

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 26th February 2025.

The House met at 9:40 a.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. John Kamwaga) in the Chair]

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

**APPROVED BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MARCH
4 TO MARCH 5, 2025**

Hon. Anthony Marubu: I beg to issue the following statement; pursuant to Standing Order 46(2) (a) the House Business and Rules Committee at its last meeting approved Business that will come before the Assembly for the week commencing Tuesday, March 4, 2025 to Wednesday, March 5, 2025 as per the attached programme.

On Tuesday, March 4, 2025, in the morning sitting, there will be Papers; ratification of payments made from the Murang'a County Emergency Fund and the chairperson Finance and Economic Planning Committee will lay the Paper. There will be a Motion on adoption of a Motion on the implementation status of programmes under the department of Finance and Economic Planning, Trade, Industrialization and Tourism and Health Services for the financial year 2023/2024 and the Chairperson Committee on Implementation will move the Motion. On the same day Tuesday, March 4, 2025, in the afternoon sitting, there will be a Paper laid by the Chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee about a Report on public participation on the Murang'a County Food Security and Nutrition Bill no. 2, 2024. There will be two statements: -

- a. Response to a Statement requested by Hon. Isaac Chefman on the status of Kenneth Matiba hospital by the chairperson Health Service Committee.
- b. Response to a Statement requested by Hon. Isaac Chefman, regarding staff establishment in the department of Health and Sanitation.

Hon. Speaker, there will also be a Bill; the Murang'a County Food Security and Nutrition Bill No. 2 of 2024 for the second reading by chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee.

Hon. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, in the morning sitting, there will be a schedule of statement; approved Business of the Assembly for the week commencing Tuesday, March 11, 2025 to Wednesday March 12, 2025 by one of the members of the House Business and Rules Committee. There will be Bills for the Committee of the Whole House; Murang'a County Food Security and Nutrition Bill No. 2 of 2024 which will be read for the third time; with the chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee being responsible for the Bill.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker, that is how the Business will be come next week.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON VETTING OF NOMINEES TO THE SELECTION PANEL FOR RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am the Leader of Majority and I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, pursuant to Section 58 (a) of the County Governments Act (CGA), 2012, and Section nine of the Public Appointments County Assemblies Approval Act, 2017, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Committee of the Committee on Appointments on vetting of nominees to the Selection Panel for recruitment of Members of the County Public Service Board, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday, 25th February 2025.

Pursuant to Section Six of the Public Appointments County Assemblies Approval Act No.5 of 2017, and Standing Order 47, the Hon. Speaker, in a sitting held on 11th February 2025 informed the House that he received notification from the Governor on nomination of the five members to the panel as follows;-

1. Julia Ngonyo Munyua -Chairperson.
2. Elijah Churu Manyeki -Member representing the private sector.
3. John Muiruri Njata - Member representing workers.
4. Amon Kimani Kinyanjui -Accountant.
5. Miriam Wangari Wachira -Advocate of the High Court.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee, during its scrutiny confirmed that---- with legal provisions for the nomination as contemplated under Section 58 (a) (1) (2) and (3) of the CGA on the composition of nominees to the Selection Panel and further complied with Article 27 (8) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, on equity and freedom from discrimination. On Wednesday, 12th February 2025,

through advertisement that is the Standard page 15, the advert was made by the County Assembly, the Committee confirmed that by Tuesday, 18th February 2025 at 4:00 p.m., the Office of the Clerk had not received any memoranda. The Committee held approval hearing on the five nominees on Wednesday 19th February 2025 from 10:00 a.m. in the County Assembly and vetted all the nominees under oath pursuant to section seven of Public Appointments County Assemblies Act number five of 2017.

Hon. Speaker, on John Muiruri Njata, the Committee noted that the nominee demonstrated a remarkable track record of leadership in various capacities he has served, which positions him as a valuable asset in selection panel as a member representing workers association.

Regarding Julia Munyua Ngonyo, the Committee noted that she had adequate knowledge skills and experience relevant to the position. She was eloquent, confident and exhibited capacity in being an efficient Chairperson to the panel as well as to serve her County.

On Miriam Wangari Wachira, the Committee noted that the nominee had relevant skills in legal profession, especially in law interpretation. She also had a range of experience in recruitment exercises which she will bring on-board in executing the mandate of selection panel as an advocated of High Court of Kenya.

Regarding Amon Kimani Kinyanjui, Committee noted that the nominee demonstrated knowledge on selection panel and also has requisite abilities, qualifications and experience to serve in selection panel as a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Regarding Elijah Gichuru Manyeki, the Committee noted that the nominee did not demonstrate possession of basic technical, administrative or legal knowledge of the position nominated for, the composition of selection panel and his role in the panel. Consequently, he lacks requisite abilities and experience to serve in the County Public Service Board Selection Panel.

Hon. Speaker, having conducted approval hearings of the nominees pursuant to section 58 (A) of the County Governments Act 2012 and section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No.5 of 2017.

The Committee recommended that the House approves John Muiruri Njata, Julia Ngonyo Munyua, Miriam Wangari Wachira and Amon Kinyanjui for appointment by His Excellency the Governor to the selection panel for members of the County Public Service Board. Pursuant to section 9 (10) of the Public Appointment Act (County Assembly Approval) Act No.5 of 2017, the Committee recommends that this House rejects the nomination of Elijah Churu Manyeki as he did not demonstrate adequate knowledge on issues relating to the position as he has been nominated to.

Hon. Speaker this is the summary of the Report by the Appointment Committee and I request Hon. Naomi to second Motion.

Hon. Naomi Maina: Thank you Mr. Speaker

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi): Adjust your mic

Hon. Naomi Maina: Pardon.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi): Adjust your mic, is it working?

Hon. Naomi Maina: Yes. Thank you, Mr Speaker. I would also like to comment that I am also a member of Appointments Committee and I rise to second the Motion. Mr Speaker allow me to give my contribution to the Motion as I second. As I have stated, I am a member of this Committee and I would like to assure the House that the Committee exercised its mandate to the utmost professionalism. I was really impressed by how nominees answered the questions and also demonstrated the knowledge in their task ahead. We have nominee one Julia, we have nominee Miriam, nominee John and nominee Amon. However, we have Elijah Churu who did not demonstrate the idea of the task ahead. I call upon this House, we approve the motion the way it is.

Thank you, I rise to second.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi): Honorable members the House is open for debate.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi): Honorable Muchiri from Muguru Ward

Hon. Moses Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion but I have a few issues that I would like to raise concerning one by the name Amon Kimani Kinyanjui who is a nominee to the panel for the recruitment of County Public Service Board and my concern is regarding his birthright; where it is mentioned that he was born in Nakuru County and not Murang'a County.

As a representative of the people in Murang'a County, I need to reiterate that we have qualified men and women in Murang'a County; who could have been considered for that position, instead of exporting the same from Nakuru County. If I may be asked, I would rather consider one by the name of Elijah Churu who is a resident of Murang'a County rather than Kinyanjui who is from Nakuru County. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi): Honorable Machigo, Township Ward.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for catching my eye. I stand to support this Report but there are a few issues that I would need clarification before we vote; whether the

Committee found sufficient reasons to reject one Churu from that panel and whether the team will be able to handle the task without that one member. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi): Honorable Mwangi, Nginda Ward.

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion and I agree and I fully support the well-done job by the Appointments Committee. Let the people who have been nominated be dedicated to their job, let them work fully for Murang'a County people, let them work for the betterment of Murang'a County. Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me that opportunity.

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

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Thank you Hon. Speaker and thank you members for supporting this Motion. Hon. Moses has raised a concern on one, Hon. Amon. But Hon. Speaker, the employment Act allows the County to employ people from outside the County but it is always good to ensure that the majority are from the County and if you consider that we have the four who are approved that represent a 75%. So Armon will only represent that is 25%, that is one out of four and three out of four that is 75%.

Hon. Machigo has raised concern on the member who was rejected and it is good to note that I mean the member was not conversant with the mandate of the public service board at all at all. Hon. Speaker, once rejected His Excellency, the Governor will appoint one more person who will be vetted very quickly by the Committee so that the composition of the panel will be complete. Thank you, Hon. Mwangi for the support.

I urge all the honourable members to support this Motion so that we can have the selection panel in place. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi): Hon. members, the House stands adjourned until Tuesday March 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Thank you.

The House rose at 10:03 a.m.