energy to make sure that the experience and all the intricate he has earned in the last five years in the first County government is made use of. He should make sure that he represents the Executive well as he liaises with the Assembly so that we can have Murang'a County shining.

We also had an issue of tractors in the last Assembly. The tractors were only in very few particular Wards; I do not know the reason it was so. This particular term, we expect this nominee to make sure that all the roads are done without favor; all the roads are done uniformly; and all 35 Wards are properly made and represented in his docket.

As I support, I cannot forget the crucial point that has been raised by the Hon. Member for Kimorori/Wempa, Hon. Muriigi Amos. We complained about the same issue last time when we were here to approve the CECMs. The issue was that papers are brought to us 10 minutes before the House begins. I can take 20 minutes to put gimmicks and critics into a CV of a candidate. Next time, and for this House to move well with all the professionalism it pertains, we need to have ample time to make sure that we have scrutinized all these people well, despite having bestowed that duty to the Committee. I support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Gatanga Ward and I stand to support this Motion. We need to know that the public participated during the vetting. I found some people when I came here who were given an opportunity to ask questions. Most of the questions you see, for example, in the case of Eng. Amos came from the public; some of them questioned why the County is not paying the debts owed to the contractors.

Number two, the nomination of Albert Mwaniki touched me because he has been of great help to my Ward. We have been having a serious menace of monkeys there; they have been eating from the houses of my people. They enter through the windows, snatch the food and run away. What about the food production in the shambas (farms)? They have invaded everywhere and we no longer produce anything in our area. They are doing very dangerous activities in our farms, including feeding on the nappier grass. We are very much concerned but the CECM is doing something. It is good we support his nomination and that of the others so that our County can move forward. As a County Government, we need to help our people tackle such problems. I support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Caroline Njoroje: I rise to support the Motion. Having sat in the last regime, I experienced the services of the two nominees. On the issue of contractors having not been paid, the CECM had already done his work but the Department of Finance failed to do its work.

I wish to notify the Members that our roads were in very bad condition when we came to this Assembly. I was a Member in the Committee on Roads and I remember we could not prioritize tarmacking of roads because we had to begin by digging and grading them. Putting murrum was not also easy. The money allocated to various Departments in our County is not enough to tarmac the roads.

I believe that the Hon. Members who have been elected to this Assembly are being nagged by their people. Since time is running short, I wish we have these people in place to continue with the works that were going on in the County and also be in a position to deliver services to our wananchi (citizens). I beg that we support this report and approve these Members so that we can move on as a County. I support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Erick Kimani: Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Kahumbu Ward and the Leader of the Majority. Apart from focusing on the general qualifications, such as the academic and experience, when vetting these nominees, there were some other issues that the Committee wanted to know. As young Members and others, we sincerely wanted to know whether these nominees will create job opportunities for our young people.

Cecilia, the nominee for environment, outlined how she will establish youth groups that will have tree nurseries. The County Government will buy the seedlings at subsidized fee and plant across the County.

We also requested to know from the nominee for Transport and Infrastructure, Mr. Amos, whether he will create job opportunities for our young people. He told the Committee that they will create youth groups in every Ward to ensure that the young people will undertake road maintenance across the County.

We posed the same question to the nominee for agriculture, Mr. Albert, and he informed the Committee that the Department would do so through agricultural activities like value addition for our crops and fruits. He told us that he will try as much as possible to make sure that there will be youth groups in our Wards who will undertake those activities across the County.

This process starts with the appointment by the Governor who proposes the names and forwards them to the County Public Service Board where they are interviewed. Afterwards, the names are advertised and forwarded to the Committee on Appointments for vetting. Members of public who have anything against any nominee are requested to write memoranda to the Assembly to be considered by the Appointments Committee during the vetting. This was done and members of public, unlike previously, did not submit memorandum but attended the vetting exercise.

This means that the public was convinced about the interviewing, advertisement and vetting process of these Members. Members of public participated.

As I call upon Members to support, I submit to them that we need our County to move and that nobody is 100 percent excellent. People have different challenges. I am very proud of the Member for Kagundu-ini because of his sobriety in his docket. He has said that, as an Assembly, we make sure that we task these nominees to do their mandate in line with the Constitution and the Orders of the Assembly. I support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Chege Mwangi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Ruchu Ward and I first congratulate the Committee for doing this work. As it has been noted severally in our previous sittings in this House, we need ample time to go through and digest these reports before we adopt them; I will not repeat about that.

Mr. Speaker, the most critical point that is almost giving me a headache or a heart breakdown, is the idea that if I defeat a Motion on this Floor, it will take another six months

before it can be reintroduced to this House. That is giving me a headache such that even when I want to say no, I wonder whether I should say so for another six months. For instance, if we say no to this Motion, we will be saying no for another six months. That will be a disservice to our beloved County.

Mr. Speaker, we would love to have these offices in full operation, as soon as yesterday. Are we saying that the public was informed? I am from Ruchu Ward which has a population of 40,000 people, starting from the siblings to the oldest of them. I stand here to represent them. If I, as their representative, did not even get a notice to come, sit, listen and participate; I wonder whether when we talk about the public we are talking of something that is suspended somewhere. I cannot understand.

Mr. Speaker, everyone talks about the government and you are left wondering who the government is. When we talk about public participation, this House needs to be brought to the fullest understanding of that word because we, the MCAs, are the number one public participation point; we are representing many people.

(Applause)

Number two, we have a very serious docket; the one on roads. The Hon. Member for Kagundu-ini has said that our roads are pathetic. I stand to correct him because that is an understatement; our roads are horrible.

(Laughter)

When it rains, even if a small shower, you have to think of which route to use if your road is not graveled.

On environment, the CECM nominee talked of waste management. This is a menace in our areas, especially the various shopping centers. You cannot prefer to walk behind the shopping centers, leave alone the front sides of the shops. Walk behinds the shops and you will hate the places; you will love Kibera.

Lastly, is on agriculture. I was perusing through the 2013 statistics from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) and I realized that 48 percent of the people in my Ward are directly supported economically by agriculture. This is therefore a very serious docket. With all

this information and seriousness, I challenge the various leaderships in various Committees to push to, the highest limits, the various CECMs so that we get the best performance. As I close, I support the Motion but give me enough time to think about it next time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon David Macharia: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Kambiti Ward and I start by congratulating the Appointment Committee for the job well done. We are the people who mandated them to do this work because all of us cannot fit in one docket.

Two, everybody will bear me witness that things are not good back at the village. The people who gave us the mandate to come here and represent them want us to deliver. Unless we quickly adopt some of these reports, we might find ourselves lagging behind.

I wish to tell the MCA for Ruchu Ward, Hon. Chege, that he should not live in fear that any Motion or report brought to this House will take another six months, if not adopted. When all these things are put in place, the horrible roads he is talking about will be maintained. I rise to support the Motion and ask the other Members to do the same so that we can move on.

I also noted an issue that was raised by the Hon. Member for Kagundu-ini, on priority. Remember that the CECMs for Agriculture and Transport were in the previous government and I am sure they had started their work. Let us give them time so that they can come back and finish them in the right way. Otherwise, I stand to support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Lillian Kabaya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also stand to support the Motion. As the Majority Leader said, I am very encouraged by the responses given by these proposed nominees because they are taking into account the issue of the youth in the County and the issue of unemployment. The nominee for environment went a step further to include the issue of gender.

Mr. Speaker, you are aware that we are gender representatives and we have to look at what they are going to do for the women. She has talked about projects to do with pot making as is done in other parts of the country. I encourage all the Committees involved in these sectors of the youth and gender to make sure that we propose Bills and Motions that will ensure that these very good ideas of the nominees are implemented.

I have noted that all of them seem to cite policy issues. There are things they would want to implement but there are issues with policy and regulatory frameworks. It is up to us as Members to take that as a challenge to make sure that we come up with proper regulatory frameworks to guide them in implementing their mandates. The Implementation Committee can, thereafter, take it up to make sure that the CECMs do their functions so that we can serve our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Wambui Njoki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am a nominated MCA and I bring to your attention page 22 number 16 which says that Mr. Amos Kuria Njoroge has never held any public office; the CECM is a public officer.

On number 24, he says he has deferred income or future benefits in terms of gratuity and allowances. This is money that Mr. Amos Kuria Njoroge has earned but not received. Next time, we would request the Committee to give us the amount that this candidate is still awaiting as gratuity or income. I support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): I ask the Mover to respond.

Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, allow me to comment on the issue of public participation. It is true that these nominees' names were in the Daily Nation for some time and in the County Assembly website. It is good for us to be checking on that. The members of public were here to witness the vetting. Therefore, public participation was done.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Member who brought up the issue of the certificate; it was a typing error and we are going to correct it. In regard to the tarmacking of roads, Mr. Amos responded that the funds were not enough. He notified the Committee that it costs about Kshs20,000,000 to tarmac one kilometre of a road. There are so many roads in our Wards; hence they could not be in a position to tarmac them. Given the job, they are going to look into it as they work through the next five years.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the appointment of these nominees because there was gender balance. As you can see, there was one lady and two gentlemen, which is very encouraging. I bring it to the attention of the Hon. Members that these nominees are men and a woman of substance. They are well qualified and they have a lot of knowledge in their fields. They are very

much willing to work in our County. They also come from our County. During the vetting, we realized that they are ready to do a good job. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Hon. Peter Mweri rose on a point of order.)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): You want to say something?

Hon. Peter Mweri: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am on a point of order.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): A point of order for what? But she has finished.

(Laughter)

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Members, now that the Motion has been adopted, I can comment on that debate. First is to congratulate the Members because they had some very good arguments. It was a very rich debate. I liked what I heard, both from the supporters and those who opposed. I have heard one point clearly and, on behalf of this Assembly, I apologize for it. It would have been proper for Members to have been given more time. This vetting was done on Tuesday morning and I would have expected that the report would have been circulated to all the Members by Wednesday morning. It is unfortunate if that was not done and it should not happen again. There was ample time for Members to go through this report in details; they had 24 hours. I apologize for that; I do not like that at all and I support you.

(Applause)

As far as public participation is concerned, you have been informed and it has been corrected that it was done as it is done elsewhere, including by the National Parliament. These things are done in the newspapers and the members of public are invited not only to participate but to also bring their comments and Petitions. This was done and the members of public were here. Even though this is done by the Committee on Appointments, other Members of the

Assembly are invited to come and witness the process so that everyone is sure that the due process is followed.

Otherwise, I congratulate you because it was a very good debate. The Hon. Member for Ichagaki pointed out the certificate issue; you have a very sharp eye to have noted that, which is good. I hope, as the Mover has said, that they will look into it; to establish if it was an oversight or a mistake by the people who were compiling the report. We would like to be sure if all the candidates were cleared. I am happy about that very sharp eye and other things that have been pointed out by the people who have, actually in a very short time, read the report and observed those small points. I congratulate you for that.

Before we adjourn, you remember we had the elections of the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of various Committees and I would like this to go into the Hansard that the following were elected as the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons:-

The Chairperson for the Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information, Technology and E-Government Committee is Hon. Beth Waithira Ndung'u while the Vice-Chairperson is Hon. Ibrahim Ngundo Maina.

The Chairperson for the Trade, Industrialization, Tourism and Wildlife Committee is Hon. Jecinta Wangari Ng'ang'a while the Vice-Chairperson is Hon. Elizabeth Wambui Mwangi. The Chairperson for Water, Energy, Forestry, Environment, Natural Resources and Co-operatives is Hon. Sammy Waweru Mwangi while the Vice-Chairperson is Hon. Peter Mweri Maina.

The Chairperson for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee is Hon. Charles Kahoro Ruga while the Vice-Chairperson is Hon. Anne Wangari Kigo. The Chairperson for the Finance and Economic Planning Committee is Hon. Cyrus Kiiru Mwangi while the Vice-Chairperson is Hon. Joyce Wambui Njoki.

The Chairperson for the Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services Committee is Hon. Stephen Chege Mwangi while the Vice-Chairperson is Hon. Joel Murigi Muhuha. The Chairperson for the Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee is Hon. Peter Mburu Muthoni while the Vice-Chairperson is Hon. Flasia Nduta Chege.

The Chairperson for the Committee on Implementation is Hon. Daniel Chege Mwangi while the Vice-Chairperson is Hon. Moses Murigi Gikonyo. The Chairperson for the Health Services Committee is Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni, but who, I must say, has to relinquish that

position having joined the County Assembly Service Board so that we give that opportunity to somebody else.

(Applause)

The Vice- Chairperson is Hon. Francis Kibe Githuka.

The Chairperson for the Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement Committee is Hon. Gerald Wambugu while the Vice- Chairperson will be Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau. The Chairperson for the Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs is Hon. Stanley Mburu Muhia while the Vice- Chairperson is Hon. Zablon Machugu. The Chairperson for the Public Investment and Public Accounts (PIC/PAC) Committee is Hon. Caroline Wairimu Njoroge while the Vice Chairperson is Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi.

The Chairperson for the Delegated Legislation is Hon. Lilian Nyaguthii Kabaya while the Vice- Chairperson is Hon. James Karanja Kabera. Finally, the Chairperson for the Budget and Appropriation Committee is Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau while the Vice- Chairperson is Hon. Ruth Wambui Karanja. Why are you not congratulating them?

(Applause)

Hon. Members, I take this opportunity and I am sure that all the Members will join me in congratulating these Chairpersons and Vice- Chairpersons for being elected. We look forward to having very active Committees; bringing forth policies and playing an oversight role in various sectors of our Government. A seminar for these leaders is being planned, for as early as next week, to bring them to the top in knowledge and skills of Committee leadership.

Hon. Members, immediately after this sitting, there is going to be a presentation by the Local Authorities Pension Fund (Lapfund) on personal financial management and gratuity of Members. They will give you a lecture so that you understand about financial management and planning for gratuity and other items.

Also, as soon as possible, the Assembly will hold internal seminars for all the Members as per their requests. Members want to know the procedures of how things run in the Assembly, particularly financial matters. I have heard complaints from Members that when they go to fill

application forms for mortgages or car loans, they are not being shown exactly what should be done and sometimes it is beneath their prestige.

Hon. Members should be guided where to, or not to, sign, and which offices to go; there should be a standardized way of doing things. Members are going to be told the procedures to follow so that they know exactly what happens. If you are going to follow up on your allowances, what do you do? What do you do if your salary is in arrears? Who should you go to? We do not want Members to be running around in every office enquiring about these things.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Having said that, I now declare that the House is adjourned until further notice. Thank you.

The House rose at 11:20 p.m.