

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

The Assembly Met at 9:30 a.m.

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

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR**

**OFFICIAL NAMES TO BE USED IN THE HANSARD**

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** Hon. Members, as you are aware, pursuant to standing order 231, all proceedings of the Assembly should be recorded and published as a verbatim report within 48 hours. In this regard, I wish to notify Hon. Members that a registration list will circulate in the House where you are required to give two official names as they shall appear in all the official Hansard verbatim reports.

I wish to remind you and emphasize that any Hon. Member rising to speak, should mention his or her name and the respective ward or group he or she represents, to facilitate accurate Hansard verbatim reports.

Further, no Member should commence speaking in the House without a microphone, whether rising to contribute or rising on any point of order. This is to ensure clear audio recording in the Hansard control room.

Finally, Hon. Members, this special sitting is convened for purposes of transacting very critical business to ensure that committees are constituted and enable the proper running of the Assembly; pursuant to section 14 (1) (b) of the County Governments Act, 2012. The House is required to consider and adopt the membership of various Assembly committees as contained in the report of the committee on selection, which is mandated with nominating Members to serve in committees, pursuant to standing order 166.

May I remind Members that core decisions affecting governance of an entire state or county emanate from parliamentary or County Assembly committees; hence, committee operations are considered a fundamental catalyst of a legislature.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**REPORT ON PLACEMENT OF MEMBERS**

**Hon. Erick Kimani:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the following motion:-

That, pursuant to standing orders 162 and 193 (6); this House adopts the report by the committee on selection on placement of Members of County Assembly to various committees of the Assembly.

Thank you.

### **MOTION**

#### **ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE ASSEMBLY BUSINESS AND RULES**

#### **COMMITTEE**

**Hon. Erick Kimani:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to move following Special Motion, That, pursuant to standing order 165 (1); this Assembly adopts the following Members of the County Assembly to be additional members of the Assembly Business and Rules committee:-

1. Hon. Jeremiah Kongo Kihara.
2. Hon. John Kairu Kimani.
3. Hon. Sarah Njeri Njoroge.
4. Hon. Lucy Nyambura Ngugi.
5. Hon. Milkah Gathoni Ngari.
6. Hon. Moses Murigi Gikonyo.
7. Hon. Zablon Machugu Nduati.
8. Hon. Elizabeth Wambui Mwangi.
9. Hon. Joyce Wambui Mwangi.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to notify or inform the Assembly that we had adopted some Members in the Assembly Business and Rules committee but the office of the Speaker found it wise to increase the membership to 21; this list contains the added Members.

I urge Members to adopt it so that we can have new members added to that committee for better performance and effectiveness of the House Business. I call Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau from Ithiru ward to second the report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Francis Kibe:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I second the motion.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **MOTION**

#### **REPORT ON PLACEMENT OF MEMBERS TO**

#### **VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**Hon. Erick Kimani:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the following Motion:-

That, pursuant to standing orders 162 and 193 (6); this House adopts the report by the committee on selection on placement of Members of County Assembly to various committees of the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Selection committee and pursuant to standing order 166 (1), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the County Assembly the committees report on the nomination of Members to various committees. The committee on Selection comprises of following Members;

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Hon. Erick Kamande Kimani  | - Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Jeremiah Kongo Kihara | - Member      |
| 3. Hon. Sammy Mwangi Waweru   | - Member      |
| 4. Hon. David Irungu Macharia | - Member      |
| 5. Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau    | - Member      |
| 6. Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni  | - Member      |
| 7. Hon. Anne Wangari Kigo     | - Member      |
| 8. Hon. Ruth Wambui Karanja   | - Member      |
| 9. Hon. Duncan Muturi Kamau   | - Member      |
| 10. Hon. Dinah Muthoni Kagiri | - Member      |

Mr. Speaker, the committee on Selection is constituted pursuant to standing order 167 (1),(2),(3) and (4) and is mandated to;

1. Unless otherwise provided by any written law or these standing orders, the committee on selection shall in consultation with County Assembly parties, nominate members who shall serve on a Select committee.
2. The committee on Selection shall give consideration to the need for gender balance and shall, so far as may be practicable, ensure that no more than two-thirds of a committee of the County Assembly, including a committee established through a resolution of the County Assembly shall be of the same gender.
3. A vacancy occasioned by resignation or removal of a Member from a select committee shall be filled within 14 days of the vacancy.
4. A Member against whom an adverse recommendation has been made in a report of a select committee that has been adopted by the County Assembly shall be ineligible for nomination as a Member of that committee.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to standing order 166 (2), "There shall be a select committee, to be designated committee on selection, consisting the Leader of the Majority party who shall be the chairperson, the Leader of the Minority party, and not less than seven and not more than 10 Members, who shall be nominated by the Assembly parties, taking into account the interest of the independent Members approved by the Assembly."

In view of the above, the Assembly adopted the membership of the selection committee in a sitting held on September 21, 2017. Further, in a meeting held on October 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., the committee on selection nominated Members, pursuant to standing order 166 (2) to serve in the below listed committees of the County Assembly.

There are two sets of committees that the Selection committee approved membership on, one category comprises of the sectoral committees as follows:-

1. Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries.
2. Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-government.
3. Water, Energy, Forestry, Environment, Natural Resources.
4. Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs.
5. Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement.
6. Health Services.
7. Youth, Culture, Gender & Social Services.
8. Public Works, Roads and Transport.
9. Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative Management Tourism & Wildlife.
10. Finance & Economic Planning.

The other category comprises of the select committees including:-

1. County Public Investment and Accounts Committee (PIC/PAC).
2. County Budget and Appropriation Committee.
3. Committee on Implementation.
4. Committee on Delegated County Legislation.
5. Powers and Privileges Committee.

The following were the considerations when placing Members in each committee;

1. That each Member will have at least four committee sittings in line with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) guidelines.
2. That no Member will be required to attend more than one committee meeting at the same time.
3. That no committee will have quorum hitches as a result of the conflict between the weekly committee schedule and the membership thereof.

Mr. Speaker, the selection committee recommendation is that the following listed Members serve in various committees of the Assembly. I request to read through the list.

The membership to the sectoral committees will be as follows:-

#### WATER, ENERGY, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Hon. Gerald Wambugu               | – Kamacharia Ward       |
| 2. Hon. Francis Kibe Githuka         | – Kihumbu-ini Ward      |
| 3. Hon. Peter Mweri                  | – Rwathia Ward          |
| 4. Hon. Dinah Damaris Muthoni Kagiri | – Nominated             |
| 5. Hon. Sarah Njeri Njoroge          | – Nominated             |
| 6. Hon. Eunice Nduta Kariuki         | – Nominated             |
| 7. Hon. Milka Gathoni Ngari          | – Nominated             |
| 8. Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni Maina       | – Kakuzi/Mitumbiri Ward |
| 9. Hon. David Irungu Wa Gathoni      | – Kambiti Ward          |
| 10. Hon. Jane Wanjiru Muigai         | – Nominated             |
| 11. Hon. Charles Mwangi Ng'ang'a     | – Ichagaki Ward         |
| 12. Hon. Sospeter Nyoko Muriuki      | – Mugoiri Ward          |
| 13. Hon. Sammy Waweru Mwangi         | – Ithanga Ward          |

#### EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE, RESEARCH, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND E-GOVERNMENT

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Hon. James Karanja Kabera     | – Kamahuha Ward       |
| 2. Hon. Beth Waithira Ndung'u    | – Nominated           |
| 3. Hon. Passy Njeri Kang'atu     | – Nominated           |
| 4. Hon. Peter Murigi Ngugi       | – Muruka Ward         |
| 5. Hon. Amos Murigi              | – Kimorori/Wempa Ward |
| 6. Hon. Caroline Wairimu Njoroge | – Nominated           |
| 7. Hon. Ibrahim Ngundo Maina     | – Muguru Ward         |
| 8. Hon. Daniel Chege Mwangi      | – Ruchu Ward          |
| 9. Hon. Moses Murigi Gikonyo     | – Gaichanjiru Ward    |

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| 10. Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau      | – Ithiru Ward  |
| 11. Hon. John Ruoho Wangechi     | – Kinyona Ward |
| 12. Hon. Samuel Kihurunjo Mwangi | – Gitugi Ward  |

#### PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Hon. David Irungu Wa Gathoni   | – Kambiti Ward    |
| 2. Hon. Peter Murigi Ngugi        | – Muruka Ward     |
| 3. Hon. Peter Mweri Maina         | – Rwathia Ward    |
| 4. Hon. Eunice Nduta Kariuki      | – Nominated       |
| 5. Hon. Peter Mburu Muthoni       | – Kagunduini Ward |
| 6. Hon. Flasia Nduta Chege        | – Nominated       |
| 7. Hon. Simon Mwaura Wamwea       | – Ngararia Ward   |
| 8. Hon Anne Wangari Kigo          | – Nominated       |
| 9. Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau         | – Nominated       |
| 10. Hon. Caroline Wairimu Njoroge | – Nominated       |
| 11. Hon. Dinah Damaris            | – Nominated       |
| 12. Hon. James Karanja Kabera     | – Kamahuha Ward   |

#### FINANCE & ECONOMIC PLANNING

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau    | – Ithiru Ward          |
| 2. Hon. John Mwangi Mungai    | – Muthithi Ward        |
| 3. Hon. Charles Kahoro Ruga   | – Kangari Ward         |
| 4. Hon. Jeremia Kongo Kihara  | – Kanyenya-ini Ward    |
| 5. Hon. Cyrus Kiiru Mwangi    | – Gaturi Ward          |
| 6. Hon. Joyce Wambui Njoki    | – Nominated            |
| 7. Hon. Gerald Wambugu        | – Kamacharia Ward      |
| 8. Hon. Francis Kibe Githuka  | – Kihumbu-Ini Ward     |
| 9. Hon. Amos Murigi           | – Kimorori/Wempa Ward  |
| 10. Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni | – Kiru Ward            |
| 11. Hon. John Kairu Kimani    | – Kigumo Ward          |
| 12. Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni     | – Kakuzi/Mitubiri Ward |
| 13. Hon. Stanley Mburu Muhia  | – Makuyu Ward          |

#### LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND SETTLEMENT

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Hon. Sospeter Nyoko Muriuki  | – Mugoiri Ward    |
| 2. Hon. David Irungu Wa Gathoni | – Kambiti Ward    |
| 3. Hon. Sammy Waweru Mwangi     | – Ithanga Ward    |
| 4. Hon. Lilian Nyaguthii Kabaya | – Nominated       |
| 5. Hon. Flasia Nduta Chege      | – Nominated       |
| 6. Hon. Cathryn Wanjiku Mwangi  | – Nominated       |
| 7. Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau       | – Nominated       |
| 8. Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau      | – Ithiru Ward     |
| 9. Hon. Gerald Wambugu Mwangi   | – Kamacharia Ward |

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| 10. Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi Mwirigi | – Gatanga Ward      |
| 11. Hon. John Kairu Kimani        | – Kigumo Ward       |
| 12. Hon. Eric Kamande Kimani      | – Kahumbu Ward      |
| 13. Hon. Peter Murigi Ngugi       | – Muruka Ward       |
| 14. Hon. Joel Murigi Muhuha       | – Kariara Ward      |
| 15. Hon. Lucy Nyambura Ngugi      | – Nominated         |
| 16. Hon. Jeremiah Kongo Kihara    | – Kanyenya-ini Ward |

#### AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Hon. Simon Mwaura Wamwea      | – Ng'araria Ward    |
| 2. Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau        | – Nominated         |
| 3. Hon. David Kiiru Ng'ang'a     | – Murarandia Ward   |
| 4. Hon. Cathryn Wanjiku Mwangi   | – Nominated         |
| 5. Hon. Flasia Nduta Chege       | – Nominated         |
| 6. Hon. Duncan Muturi Kamau      | – Mbiri Ward        |
| 7. Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi Mwirigi | – Gatanga Ward      |
| 8. Hon. Stanley Mburu Muhia      | – Makuyu Ward       |
| 9. Hon. Anne Wangari Kigo        | – Nominated         |
| 10. Hon. Lucy Nyambura Ngugi     | – Nominated         |
| 11. Hon. Jeremiah Kongo Kihara   | – Kanyenya-ini Ward |
| 12. Hon. John Kairu Kimani       | – Kigumo Ward       |
| 13. Hon. Charles Kahoro Ruga     | – Kangari Ward      |
| 14. Hon. John Mwangi Mungai      | – Muthithi Ward     |

#### YOUTH, CULTURE, GENDER AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Hon. Peter Muiruri Githuka   | – Mugumo-ini Ward |
| 2. Hon. Stephen Mwangi Chege    | – Nominated       |
| 3. Hon. Ruth Wambui Karanja     | – Nominated       |
| 4. Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi        | – Gatanga Ward    |
| 5. Hon. Joel Murigi Muhuha      | – Kariara Ward    |
| 6. Hon. Duncan Kamau Muturi     | – Mbiri Ward      |
| 7. Hon. Sarah Njeri Njoroge     | – Nominated       |
| 8. Hon. Elizabeth Wambui Mwangi | – Nominated       |
| 9. Hon. Lucy Nyambura Ngugi     | – Nominated       |
| 10. Hon. Jane Wanjiru Muigai    | – Nominated       |

#### GOVERNANCE, LABOUR, JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Hon. Zablon Machugu Nduati   | – Nginda Ward   |
| 2. Hon. Charles Kahoro          | – Kangari Ward  |
| 3. Hon. John Mwangi Mungai      | – Muthithi Ward |
| 4. Hon. Isaac Kamote            | – Wangu Ward    |
| 5. Hon. Charles Mwangi Ng'ang'a | – Ichagaki Ward |
| 6. Hon. Joyce Wambui Njoki      | – Nominated     |
| 7. Hon. Beth Waithira Ndung'u   | – Nominated     |

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| 8. Hon. Ruth Karanja Wambui     | – Nominated        |
| 9. Hon. Elizabeth Wambui Mwangi | – Nominated        |
| 10. Hon. Duncan Kamau Muturi    | – Mbiru Ward       |
| 11. Hon. Eunice Nduta Kariuki   | – Nominated        |
| 12. Hon. Milka Gathoni Ngari    | – Nominated        |
| 13. Hon. Moses Murigi Gikonyo   | – Gaichanjiru Ward |
| 14. Hon. Stanley Mburu W Muhia  | – Makuyu Ward      |
| 15. Hon. John Ruoho Wangechi    | – Kinyona Ward     |
| 16. Hon. Ibrahim Ngundo Maina   | – Muguru Ward      |
| 17. Hon. Stephen Mwangi Chege   | – Nominated        |

#### TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION, COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT, TOURISM AND WILDLIFE

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Hon. Joel Murigi Muhuha      | – Kariara Ward    |
| 2. Hon. Zablon Nduati Machugu   | – Nginda Ward     |
| 3. Hon. Jacinta Ng'ang'a        | – Township Ward   |
| 4. Hon. Lilian Nyaguthii Kabaya | – Nominated       |
| 5. Hon. Peter Muiruri Githuka   | – Mugumo-ini Ward |
| 6. Hon. Isaac Kamote            | – Wangu Ward      |
| 7. Hon. Stephen Chege Mwangi    | – Nominated       |
| 8. Hon. Elizabeth Wambui Mwangi | – Nominated       |
| 9. Hon. Joyce Wambui Njoki      | – Nominated       |
| 10. Hon. Cyrus Kiiru Mwangi     | – Gaturi Ward     |
| 11. Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni   | – Kiru Ward       |
| 12. Hon. Peter Mburu Muthoni    | – Kagunduini Ward |

#### HEALTH SERVICES

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Hon. Daniel Chege Mwangi       | – Ruchu Ward          |
| 2. Hon. Amos Murigi               | – Kimorori/Wempa Ward |
| 3. Hon. Passy Njeri Kangatu       | – Nominated           |
| 4. Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni Maina    | – Kakuzi Ward         |
| 5. Hon. Peter Muiruri Githuka     | – Mugumo-ini Ward     |
| 6. Hon. David Ng'ang'a Kiiru      | – Murarandia Ward     |
| 7. Hon. Anne Wangari Kigo         | – Nominated           |
| 8. Hon. Dinah Muthoni Kagiri      | – Nominated           |
| 9. Hon. Francis Kibe Githuka      | – Kihumbu ini Ward    |
| 10. Hon. James Karanja Kabera     | – Kamahuha Ward       |
| 11. Hon. Peter Mburu Muthoni      | – Kagunduini Ward     |
| 12. Hon. Sarah Njeri Njoroge      | – Nominated           |
| 13. Hon. Jane Wanjiru Muigai      | – Nominated           |
| 14. Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni     | – Kiru Ward           |
| 15. Hon. Cyrus Kiiru Mwangi       | – Gaturi Ward         |
| 16. Hon. Jacinta Wangari Ng'ang'a | – Township Ward       |
| 17. Hon. Samuel Kihurunjo         | – Gitugi Ward         |

Mr. Speaker, I now wish to read through the membership of the select committees:-

#### COUNTY PUBLIC INVESTMENT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Hon. Charles Kahoro Ruga       | – Kangari Ward    |
| 2. Hon. Peter Murigi Ngugi        | – Muruka Ward     |
| 3. Hon. John Mwangi Mungai        | – Muthithi Ward   |
| 4. Hon. Sammy Mwangi Waweru       | – Ithanga Ward    |
| 5. Hon. Stephen Mwangi Chege      | – Nominated       |
| 6. Hon. Eunice Nduta Kariuki      | – Nominated       |
| 7. Hon. David Ng'ang'a Kiiru      | – Murarandia Ward |
| 8. Hon. Caroline Wairimu Njoroge  | – Nominated       |
| 9. Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau         | – Nominated       |
| 10. Hon. Gerald Wambugu Mwangi    | – Kamacharia Ward |
| 11. Hon. Cathryn Wanjiku Mwangi   | – Nominated       |
| 12. Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi Mwirigi | – Gatanga Ward    |
| 13. Hon. Jane Wanjiru Muigai      | – Nominated       |

#### COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker, this Committee comprises of all the Sectoral Committee Chairpersons plus the following additional Members;

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| 1. Hon. Eric Kamande                     | – Kahumbu      |
| 2. Hon. Dinah Damaris Kagiri             | – Nominated    |
| 3. Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau               | – Ithiru       |
| 4. Hon. Ruth Wambui Karanja              | – Nominated    |
| 5. Hon. David Irungu Wa Gathoni Macharia | – Kambiti Ward |

#### COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Hon. Jecinta Wangari Ng'ang'a | – Township Ward    |
| 2. Hon. Sammy Mwangi Waweru      | – Ithanga Ward     |
| 3. Hon. Sospeter Nyoko           | – Mugoiri Ward     |
| 4. Hon. Daniel Chege Mwangi      | – Ruchu Ward       |
| 5. Hon. Beth Waithira Ndung'u    | – Nominated        |
| 6. Hon. Moses Murigi Gikonyo     | – Gaichanjiru Ward |
| 7. Hon. Lilian Nyaguthii Kabaya  | – Nominated        |
| 8. Hon. Passy Njeri Kang'atu     | – Nominated        |
| 9. Hon. Zablun Machugu Nduati    | – Nginda Ward      |
| 10. Hon. John Ruoho Wangechi     | – Kinyona Ward     |
| 11. Hon. Isaac Kamote            | – Wangu Ward       |
| 12. Hon. Charles Mwangi Ng'ang'a | – Ichagaki Ward    |
| 13. Hon. Cathryn Wanjiku Mwangi  | – Nominated        |
| 14. Hon. Milka Gathoni Ngari     | – Nominated        |
| 15. Hon. Ibrahim Ngundo          | – Muguru Ward      |
| 16. Hon. David Ng'ang'a Kiiru    | – Murarandia Ward  |



### COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED COUNTY LEGISLATION

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni      | – Kiru Ward            |
| 2. Hon. Duncan Muturi             | – Mbiri Ward           |
| 3. Hon. Stanley Mburu Muhia       | – Makuyu Ward          |
| 4. Hon. Peter Muiruri Githuka     | – Mugumoini Ward       |
| 5. Hon. Flasia Nduta Chege        | – Nominated            |
| 6. Hon. Peter Mburu Muthoni       | – Kagunduini Ward      |
| 7. Hon. Lilian Nyaguthii Kabaya   | – Nominated            |
| 8. Hon. Sospeter Nyoko            | – Mugoiri Ward         |
| 9. Hon. James Karanja Kabera      | – Kamahuha Ward        |
| 10. Hon. John Ruoho Wangechi      | – Kinyona Ward         |
| 11. Hon. Beth Waithira Ndung'u    | – Nominated            |
| 12. Hon. Cyrus Kiiru Mwangi       | – Gaturi Ward          |
| 13. Hon. Daniel Chege Mwangi      | – Ruchu Ward           |
| 14. Hon. Peter Mweri              | – Rwathia              |
| 15. Hon. Jecinta Wangari Ng'ang'a | – Township Ward        |
| 16. Hon. Joel Murigi Muhuha       | – Kariara Ward         |
| 17. Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni         | – Kakuzi/Mitubiri Ward |

### POWERS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Hon. Leonard Nduati          | - Speaker       |
| 2. Hon. Charles Mwangi Ng'ang'a | – Ichagaki Ward |
| 3. Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni        | – Kakuzi Ward   |
| 4. Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau       | – Nominated     |
| 5. Hon. Lilian Nyaguthii Kabaya | – Nominated     |
| 6. Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau      | – Ithiru Ward   |
| 7. Hon. David Irungu Macharia   | – Kambiti Ward  |
| 8. Hon. Eunice Nduta Kariuki    | – Nominated     |
| 9. Hon. Sammy Waweru Mwangi     | – Ithanga Ward  |
| 10. Hon. Zablon Machugu Nduati  | – Nginda Ward   |

### LIAISON COMMITTEE

This Committee comprises of;

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| 1. Hon. Samuel Kihurunjo Mwangi  | – Deputy Speaker |
| 2. Hon. Simon Mwaura Wamwea  | – Chief Whip     |
| 3. Chairperson for Finance and Economic Planning Committee.  |                  |
| 4. Chairperson for Youth, Culture, Gender & Social Services.                                       |                  |
| 5. Chairperson for Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement.                               |                  |
| 6. Chairperson for Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-government. |                  |
| 7. Chairperson for Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries Committee.                                   |                  |
| 8. Chairperson for Health Services Committee.  |                  |
| 9. Chairperson for Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs Committee.                        |                  |
| 10. Chairperson for Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative Management Tourism & Wildlife Committee. |                  |
| 11. Chairperson for Water, Energy, Forestry, Environment, Natural Resources Committee.             |                  |

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12. Chairperson for Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee.
13. Chairperson for the Committee on Delegated Legislation.
14. Chairperson for the Committee on Selection.
15. Chairperson for the Budget and Appropriations Committee.
16. Chairperson for the Committee on Implementation
17. Chairperson for the Public Investment and Accounts (PIC/PAC) Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the selection committee for a job well done.

Reading out names of committees might seem to be a very easy job but it is not; it is very hard to place Members to various committees while still considering the factors I read when I started to present the report.

The committee considered every Member to be in four committees. We also considered the time allocated for the committees to sit; Members are aware that the committees sit on Wednesdays and Thursdays, morning hours.

The committee had to ensure that every Member attends to a single committee sitting during a particular hour when committees convene. The other factor considered by the committee is the knowledge of Members of the Assembly.

The committee considered the Curriculum Vitae (CVs) that were presented by the Members. However, not all Members could fit into the committees as guided by that criterion because expertise in certain fields was more than the membership required for those specific committees.

We also realized that some Members have no professional background and the committee could not discriminate against any Member based on qualifications.

Another factor under consideration was that committees need to sit. If the report is adopted, the committees will begin to sit immediately. We need more business in the House and it can only be generated through committees.

I wish to notify the Assembly that when Serem was reviewing the salaries, she did not consider the Assembly sittings; only committee sittings were considered. Therefore, it will be unfair for the Members to continue holding Assembly sittings while not holding committee sittings yet they are the ones that generate business. Members want to earn allowances and make their pockets richer because the people they represent are demanding for services that can only be catered for from their pockets

I urge this House to adopt this report because standing order 51 (1) states that a Motion defeated on the Floor of the House can only be revisited after six months; we are not ready to oppose this Motion considering that we want to be busy and continue with the oversight role of the Assembly to which we are mandated.

Members also need to note that we have to induct all the committees accordingly. After adopting this report, the office of the Clerk will draft a schedule of how the committees will be inducted so that Members can be trained to understand their roles or the mandates of the various committees.

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** Order!

Leader of Majority, maybe it was a slip of the tongue when you said that one of the purposes of the committee sittings is to make Members richer, for purposes of record, do you wish to withdraw that?

**Hon. Erick Kimani:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I withdraw, we can only talk about it along the corridors. I invite Hon. Francis Kibe to second the Motion.

**Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second this Motion by the selection committee because it considered several factors such as the suitability of the Members. The selection committee also considered the aspect of time and ensured that a Member cannot have two sittings at the same time. For example, if the committee on Health and the one on Lands convene at 2:00 p.m., a Member cannot belong to those two committees.

Further, it is important to appreciate that the selection committee considered qualification, specialization and the suitability of Members as placed in each committee. As per standing order 51, we need to adopt this report failure to which it will take us another six months to reintroduce the Motion. I therefore beg to second the Motion.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Daniel Chege:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I must admit that this report was prepared in a very good way and I thank the selection committee for their good work, however, as stated by the Leader of Majority, the qualification of Members should have been the number one priority.

In the CV I presented, I captured my experience, for example, I have served the youth in the National Youth Council (NYC), I have been in the 'Yes Youth Can' and I have volunteered in the various aspects on Youth Enterprise Fund, among other areas. If I, therefore, were to miss on any committee, that should not have been the one on the youth. I wonder how my CV was not compelling enough on an area I am qualified in.

On the same note, my friend, Hon. Kibe from Kihumbu-ni Ward, is an agriculture teacher by profession yet I did not see his name in the committee on Agriculture. One of the roles of Members is to provide the Assembly with expertise of practice. That raises questions on how our CVs were analyzed.

Before I make my conclusion, I would like to make it known that I have raised a major concern. The Leader of Majority has said that if the Motion is defeated on the Floor, it will only be re-introduced after six months, therefore, although my conscience is to vote no, I am compelled to vote yes because when it has been defeated it cannot fight. I support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Kiiru Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, with your indulgence, I beg we adjourn for two hours to study this report. There are issues that have been raised and we need to address them. As the Leader of Majority has said, we will have to wait for six months if we fail to adopt this report. I believe we have an opportunity to adopt it with amendments and this can be done to address the issues raised.

According to standing order 168, the selection criteria is clear and we need to investigate how the committee did its work without having opposition like we had when the first three committees were selected. We do not want to talk about this along the streets.

I, therefore, seek your indulgence and clarification because in the 18 committees constituted, for instance, there is a name that is appearing in five committees, I do not know whether this is in order; such are the issues we need to investigate before we adopt this report.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. James Kabera:** Thank you Mr. Speaker; I congratulate those who did this work because it is 90 percent good. These Members know that I have traversed the whole of Murang'a county talking about trade and industrialization.

I have also been talking to them and beseeching on them to place me in the committee on Trade and Industrialization. I have over 100 certificates in activities to do with trade and industrialization, in fact, I am very disappointed because I not only expected to be a Member to that committee but also the chairperson; I am very good at that.

Mr. Speaker, I know you have heard of Wakabera wa Juakali whenever you have traversed through Kamahuha Ward. I urge that we have amendments so that I am removed from one of the three Committees I have been placed into and be placed in that committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Amos Murigi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also stand here to raise some issues considering that much of the work of this Assembly will be done in the committees. This is one issue that we require to take very seriously because if we start on the wrong foot, we may affect the operations of this Assembly.

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** I started with an address and said that for the purposes of record and the Hansard, a Member must say his or her name and the ward he or she represents before debating.

*(Hon. Amos Murigi mentioned his name)*

**Hon. Amos Murigi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as I have said, Committees are very crucial in the running of this Assembly because much of the work happens at the committee level; hence we require being very careful when adopting this Motion because it may affect the operations of this Assembly for the next five years.

I have just seen these names and I believe that there is room for amendments so that if I would like to move from the committee on Health to the committee on Agriculture, I can negotiate with a Member placed in that committee willing to serve in the committee on Health and we can be interchanged. There will be problems to negotiate later if we adopt the report as it is.

The other issue is that, in a sitting held on 25<sup>th</sup> of last month, we were debating the report on the placement of Members to the committee on Appointments and the Majority Leader cautioned that if we did not adopt that report, we would have to wait for six months. The same has been reiterated that if we do not approve this report as it is, then this House will operate without committees for the next six months. I, however, believe that we can move a notice of amendments to the Motion as per standing order 50. I therefore request that we amend it.

I am also concerned about Hon. Karanja Kabera because I was expecting him to be placed in the committee on Trade. Although I am a teacher by profession, much of my work has been in labour movements for the last 20 years; hence I expected to be placed in the Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs committee. I believe these Members have seen this list today and should be given time to interrogate this report before approving it. I stand to oppose the Motion if we do not have any amendments.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Hon. Ruth Wambui rose on a point of information)*

**Hon. Ruth Wambui:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the work that was done by the Clerk and the Assistant Clerks, it is a hectic task. Yesterday, we convened from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and we discovered that by switching one Member, 10 Members would be affected. My point of information and concern to my fellow Members is that during our induction exercise, we were taught that you can inform Members in the House or you can chip into any committee to offer your input.

As I request Members to adopt this report, I wish to inform them that all of us cannot fit in every committee we would wish to be placed into. I am, for instance, a Director at the Kenya Tea and Development Authority (KTDA) but was not placed in the committee on Agriculture. I however appreciate the Members who have been placed to serve in that committee. There is room for a Member to write and request to be interchanged with a willing Member later.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Peter Mweri:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to oppose this Motion if there will be no amendments to the report for the reasons I will cite. Many Hon. Members are raising concern that most of them have specialties in certain fields. I have interacted with most of them and their concern is very crucial.

We would rather not start on the bad foot; we would rather wait like some of the Hon. Members have said so that we can interrogate this report. We can even have a Kamukunji where Members will air their views. I was a Member in the last Assembly and was the chairperson to the Budget and Appropriation committee. I had also requested to be placed in that committee because I am qualified. I have been managing a lot of properties for a long time, and handled accounting and finance issues. I am also a graduate from the Pioneer University.

The Hon. Member for Kimorori/Wempa, Hon. Amos Murigi, has indicated that there are various Members willing to be interchanged to serve in certain committees. We can establish if that is possible so that all of us can be incorporated, even if it is not 100percent. If most of the Members are placed in the right committees, they will participate in the business of the House.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Hon. Joyce Wambui rose on a point of order)*

**Hon. Joyce Wambui:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, my point of order is on the signatures of the committee's approval. The list is not signed by Member number two, Hon. Kongo Kihara. We are however aware that he is admitted at Nairobi Hospital. Member number six, Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni, has not also signed. I request to be informed why Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni did not sign the approved documents by the committee.

**Hon. Lucy Nyambura:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to quote standing order 169 (2) that, "Whenever a Motion for approval of a list under paragraph (1) is moved in the Assembly, no objection against the proposed membership of a Member in a select committee shall be permitted and objections, if any, shall be formulated against the proposed membership as a whole."

I, therefore, wish to request Members to consider that standing order because we have to consider the whole list. I may not have been included in the Committees I may have wanted to be placed but it is good for me to consider that the business of the House needs to move on and we need to act for the sake of our County.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Francis Kibe:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I first congratulate the committee that did this task. Once you are given a task, you cannot meet all the expectations but must consider some issues. The Majority Leader has talked of a Member being in a minimum of four committees but there are Members who have been placed in three committees while others have been placed in more than five of them. I am one of those Members who have been placed in three committees; I am therefore giving my own example.

That is an area of concern because if we have to adopt this report, every Member should serve a minimum of four committees.

The other issue that has been addressed is to do with specialty. I have been an agriculture teacher at Egerton university and I would have wished to serve in the committee on Agriculture, even if it would mean being placed in two committees.

I would be very comfortable to serve in the committee on Agriculture or the one on Education rather than Health, Finance, Water and Energy. I am also a farmer and can recall that last year; I was the one demonstrating at the Gatanga agricultural show, in the presence of Governor Mwangi Wa Iria, how to milk cows using machines. I was in the agricultural field before I joined politics. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Caroline Njoroge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the great work that has been done by the selection committee, bearing in mind that all of us could not sit in that committee to place Members to various committees.

We cannot also fit in one committee in spite of being qualified in certain fields. For example, I am also a farmer and was a Member of the Agriculture committee in the previous House but I have not been placed there. I believe any Member has the mandate to attend to any committee to give his or her concern. That is allowed by our standing orders. I am also the former Chair to the committee on Youth, Culture and Social Services but I am currently not featuring in that committee.

However, I feel that I suit to be in any committee because all of them are equal. We are also equal when in this House and we can suit anywhere. It is good for us to support the report of this committee so that we can move on.

It is allowed for Members to assist the committees they feel to be most suitable in. I, therefore, request that we respect the work that has been done by this committee bearing in mind that we cannot postpone this agenda and it is not also possible to place every Member in the Committees he or she feels most suitable to serve. I therefore kindly and happily support this Motion.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** Jacinta, do you want to speak?

**Hon. Jacinta Ng'ang'a:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Township ward. My concern was raised by Hon. Njoki; that Hon. Morris Gathoni and Hon. Kongo did not append their signatures. However, we are all aware that Hon. Kongo is admitted in hospital. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** I think we can have two more and then conclude.

**Hon. Stanley Mburu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity, I am the Hon. Member for Makuyu Ward. I want to support the Motion and also comment on a few issues that Hon. Members have continued to air. If all of us were to be given the areas of concern or wherever we feel more comfortable, we would first need to hold a baraza for each of us to air his or her opinion.

*(Applause)*

I am not a Member of the selection committee. That committee has its duties and they had our qualifications for them to place us where they felt necessary. I therefore urge the Hon. Members to feel comfortable. As Hon. Caroline has told us, it is very hard for all of us to fit in areas we feel to be very strong in.

We have not had an opportunity to interact and ask other Members where they feel comfortable. It would take a long time to do that. This Assembly is comprised of Hon. Members with various backgrounds.

Since I do not want to repeat myself, I request the Hon. Members to accept the list as it is. I trust that Members have been placed in areas where they are qualified. In cases where they have not and they have special qualifications that can help this Assembly move forward, they can look for time to give their input. I therefore request all the Hon. Members to be comfortable and support the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** Hon. Members, we are repeating ourselves and very important sentiments have already been aired. Most of the people who have contributed have said that they support the report but they have certain reservations.

I would like to answer one of the queries on whether you can amend the list. According to our standing orders, it is clear that you cannot amend the list. You either reject or accept it as it is.

I am not directing you on how to vote; it is upon you to vote for or against. The sentiments that have been voiced are important. We know that according to our standing orders, CVs are not part of the considerations. However, I personally believe in quality and whenever possible, people should be placed where they have passion and good qualifications. If you have passion for something, it will be nice to work in that field. I personally expected somebody like Kabera to be in the committee on Trade and Industries because I know he has a lot of passion for that.

Like I said, we cannot amend the list but all is not lost. Over time, we can do one or two things. Somebody has suggested that people can exchange committees or we can have a new list after some time; after we get to understand one another and our talents.

*(Applause)*

This list does not have to last five years. At any opportune time, we can have it drafted once again and we can then say what to consider. Right now, however, we are all green about one another. There are some people who are not qualified in agriculture but they are very good in agricultural matters. We shall discover these things as we go on to interact.

Standing order 169 does not allow us to amend the list. Personally, I understand that quality must be taken into consideration; but at the moment, we do not even know the quality of the Members; we are studying one another. Somebody might be saying that he or she is good at something but we do not know if that is a fact. In a few months, we will start to understand the expertise and the passion that people have. I expected somebody to be in the committee on Youth and Culture but she is not. These are issues we can work out within ourselves.

Therefore, I encourage you, Hon. Members, that all is not lost. I agree that it is not easy to come up with such a list and balance it. Let us not take it as if it is a matter of life and death because we are here and we are the ones who will make the rules. I ask the Leader of Majority to respond and then Members can make a decision.

**Hon. Erick Kimani:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to respond to a few issues that Members have aired during their contributions. One, you have quoted standing order 168; that CVs are not considered as a criteria for nomination. It was however the feeling of the selection committee that it would be prudent to consider some of the Members who are qualified in a certain line of a department. You will realize that in every committee, there are several Members who are qualified to handle the mandate of that committee.

Hon. Joyce requested to be informed why two Members did not sign. Without much explanation, if a report is signed by two thirds of the Members of that committee, then that report is okay. Hon. Kabera said that the report is 90percent good and I appreciate that.

*(Applause)*

As the Speaker has just said, we will consider placing Members as we go along. Another point that you have dealt with is about placing of Members to various committees.

Every Member in this Assembly can handle any mandate, duty or responsibility perfectly. Even if I am not good in agriculture but Members find it wise to give me the responsibility to lead that committee, I will perfectly submit to their will. There are issues concerning agriculture, youth, industrialization, and water in my ward and I can perfectly perform them.

Another Member raised an issue that some Members are in more than four committees, there is no law or Act that provides for how many committees a certain Member should be placed into. Those in more than four committees are either in the House keeping committees, such as the House Business committee. A Member placed in three, four or five committees is good to go. What is most important is that a Member should be in more than one sectoral committee. For the rest, the membership may be more but we are limited in that we do not have more than 60 Members in our Assembly.

In Assemblies where we have more than 60 or 70 Members, you will find that Members have been placed in two or three sectoral committees. In our case we tried as much as possible to consider Members but as the Speaker has clarified, we will consider Members who have fallen short of one or two committees as we progress. Therefore, the issue with the Member for Kihumbu-ini ward and other Members such as Hon. Anne Kigo is with us and we will consider it.

There was an issue that was raised in a situation where, for example, a Member has a concern from the area he or she represents but does not sit in the committee that handles such a concern. In such a scenario, that Member can always attend to that committee but he or she cannot vote or have allowances paid to him or her. You can however raise your views and debate.

Therefore, any Member is not limited to attend any committee sitting to raise an issue concerning the ward he or she represents. Those were the main issues raised. I plead with the Members to adopt this Report and we will consider those other issues as we move on. God bless you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Hon. Lilian Kabaya rose on a point of order)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** What is the point of order?

**Hon. Lilian Kabaya:** Mr. Speaker, the Majority Leader has stated that there is no limit to the number of committees that a Member can be placed, however, under standing order 168 (3), "No Member shall be appointed to serve in more than three sectoral committees, unless on



recommendation of the committee on selection for reasons to be stated.” Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** Would you want to respond to that?

**Hon. Erick Kimani:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I talked of minimum; not maximum.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Applause)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** Hon. Members, after having passed the Motion we want to move ahead as fast as possible. As you were told we want to draft the schedule of the committee trainings because very soon there will be work for those committees when Members of the Executive will be presented to the committee for vetting.

It is important for the committees to start their training so that they start functioning. As it was said, these are the committee that will, hopefully, generate work so that we will have business when we start having sittings next year.

It is important because when we have sittings next year, we will not have a House without anything to discuss. I, therefore, hope that you are going to find it appropriate to have these committees start their sittings today.

The first business will be to elect chairpersons and to avoid collisions, I propose as follows; that the Education committee meets immediately. We had hoped we would be over by 11:00 a.m. and the committee could sit at 11:45 a.m.

The Trade, industrialization, Co-operative Management, Wildlife and Tourism, Water, Energy, Forestry and Natural Resources can meet at the same time since there will be no collusion.

The Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries---

Hon. Members, the Trade, Industrialization, Co-operative Management, Wildlife and Tourism, Water, Energy, Forestry and Natural Resources, and the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries will meet at 11:00 a.m. The Education, Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government committee will meet at the Assembly while the Trade, Industrialization, Co-operative Management, Wildlife and Tourism committee will meet at committee room two.

The Water, Energy, Forestry and Natural Resources committee will meet at the Members' lounge while the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries committee will meet at the Speaker's boardroom.

Hon. Members, the Finance and Economic Planning committee will meet in committee room two. The Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services committee will convene at the lounge while the Public Works and Transport committee will meet in the Assembly. The committee on Implementation will convene in the Speaker's boardroom at 12:00 noon.

The Health Services committee will meet in committee room two while the Lands Housing and Physical Planning committee will convene at the Assembly.

The Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs committee will meet in the boardroom at 1:00 p.m. while the Public Accounts and Investment committee will convene at the board room at 2:00 p.m.

The Budget committee will convene at the boardroom at 3:00 p.m. The committee on Delegated County Legislation will meet at 2:00 p.m. at the Assembly. We hope that all these meetings will be over by 4:00 p.m.

Every committee has been allocated one hour for its sitting. I hope you will do your lobbying within that time to have capable chairpersons.

Like I said, the issue that has been raised about expertise is important even as you elect the chairpersons. I will give the way forward on other matters you raised because these are issues we can revisit in good time.

*(Hon. Nahashon Mwirigi rose in his place)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** I do not want us to start debating unless you are the only one to speak. Since I have respect for you, proceed.

**Hon. Nahashon Mwirigi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, my question is whether we are electing the chairpersons and the vice- chairpersons.

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** You are electing both.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** I am informed that there is no other business and that being the case, this House is adjourned until further notice.

*The House rose at 10:41 a.m.*