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

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

The Assembly met at 2:50 p.m.

*[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta) in the Chair]*

**PRAYER**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF IMPLEMENTATION ON MURANG'A COUNTY HEALTH  
POLICY 2022-2027.**

**Hon. Hillary Muigai:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to give notice of Motion on the following:-

That; the Report of the select Committee on Implementation, on the implementation status of a Report by the Health Services Committee, on consideration of Murang'a County Health Policy 2022/2027, laid on the Table of the Assembly be adopted.

Thank you.

**STATEMENT**

**ASSEMBLY BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY, APRIL 11 2023 TO  
THURSDAY, APRIL 13 2023.**

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I am a member of House Business and Rules Committee. I beg to issue the following Statement; that, 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 from the week commencing Tuesday, April 11 to Thursday April 13, 2023 as per the attached program.

On Tuesday, April 11, 2023 the following Paper will be laid; Report on vetting of Judy Njeri Mburu, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, department of revenue and supply chain management. Another Paper will be laid; Report on vetting of Mr. Samuel Murigi Mungai, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, department of Youth Affairs and Sports and Angela Mueni Kioko for appointment as Chief Officer department of culture, gender and social services. A Paper will be laid the Report on Vetting of Mr. Eliud Maina Wanja, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, department of infrastructure and community- based projects.

A notice of Motion will be issued, on approval of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, department of revenue and supply chain management. A notice of Motion will be issued, on approval of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, department of youth affairs and sports

and; department of culture, gender and social services. A notice of Motion will be issued, on approval of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, Department of infrastructure and community projects. There will be a Motion adoption of a Report on the status of solid waste management in the County.

On Tuesday afternoon, that is April 11, 2023, the following Papers will be laid; Report on Murang'a Municipality amendments 2023, Kenol Municipality charter and Kangari Municipal charter. A Paper will be laid on Report of the taskforce on Murang'a County government staff audit 2022. Another Paper will be laid on Report on fact finding site visits on own source revenue collection and management. There will be a Motion on approval of Report on implementation status of budgeted programmes for the department of water, irrigation environment and natural resources for FY 2022/2023 as at December 31, 2022.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 12, 2023, the following Papers will be laid; Report on vetting of Mr. Kenneth Mukora Kihato, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer department of medical services. Another Paper will be laid; Report on vetting of Mr. Hassan Abdullahi Abdirahman nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, Governor's Delivery Unit and Mr. Edward Irungu Mwangi, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer department of public service and administration. A Paper will be laid; a Report on vetting of Mr. James Kamau Thuku, nominee for appointment as County Attorney. Another Paper will be laid; a Report on vetting of Josephine Wanjiru Wanjiku as Chief Officer department of lands, housing, physical planning and urban development.

There will be a notice of Motion; on approval of nominees for appointment as Chief Officer department of medical services. Another notice of Motion, will be on approval of nominees for appointment as Chief Officer, Governors Delivery Unit and Chief Officer department of public service and administration. There will be another notice of Motion, on approval of nominee for appointment as County Attorney. Another notice of Motion, will be on approval of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer department of lands, housing, physical planning and urban development. There will be a Motion on approval of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer department of infrastructure and community- based projects. There will be laying of Papers, on Report of vetting of Mr. James Kamau Thuku, nominee for appointment as County Attorney. Another Paper will be laid on vetting of Josephine Wanjiru Wanjiku as Chief Officer department of lands, housing, physical planning and urban development. There will be a notice of Motion, on approval of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer department of medical services. There will be another notice of Motion, on approval of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, Governor's Delivery Unit and Chief Officer department of public service and administration.

There will be a Motion on approval of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer in department of revenue and supply chain management. There will be a Motion on approval of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer in the department of youth, sports and department of culture, gender and special services. On Thursday the following papers will be laid; Paper laying on a Report on proposed amendment of the County Assembly Standing Orders. There will be a

notice of Motion on the adoption of a Report on the proposed amendment of the County Assembly Standing Orders. There will be a Motion on adoption of a Report on Murang'a Municipality amendment 2023, Kenol Municipality and Kangari Municipal charter. A Statement will be issued on approval of the business before the Assembly for the week commencing Tuesday, April 18, 2023 to Thursday, April 20, 2023. There will be a Motion on approval of nominee for appointment for the position of a Chief Officer in Medical Services. There will be a Motion on approval of the nominee for appointment as Chief Officer Governor's delivery unit and Chief Officer department of public service and administration.

There will be a Motion for the approval of the nominee for appointment as the Chief County Attorney. Finally, Madam Speaker, a Motion on approval of the nominee for the appointment as Chief Officer department of lands, physical planning and urban development.

Thank you.

### MOTION

#### ADOPTION OF REPORT ON ATTENDANCE OF CANADIAN BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN TORONTO AND SIGNING OF MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.

**Hon. John Ngugi:** I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report on attendance of the Canadian Bureau of International Education Conference in Toronto and signing of memoranda of understanding with Canadian Universities and Colleges, laid on the Table of the Assembly on March 15, 2023.

Madam Speaker, this Report should have been tagged along with a Motion that this House passed earlier this year, but there was an oversight on our end and we seek indulgence on the same.

I now call upon Honourable Loise to second this Motion

**Hon. Loise Mbogo:** I stand to second the Motion

*(Question proposed)*

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta):** Honourable Kamunyua, what is it, or you have nothing to say? Honourable Naomi, I understand you are the Chair Education Committee.

**Hon. Naomi Maina:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support this Motion. Noting that education is the key and I am pleased to note that our youth will get an opportunity to advance career wise and also get jobs and also they will be advanced economically. That is why I support the Motion. Also allow me to note that the skills and exposure they will get when they get there, if they happen to come back here implement them in our County it will be of greater use. So, I support it. Thank you so much.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta):** Hon. Leader of Majority.

**Hon. Wasary Kibe:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support this Motion and one thing that I am noting is that, the students who will go or who will be in a position to go to these

universities and colleges will have an opportunity to work for unlimited hours in that nation. And the rate that is given, the lowest is Kshs1250 per hour, if a student will work for only four hours, he will be in a position to earn like Kshs4000 per day multiplied may be by 30 days, that will be like Kshs120,000 meaning that they will earning good money that will be able to sustain them for the period that they will stay there. Madam Speaker I support.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta):** Hon. Member for Mbiri ward.

**Hon. Ruiru Benard:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support, noting the great advantages that this program will bring to the great County of Murang'a and especially to the young people. The problem of unemployment has been quite a risky and a tough issue as well as education. This program will not only solve the question of education but also the problem of unemployment as an Hon. Member has already mentioned. It will also assist us a County as well as a Country in terms of transfer of skills and exposure that other great nations that have developed are already enjoying. My request to the House and also to the Committee on Education is that we keep engaging and also overseeing and evaluating the progress of the program to ensure that it will be sustainable and that we will keep benefiting our people. So, it is also a call also to the House that we keep on engaging and evaluating to ensure that this program we support it and it becomes sustainable for the great people of Murang'a County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Boniface Mbau:** Thank you Madam Speaker. This is one of the programs Murang'a County Government has done good. Madam Speaker as we have noted here, is once you take that course for two years, you get the work permit for three years. This is very commendable Madam Speaker and it will be of great importance. At the same time we need to have a good Policy because there are some students that go there to Canada and once they get there they get some challenges to raise the fees. So, we also need to have a good Policy before we take the students there. Thank you Madam Speaker and I rise to support the Motion.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta):** Hon. Mark and kindly remove the gadget you have on your neck, if they are not medical you should not have them when you address the House.

**Hon. Mark Wainaina:** Much obliged Madam Speaker. I rise to support this Motion, however, I would like some clarifications from the Chairman Finance and Economic Planning Committee whether they have done due diligence on the same. Because if you go to a County like Uasin Gishu we know parents and students are complaining that what they expected to get is not what the got. I hope your team and may be education team have looked on the same and hope that we do not get our students sent back to the country. However, I rise to support.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta):** Honourable Members, I now call the mover to respond.

**Hon. John Ngugi:** Thank you Madam Speaker and thank you to all the Members who have supported this Motion. I want to allay your fears and I will start by the most recent comment made by Hon. Mark and I can assure you that we have done all within our powers to ensure that what transpired in Uasin Gishu does not transpire here in Murang'a. We have been very forthright with

this program, we have clearly stipulated that this is not a scholarship. Folks in Uasin Gishu were made to believe that this is a scholarship. We have clearly articulated that this is not a scholarship, this is an empowerment program. The County is just playing its fiduciary role in ensuring that those kids that qualify to go to Canada actually get the visas. That is our role and we have clearly indicated that.

We have also done a symposium at Murang'a University of Technology where we invited all the stakeholders including the prospective students and their parents. And we enumerated the same to them, so we did proper public participation on this matter.

We have also done a meeting with all the candidates who were prequalified for this program at the boardroom in the Governor's office and we articulated the same to them. And we actually gave them all the running costs for this program. For somebody to successfully attend Canadian colleges we have requested that they be able to pay at least one year of school fees and at least show us the capability to pay their living expenses.

I can tell the Honourable Members that the County here is not getting involved in any financial dealings with the parents. What we have done is that we have created a process, we have created a work flow that will ensure though the County plays fiduciary role, the end game or the final say in transferring or wiring money to the respective universities will be carried out by the parent. So, the County hands will not be there. The parents will be wiring the funds for the kids.

I can also tell you that 41 students are waiting to pay the school fees and start school in fall semester in Canada. I can also attest that there are no issues in Canada, the issues that we have are in Finland and the issues that those kids ran through were because of non-disclosure issues. They were never told that there is a pre- learning course that will take six months and it will eat into their funds. That was not disclosed to them, they thought that was part of their school fees and that is why there is an outcry in Finland.

Members we have done everything in our power to ensure that this empowerment oversees education runs smoothly and we are also doing consultations everyday with Members of this House, members of executive and even the parents and stakeholders to ensure that this program is a success. I thank you very much.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta):** This House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

*The Assembly rose at 3:20 p.m.*