



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**SECOND ASSEMBLY- (FIRST SESSION)**  
**MURANGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 02, 2017**

1. The House assembled at Thirty Five minutes past Nine O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with a word of prayer.
3. **PRESIDING**- The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki)

**4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

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

The chair issued the following communication,

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

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| a) CEC Environment and Climate change       | – Cecilia Muthoni Kibe  |
| b) CEC Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries | – Albert Mwaniki Ndungu |
| c) CEC 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 form of sworn affidavits and were to be accompanied by any documentary evidence, and 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

No. 198 (4), a meeting of the Committee on Appointments was convened and conducted the approval hearing for the nominees on Tuesday October 31, 2017.

The nominees appeared before the Committee in the following order;

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. 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”.

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

“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 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 programmes 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) Prescribed by National legislation

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.

You are all aware that the Assembly does not have all the members of the County Assembly Service Board as required by law. Hon. Members, 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 for the members of the County Assembly. With these few remarks I wish to welcome all the Honorable members to this special sitting”.

**c) SUBMISSION OF OFFICIAL NAMES FOR HANSARD RECORDING**

“Hon. Members, as communicated earlier, you are required to use the microphone and state your names whenever you make contributions during debate 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. Ensure that you give the details in a prescribed form to be filed at the Chief Sergeant-At-Arms office”

**5. SPECIAL MOTION - APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD**

Motion made and question proposed –

**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;

- a) Hon. Eric Kamande Kimani, MCA
- b) Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni, MCA
- c) Peter Kimani Njuguna
- d) Catherine Wairimu Mugo

*(Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau on behalf of the Leader of Majority)*

Question put and **agreed to**

**6. SPECIAL MOTION - APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Motion made and question proposed –

**THAT**, this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee on Appointments, on the approval hearing of persons for appointment as the County Executive Committee Members and pursuant to Article 179(2) (b), Section 35 of the 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:

- a. **Cecilia Muthoni Kibe** as the County Executive Committee Member, Environment and Climate Change;
- b. **Albert Mwaniki Ndungu** as the County Executive Committee Member Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries;
- c. **Eng. Amos Kuria Njoroge** as the County Executive Committee Member, Roads and Public Works.

*(Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni, member Committee on Appointments)*

Debate Arising

Mover responds

Question put and **agreed to**

## **7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

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.

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:-

- Education and Child Welfare, E-Government and Information Technology Chairperson Hon. Beth Waithira Ndungu Vice Chairperson And Hon. Ibrahim Ngundo Maina.

- Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative Management Tourism & Wildlife Chairperson Hon. Jecinta Wangari Ng'ang'a & Vice-Chairperson Hon. Elizabeth Wambui Mwangi
- Water, Energy, Forestry, Environment, Natural Resources Chairperson Hon. Sammy Waweru Mwangi & Vice-Chairperson Hon. Peter Mweri Maina
- Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries Chairperson Hon. Charles Kahoro Ruga & Vice-Chairperson Hon. Anne Wangari Kigo
- Finance & Economic Planning Chairperson Hon. Cyrus Kiiru Mwangi & Vice-Chairperson Hon. Joyce Wambui Njoki.
- Youth, Culture, Gender & Social Services Chairperson Hon. Stephen Chege Mwangi & Vice-Chairperson Hon. Joel Murigi Muhuha
- Public Works, Roads & Transport Public Works, Roads And Transport Hon. Peter Mburu Muthoni & Vice-Chairperson Hon. Flasia Nduta Chege
- Implementation Chairperson Hon. Daniel Chege Mwangi And Vice-Chairperson Hon. Moses Murigi Gikonyo
- Health Services Chairperson Hon. Pelagiah Muthoni Whom I Must Say that Will Have To Relinquish That Position Having Joined The Board So That We Give That Opportunity To Somebody Else And Vice-Chairperson Hon. Francis Kibe Githuka
- Land, Housing, Physical Planning And Settlement Chairperson Hon. Gerald Wambugu & Vice-Chairperson Hon. Alex Ndunda Makau
- Governance, Labour, Justice & Legal Affairs Chairperson Hon. Stanely Mburu Muhia & Vice-Chairperson Hon. Zablon Machugu
- County Public Investment & Accounts Committee Chairperson Hon. Caroline Wairimu Njoroge & Vice-Chairperson Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi
- Committee On Delegated County Legislation Chairperson Hon. Lilian Nyaguthii Kabaya & Vice-Chairperson Hon. James Karanja Kabera
- County Budget & Appropriation Committee Chairperson Hon. Francis Kibe Kamau & Vice-Chairperson Hon. Ruth Wambui Karanja

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.

Having said that I now declare that the House is adjourned until further notice.

Thank you.

**8. HOUSE ROSE** – at Twenty minutes past Eleven O'clock.

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**MEMORANDUM**

The Speaker will take the Chair on  
The next date as per notice

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