

## County Government of Kisumu



### COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

### **THE HANSARD**

### SECOND ASSEMBLY – THIRD SESSION

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

House met in the Main Chamber at 02:30m p.m.

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren Muga) in the Chair)

### PRAYERS

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Members, while making reference to the provisions of County Assembly standing Orders No. 32 (2), I would like to instruct the Serjeant-at-Arms to ring the Quorum Bell for five minutes.

*(Quorum Bell is rung for five minutes)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Members, I would like to request the Chief Whip to confirm if the House has attained the required quorum?

**Chief Whip** (Hon. Misachi): Yes Madam Speaker, there is quorum.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Members. Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon session. Can the Clerk take us through the Orders Paper of the day?

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Next order!

### STATEMENT

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

**Leader of Majority** (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Madam Speaker. Early this month, we did pass as motion on Assembly Mashinani and the intent of that motion was try and devolve our Assembly sessions to our Sub-counties.

Madam Speaker, I would like to bring it to the attention of Members of this House that, a decision on this matter has been made and it is going to begin by the first week of December, 2019 that is between the 02<sup>nd</sup> December to the 06<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. Already arrangement are being made and the technical staff have been sent to Muhoroni Sub-county so that they can look at the suitability of the venue...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Leader of Majority, please excuse me. Is that a Personal Statement or it is a formal one that you should have followed the correct procedures?

**Leader of Majority** (Hon. Onyango): Madam Speaker, if you read our Standing Orders No. 42 (2) (d), in my capacity as the Leader of Majority, it is my duty and obligation to inform Members on the Business that is supposed to be in the House and on Thursday. So, that is precisely what I am doing.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Carren Muga): Please proceed.

**Leader of Majority** (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Madam Speaker. So, I was informing the Hon. Members that, that is planned for the first week of December, 2019 and arrangements are being made and I believe that is something that is going to be very fundamental in trying to redeem the new image of the Assembly.

Secondly, we have a series of business, you are all aware that we did give a notice of motion that will probably extend our sittings and we have a series of business commencing tomorrow. I would like to implore the House that these Bills are very important and as we retreat to do the reports, let us give it our very best so that in the next week we can dispense off with these Bills so that we move to other businesses. Please remember, we have the pending business of vetting the Chief Officers of various departments, which we also going to do next week. So, a tray full of activities and I would like to implore Members to take the business of this House seriously, because those are very important businesses.

Madam Speaker, I also want to say that, we are going to Gazette form purposes of Public Participation the Bill on Roads. This is because I have information that the Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2019 is also on its way and we expect to receive it by Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 and the Kisumu County Annual Development Plan FY 2019/2020. So, those are also business that are coming up and Members can imagine how serious they need to get so that we can transact all that. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Okiri.

**Hon. Okiri:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Late last month the House passed the Motion on *Bunge Mashinani*. If I can recall that it is in this same House that, I dis propose that the first sitting should be in Kisumu West Sub-county.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Excuse me Hon. Okiri, are you debating on the Statement that has been given by the Leader of Majority or are you giving a Personal Statement?

**Hon. Okiri:** Madam Speaker, I am giving a Personal Statement on what is actually affecting me. So, each day my constituents which is Kisumu West Sub-county, are inquiring and asking that, Hon. Member you told us that *Bunge Mashinani* will commence in Kisumu West as a Sub-county in honour of our beloved Speaker Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro.

Madam Speaker, I am perturbed if the Leader of Majority is stating that arrangements are being undertaken in Muhoroni, while in this House I made it very clear that, the first sitting of the *Bunge Mashinani* should be in Kisumu West Sub-county....

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Member, I don't remember I get you well because that is more personal and I want to say that you are Out of Order. I want to request you that what you are trying to bring before the House is how your community is affected and that one is not personal, thank you.

**Hon. Okiri:** Madam Speaker...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Member, I have ruled you Out of Order!

*(The Speaker is in consultation with the Clerks)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Okiri, it is true that I have ruled you Out of Order, because, when we refer to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 42, please allow me read; I quote;

*During the Statement Hour, a Member may by the indulgence of the House explain matters of Personal nature although there is no question put before the House but such matter may not be debated.*

Hon. Okiri, I am sorry, I rule you Out of Order.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Next order!

## **MOTION**

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENT ON THE SUITABILITY OF NOMINEES TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING, MR. GEORGE OMONDI OKONG'O. KISUMU COUNTY

## PREAMBLE

### **Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members,**

The Governor of Kisumu County Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o notified the Assembly in accordance to section 6 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assembly Approval Act) 2017 about his nominee for the position of CEC Finance and Economic Planning Mr. George Omondi Okong'o through a letter reference CGK/GBN/ADM/2019/VOL I/38 signed by the County Secretary (See annex I)

Consequently, the notification was laid as a paper before the House on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at 02:30 p.m. and thereafter the Speaker committed the notification to the committee on Appointment to conduct due diligence and public approval/public hearing for the nominee and cause a report to the House in accordance with section 7 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assembly Approval) Act 2017 and County Assembly Standing Orders No. 187.

The Clerk of the Assembly pursuant to the provisions of section 7 (4), notified the candidate and the general public through the Star and Daily Nation newspapers of Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 respectively of the time and place of holding the approval hearing. The Committee thereafter conducted the approval hearing/public vetting on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at Aga Khan Hall at 9.00 a.m.

### **The committee mandate and composition**

The Committee on Appointment is established pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 187 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders which bestows the committee with the mandate of vetting of nominees proposed by Governor to various positions of County Executive Committee Members in accordance with Article 179 (b) of the Constitution of Kenya.

The committee as currently constituted comprise of the following Honorable Members;

| <b>NAME</b>                         | <b>POSITION</b>           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro</b>    | <b>- Chairperson</b>      |
| <b>2. Hon. George Othuthu Abaja</b> | <b>- Vice Chairperson</b> |
| 3. Hon. Aslam Khan                  | - Member                  |
| 4. Hon. Joachim Oketch Omieno       | - Member                  |
| 5. Hon. Jane Juma Manuche           | - Member                  |
| 6. Hon. Kenneth Onyango Odhiambo    | - Member                  |
| 7. Hon. Benny Pete Oiko             | - Member                  |
| 8. Hon. Caleb Omoro                 | - Member                  |
| 9. Hon. Beatrice Odongo             | - Member                  |
| 10. Hon. Erick Agolla               | - Member                  |
| 11. Hon. Nancy Owiti                | - Member                  |

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### **Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members,**

May I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee on Appointments for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations and vetting exercise. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support accorded to it during the vetting exercise.

On behalf of the Committee on Appointments and the technical staff, it is now my humble duty and privilege to present to the House the suitability report of the nominee for consideration.

Hon. Kenneth Onyango Odhiambo:  
For the Chairperson.

## LEGAL FRAMEWORK

### **Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members,**

Article 179 (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 mandates the Governor to appoint the County Executive Committee Members with the approval of the County Assembly. Section 35 of the County Government Act, 2012 further provides for procedures used by the Governor when nominating members of the executive. This is as stipulated herein;

### **Appointment of County Executive Committee Members.**

35. (1) The Governor shall, when nominating members of the Executive committee—
- a) ensure that to the fullest extent possible, the composition of the Executive Committee reflects the community and cultural diversity of the county; and
  - b) Take into account the principles of affirmative action as provided for in the Constitution.
- (2) The County Assembly shall not approve nominations for appointment to the executive committee that do not take into account—
- a) not more than two thirds of either gender;
  - b) representation of the minorities, marginalized groups and communities; and
  - c) Community and cultural diversity within the county.
- (3) A person may be appointed as a member of the county executive committee if that person—
- a) is a Kenyan citizen;
  - b) is a holder of at least a first degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
  - c) satisfies the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution; and

- d) Has knowledge, experience and a distinguished career of not less than five years in the field relevant to the portfolio of the department to which the person is being appointed.

(4) A member of the County Executive Committee shall not hold any other State or public office.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, Section 8 of the public Appointments Act, 2017 highlights issues for consideration by relevant County Assembly in relation to any nomination which shall include the following;

1. The procedure used to arrive at the nominee including the criteria for short listing of the nominees.
2. Any Constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the office in question.
3. The suitability of the nominee for the appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominee's credentials, abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which the nomination is being made.
4. The Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 40

Standing Order No. 43 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders which states;

- 1) Upon receipt of a notification of nomination for appointment to an office as is under the Constitution or under any other legislation required to be approved by the County Assembly, the nomination shall stand committed to the relevant Sectoral Committee of the County Assembly for consideration.
- 2) Despite paragraph (1), appointments under Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution shall stand committed to the Committee on Appointments.
- 3) Before holding an approval hearing, the Committee to which proposed appointments have been referred shall notify the candidate and the public of the time and place for the holding of the approval hearing at least seven days prior to the hearing.
- 4) The Committee shall conduct a hearing on the proposed appointment and shall, unless otherwise provided in law, lay its report in the County Assembly within fourteen days of the date on which the notification was received under paragraph

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee held three (3) meetings to deliberate, vet and prepare a report with recommendations to be tabled before the House.

## CRITERIA FOR VETTING

**Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members,**

The Committee adopted the First Schedule criteria for vetting/approval of nominee and Second Schedule Assessment Form which are provided by the Public Appointment (County Assemblies Approval), 2017.

|   | RATINGS         |               |          |
|---|-----------------|---------------|----------|
|   | Marks available | Marks awarded | Comments |
| Work experience (as it relates to the position)                       | 25              |               |          |
| Education/training (relevant to the position)                         | 25              |               |          |
| Interest in and knowledge relating to specific position.              | 15              |               |          |
| Communication skills (written/oral)                                   | 10              |               |          |
| Presentation (promptness, neatness of resume/application, appearance) | 10              |               |          |
| Decision making/problem solving skills                                | 15              |               |          |
| Total marks   | 100             |               |          |
| Signature: .....  |                 |               |          |
| Date: .....   |                 |               |          |

Note: The relevant experience to be assessed will depend on the job in question  
Each panel member should fill in the form independently.

The Committee also adopted the score sheet used for vetting. The score sheet covered six thematic areas that gave a total score of 100.

| S/No. | Thematic Areas | Scores per Segment (%) |
|-------|----------------|------------------------|
|-------|----------------|------------------------|

|    |   |      |
|----|---|------|
| 1. | Academic and Professional Qualification | 96%  |
| 2. | Demonstrate Achievement/Work Experience | 87%  |
| 3. | Technical and Professional Capacity     | 84%  |
| 4. | General Knowledge                       | 91%  |
|    | Communication and Personal Attributes   | 87%  |
| 5. | General Attributes                      | 86%  |
|    | Total percentage Score                  | 100% |

The Committee resolved that the pass mark for scores be 50%.

#### STATUTORY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

**Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members,**

The nominee was required to submit clearance certificates from the following statutory bodies to satisfy requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution;

- i. Kenya Revenue Authority (K.R.A);
- ii. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (E.A.C.C);
- iii. Criminal Investigation Department (C.I.D) Certificate of Good Conduct;  
and
- iv. Higher Education Loans Board (H.E.L.B).

Upon verification the committee noted that the nominee met the following requirements;

| S/NO | ITEM  | REMARKS |
|------|---|---------|
| 1.   | Kenya Revenue Authority (K.R.A)                                       | ✓       |
| 2.   | Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (E.A.C.C)                       | ✓       |
| 3.   | Criminal Investigation Department (C.I.D) Certificate of Good Conduct | ✓       |
| 4.   | Higher Education Loans Board (H.E.L.B)                                | ✓       |

#### PUBLIC HEARING AND VETTING OF THE NOMINEE



The Committee conducted the vetting process for Mr. George Omondi Okong'o for the position of CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at Aga Khan Hall Kisumu between 9.00am-12noon (See Hansard report attached).

The nominee appeared before the Committee and was orally interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, No. 5 of 2017, County Government Act 2012, the Standing Orders of the County Assembly and other relevant pieces of legislations.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF THE NOMINEE

Name: Mr. George Omondi Okong'o

Nationality - Kenyan  
Date of Birth - March 2, 1979  
Marital Status - Married  
Working Languages - English and Swahili  
ID No: - 20746893  
PIN No: - A003506195E  
Postal Address - P.O BOX 2738-40100 Kisumu  
Mobile Phone No: - 0726637436

#### Educational Background

2009: Masters of Arts (Governance and Development)  
Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom (UK).  
2004: Bachelor of Arts (Economics)  
University of Dar es Salaam  
2004: Microsoft Office packages; Atlas. ti Quantitative analysis software; Stata 11

#### Employment Records:

- i. County Government of Kisumu as an Economic Advisor and Head, Special Delivery Unit (SDU) Office of the Governor from August 2016 to May 2018
- ii. International Institute for Democracy and Electronic Assistance (International IDEA) as a Senior Program Manager
- iii. African population and Health Research Centre (APHRC) as a Development Manager as from December 2015 to May 2016

- iv. African Research and Resource forum (ARRF) as an Executive Secretary from September 2019 to December 2015

**Honors and Awards:**

- i. Certificate of outstanding performance youth leadership
- ii. Youth Leadership Training Program (YLTP) December 2003 by Prof. Max Mmunya, Program Co-ordinator
- iii. Award for outstanding performance in Mathematics (SIAYA MATHEMATICS ASSOCIATION – 1995)
- iv. East African Uongozi Fellowship Institute – 2003 by Rwekaza Mukandala, Uongozi Institute Africa

**Professional Association**

- i. Council for the development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)
- ii. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Washington DC, USA
- iii. Evidence Based Policy in Development Network (EBPDN) London, UK

**Membership of Professional Bodies**

NONE

**Publications.**

- i. 2011 -*Book project on State-Building and National Development in new Republic of South Sudan*
- ii. 2011 - *Book project on ARRF, Kenya*
- iii. 2005 - *Book project on Building a New Prosperous Society in South Sudan in the Post-Conflict Period. ARRF, Kenya*

**Public office, Political Activities and Associations**

**Economic Advisor - County Government of Kisumu (Contract) from August 2016 to May 2018**

The candidate was subjected to a set of questions to establish his suitability for the proposed appointment in accordance with the score sheet and scored a total of 86%. Refer to the attached Hansard report in annex II.

Mandatory requirements According to Section 35 (3) of the Kisumu County Government Act 2012 of the County Executive Committee Member.

| Candidate                 | Citizen of Kenya | is a holder of at least a first degree from a university recognized in Kenya; | satisfies the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution | Has knowledge, Experience and a distinguished career of NOT less than 5 years in the field relevant to the Portfolio of the Department to which the Person is being Appointed. | Meets the Requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya. | Remarks<br>Responsive/Non-Responsive |
|---------------------------|------------------|---|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Mr. George Omondi Okong'o | ✓                | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   | Responsive                           |
| <b>Remarks</b>            | ✓                | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   | ✓                                    |

| <b>THEME</b>  | <b>P 1</b> | <b>P 2</b> | <b>P 3</b> | <b>P 4</b> | <b>P 5</b> | <b>P 6</b> | <b>P 7</b> | <b>P 8</b> | <b>P 9</b> | <b>Total Score</b> | <b>Average</b> |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Personal Profile <b>(30 marks)</b>                    | 28         | 25         | 25         | 28         | 30         | 28         | 28         | 22         | 25         | 239                | 26.56          |
| Technical and professional capacity <b>(60 marks)</b> | 53         | 52         | 50         | 48         | 55         | 48         | 57         | 51         | 45         | 459                | 51.00          |
| General Knowledge <b>(5 Marks)</b>                    | 5          | 3          | 5          | 5          | 5          | 5          | 4          | 5          | 4          | 41                 | 4.56           |
| Communication and personal Attribute <b>(5 Marks)</b> | 5          | 3          | 5          | 4          | 5          | 4          | 4          | 4          | 5          | 39                 | 4.33           |
| <b>Total Average score</b>                            | <b>91</b>  | <b>83</b>  | <b>85</b>  | <b>85</b>  | <b>95</b>  | <b>85</b>  | <b>93</b>  | <b>82</b>  | <b>79</b>  | <b>778</b>         | <b>86.44</b>   |

**Suitability of the Nominees for the Appointment to the position**

Suitability of the Candidate was determined by a set of questions in consistency with the proposed appointment and he performed as follows:

| Position | Nominee                          | % Score    | Remarks                    |
|----------|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
|          | <b>Mr. George Omondi Okong'o</b> | <b>86%</b> | <b>Responsive/Suitable</b> |

**COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS****Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members,**

1. The Committee noted that the Governor Kisumu County complied with Section 35(1) of the County Government Act, 2012 while nominating Mr. George Omondi Okong'o to the post of County Executive Member of Finance and Economic Planning.
2. The nominee met the threshold of appointment to the office as provided for by section 35(3) of the County Government Act.
3. The nominee appeared before the Appointment Committee and excelled by scoring 86%.
4. The Committee did not receive any information from the public contrary to his nomination.
5. The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment.

**RECOMMENDATIONS****Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members,**

The committee recommends to this Hon. House that Mr. George Omondi Okong'o be appointed to the position of County Executive Committee Members for Finance and Economic Planning.

**CONCLUSION**

It is therefore my honor and privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Appointment to table this report before this Honorable House for consideration. I would like to call Honorable Minority Leader, Hon. Pete Oiko who is also a member of the Committee on Appointment to second. a

**Thank you Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members.**

**Leader of Minority** (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to second the approval of Mr. George Omondi Okong'o to the position of County Executive Committee Member (CECM) to Finance and Economic Planning, Kisumu County. Madam Speaker, during our time of vetting, we found him to be fit to hold the portfolio and it is our hope that, he will do his best to improve the Financial Management of Kisumu County. Cognizance to the fact that he was the Head of the Delivery Unit and he had the chance to assist to monitor the development of this County.

Madam Speaker, now that he has been accorded the full mandate as the Minister for Finance and Economic Planning, we hope that he will do his best and the County will move a notch higher when it comes to the issues of Finance and the issues to do with development. I therefore second that the Assembly ratifies his approval to the Governor, Kisumu County to appoint him as the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning.

Madam Speaker, and Hon. Members, you all know that, before the Assembly says yes to the appointment the Governor's hand is tied. So, by the end of today, the nod that we shall give is very important, is very crucial to the Governor to give his approval to Mr. George Omondi Okong'o. I also plead with Hon. Members of this House to give their approval and their authority to the nominee so that he can serve this County. I beg to support, thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you Hon. Leader of Minority. The report from the Committee on Appointment on the vetting for Suitability for the Position of County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning by the Leader of Majority and seconded by the Leader of Minority. I now open it to Hon. Members to deliberate on it?

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Kanga.

**Hon. Kanga:** Thank you Madam Speaker, although I am in concurrence for adoption of this Report from the Committee on Appointment on the vetting for Suitability for the Position of County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning.

Madam Speaker, there are certain areas which I would request the mover of the motion to clarify on before we proceed with the debating this matter. As a result of the above, I am rising while citing the provisions of Standing Orders. Madam Speaker, if you look at page 1 of the report, where the Leader of Majority is touching on Conclusion and the annexes attached thereto. Madam Speaker, annex I which is the Letter of Appointment which is not here with us. Madam Speaker, annex II which is the Advert, annex II which is the Hansard Report and annex IV which in my belief form the core component of this report which are minutes of the Committee. Madam Speaker, another area which I believed is pertinent in matters of procedures which I will request the Leader of Majority to shed more light on, which is in page IX, on the Employment Record of

the nominee, if you look at Part IV which states that he worked with then Africa Research and Reform forum as an Executive Secretary from September, 2019 to December, 2015.

Madam Speaker, for purposes for records because this is a House of Procedures and Records. Madam Speaker, we either expunge this part or we do amendment where necessary. Madam Speaker, with due respect please give guidance so that the Leader of Majority can clear this grey area so that we pass this document without unnecessary procedural errors which might place us in an unwanted situations which we might or may have corrected in this House, thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Leader of Majority that has been thrown to you. Can you respond on it before I give my ruling?

**Leader of Majority** (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Madam Speaker. I am in concurrence with the Hon. Member that, if you look at the Employment Records Part IV indeed there is no way that you can serve from September, 2019 to December, 2015. So, there must have been a typographical error and because we cannot correct it straight away, if we expunge that part, it will not injure the document in any way. Madam Speaker, if I were to be accorded time, but I don't have the luxury of time and the only viable thing to do, is to expunge that part, but I think it is a typo.

Madam Speaker the other issue that the Hon. Member raised was on the annexures. The minutes are actually, because you can see that the Hon. Members of the Committee have appended their signatures to the Report which means this was the report that at the end of the day Members agreed that this is what we discussed. So, I don't think there is anything that is necessary more than this report, but of course I do agree that the annexures of the adverts is not attached.

Again unless somebody has serious issues with that, I want to indulge the House that we can proceed because you are aware that this House did conduct Public Participation at the Aga Khan Hall and that is not in dispute. I have said the adverts occurred on two dailies, that is the Star Newspaper and The Daily Nation. So I want to indulge the House that we proceed and I want applaud my good friend Hon. Seth for being a stickler to the details. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): What is it Hon. Genga?

**Hon. Genga:** Thank you. I am glad you have considered your initial tuff stand. Hon. Seth has raised very pertinent questions because this is a report of the House and it would have been prudent for the Leader of the Majority to ensure that the annexes are attached to the reports.

The Leader of Majority didn't have an answer and it seems he was ignoring Hon. Seth's questions. Next time if he brings a report and fails to have an answer to the issues we are raising then he should not close it up for the discussion by the Members. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Are you telling the Leader of Majority on what he is supposed to say?

**Hon. Genga:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I don't have the luxury of being a teacher. He has been one and I think he is a position to do it.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Ken Ooko.

**Hon. Ooko:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to echo what the Leader of Majority has just said. The report has been signed by the majority of the Members of the committee and the committee represents this House. So what has been confirmed by the committee is the true picture of the report. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): I want to make a ruling on this matter. We have got two issues here one is dealing with the annexes and the other is Page 9 Part IV not forgetting the employment records too. I want advice that a Member should propose an action on the issues that I have mentioned.

**Hon. Khan:** Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I propose that Page 9 (iv) be expunged from the records and may I call upon Hon. Arao to second? Thank you.

**Hon. Arao:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to second the proposal as expressed by the Honourable Member. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Kanga.

**Hon. Kanga:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to support the Report on the Suitability of the nominee to the position of the CEC Finance and Economic Planning. I will be very brief because the presentation of the Leader of Majority has served it all. My worry is that does the nominee has the expertise as far as public finance management is concerned and the answer lies in the education background part of the report. It indicates that the nominee has got the Bachelor of Arts in the Economic Option and that alone answers my worry. We have been having challenges with that office and we must fix it this time. You remember this House impeached the previous holder of that office in total because we had challenges.

The person who is about to hold that office will answer our question which we had raised before because of the PFM Act were wanting with the previous office holder. The issues of utilization of public resources, the issues of procurement and the absorption rate. I believe Mr. George will come as a rescue to this government.

Madam Speaker, I also want to commend the committee for going further to dig deeper into the issues we have witnessed in the last two years while discharging our duties of oversight. That is the issue of revenue collection. Is the person is going to improve the revenue collection in the county and the nominee was very responsive in his submissions.

On the issues that are of challenge to the county which I believe everyone knows including the budget cycle and quarterly reports were clearly handled by the nominee. With those few remarks,



I support the report by the Committee of Appointment on the suitability of the nominee. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Arao.

**Hon. Arao:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Allow me also to support this report by the Appointment Committee. I want to urge the House to own this report. I also want to appreciate the committee for coming up with this wonderful report. I wish that the copy of the Hansard that impeached the former CEC Finance be forwarded to Mr. George so that he can learn from the mistakes of former CEC.

I don't want to delve in so many issues but I want Mr. George to take up this job very seriously so that this County can move forward. Thank you Madam Speaker. I support.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you. Yes Hon. Genga.

**Hon. Genga:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to support the report and I want to commend the committee for this work. This is one area that I hold dear as Hon. Seth said. I wish to congratulate the nominee in advance for the position. I am happy that the Governor saw it fit and brought in a person backgrounds in Finance. The Economics and Finance border line is very thin. I can also see he is a mathematician and so by statistician.

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Last but not least, there are areas of contractors who are the key people who serve this County. These are important service providers in this county. It is common knowledge that people are crying because people borrow money to come and offer their services to this County but you find that one year or two years down the line, you find that this people have not been paid. It will only be fair that the new CEC take that with the urgency and I know is person that is capable. Let any contractor who has worked honestly because their work can be seen. Let them be paid on time.

The absorption rate in this county is very low. We can do better than that. I appeal to this Honourable House that we hold our friend Mr. George with high esteem and we believe he shall deliver. Thank you Madam Speaker.

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**Hon. Pamela Odhiambo:** Thank you Madam Speaker for the recognition. I have never know the nominee but I met him when he was at the Service Delivery Unit when they were going round inspect various projects in the County. I appreciated the how I was handled when I visited his office over some problems I had in my area.

I believe he will continue with same spirit. I also expect him to give the departments their dues. Let the past mistakes not be put on the nominee and give him a chance to serve this County in that position. I commend the committee for the good work. Thank you Madam Speaker.

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**Hon. Agolla:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I am a Member of the committee and I just want to stamp on what we have recommended. It should go on record that it is our prayer as a County that the issue of centralization of procurement should be looked into. The Leader of Majority had put it that we just want to have Assembly Mashinani. We passed a bill that created the Village Council that is the spirit of decentralization. Therefore I want to appeal to the nominee to consider decentralizing procurement to the departments because there shall be a Chief Officer who will be in-charge of procurements. Madam Speaker, central procurement is something of the past. Thank you.

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Again unless somebody has serious issues with that, I want to indulge the House that we can proceed because you are aware that this House did conduct Public Participation at the Aga Khan Hall and that is not in dispute. I have said the adverts occurred on two dailies, that is the Star Newspaper and The Daily Nation. So I want to indulge the House that we proceed and I want applaud my good friend Hon. Seth for being a stickler to the details. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): What is it Hon. Genga?

**Hon. Genga:** Thank you. I am glad you have considered your initial tuff stand. Hon. Seth has raised very pertinent questions because this is a report of the House and it would have been prudent for the Leader of the Majority to ensure that the annexes are attached to the reports.

The Leader of Majority didn't have an answer and it seems he was ignoring Hon. Seth's questions. Next time if he brings a report and fails to have an answer to the issues we are raising then he should not close it up for the discussion by the Members. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Are you telling the Leader of Majority on what he is supposed to say?

**Hon. Genga:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I don't have the luxury of being a teacher. He has been one and I think he is a position to do it.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Ken Ooko.

**Hon. Ooko:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to echo what the Leader of Majority has just said. The report has been signed by the majority of the Members of the committee and the committee represents this House. So what has been confirmed by the committee is the true picture of the report. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): I want to make a ruling on this matter. We have got two issues here one is dealing with the annexes and the other is Page 9 Part 4 not forgetting the employment

records too. I want advice that a Member should propose an action on the issues that I have mentioned.

**Hon. Khan:** Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I propose that Page 9 (IV) be expunged from the records and may I call upon Hon. Arao to second? Thank you.

**Hon. Arao:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to second the proposal as expressed by the Honourable Member. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Kanga.

**Hon. Kanga:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to support the Report on the Suitability of the nominee to the position of the CEC Finance and Economic Planning. I will be very brief because the presentation of the Leader of Majority has served it all. My worry is that does the nominee has the expertise as far as public finance management is concerned and the answer lies in the education background part of the report. It indicates that the nominee has got the Bachelor of Arts in the Economic Option and that alone answers my worry. We have been having challenges with that office and we must fix it this time. You remember this House impeached the previous holder of that office in total because we had challenges.

The person who is about to hold that office will answer our question which we had raised before because of the PFM Act were wanting with the previous office holder. The issues of utilization of public resources, the issues of procurement and the absorption rate. I believe Mr. George will come as a rescue to this government.

Madam Speaker, I also want to commend the committee for going further to dig deeper into the issues we have witnessed in the last two years while discharging our duties of oversight. That is the issue of revenue collection. Is the person is going to improve the revenue collection in the county and the nominee was very responsive in his submissions.

On the issues that are of challenge to the county which I believe everyone knows including the budget cycle and quarterly reports were clearly handled by the nominee. With those few remarks, I support the report by the Committee of Appointment on the suitability of the nominee. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Arao.

**Hon. Arao:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Allow me also to support this report by the Appointment Committee. I want to urge the House to own this report. I also want to appreciate the committee for coming up with this wonderful report. I wish that the copy of the Hansard that impeached the former CEC Finance be forwarded to Mr. George so that he can learn from the mistakes of former CEC.

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County. This is because they cannot afford to fuel their vehicles to various wards in this County. We are asking and if at all the CEC is going to assume office his first task is to decentralize services to the departments which they are supposed to be. Madam Speaker, we are very happy with the nominee George Okong'o but at the same time I would like to touch a little bit about the pending bills. We know very well that we have pending bills which are amounting to millions in Kisumu County. Since I can see the spirit and how the Hon. Members have faith on Hon. George Okong'o ; let him take the issue of pending bills seriously so that Kisumu County can move forward. Madam Speaker, we know very well that this particular contractors are our people who come from Kisumu County. These people are helpless and the County Government is just about to roll out the projects but we are wondering how these people are going to do their contracts because some have not been paid since 2017. I believe that if we are going to take Hon. Okong'o seriously then let him get into office but first of all let him deal with the pending bills and the decentralization of services to various departments.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Chief Whip.

**The Chief Whip** (Hon. Misachi): Madam Speaker, on the issue of pending bills; I believe you saw the council of Governors committing themselves to the Head of State that they are going to deal with the pending bills. Our work as an Assembly is to remind Prof. Nyong'o to tell his CEC to do what they are supposed to do because they have committed themselves to the President.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you. What is it Hon. Ngeta?

**Hon. Ngeta:** Madam Speaker, we are all aware that there is genuine pending bills but there are some pending bills which are being made at the departmental level.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Ngeta. The Chief Whip stood on a point of information so I want to ask you to which Standing Order are you rising on?

**Hon. Ngeta:** I want to inform the Senior Member here that there are genuine and fake pending bills which are made here.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Ngeta, this is a House of rules and procedures. What is it Leader of Majority?

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): I rise on Standing Orders no. 89. Hon. Ngeta has made a very alarming statement that there are fake pending bills. Madam Speaker can he produce evidence that indeed there are fake pending bills being manufactured because if that is true and there is evidence then that is a serious concern for this House. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): In fact I had ruled him out of order. Proceed Hon. Ogotu.

**Hon. Ogotu:** Thank you Madam Speaker let me seriously take the advice of the Senior Hon. Member. We know very well that there is a serious pending bills issue in Kisumu County and this

thing is chocking the County as a whole. Even the contractors are unable to do some jobs because they are expecting money to be paid from the Executive and it is only in order because this will form part and parcel of the work of CEC Finance. It is good for us to talk about it so that when he assumes office his first duty is to look on the issue of pending bills and decentralization of services. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Manuche.

**Hon. Manuche:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to support the CEC Finance. I have never met him before but I being one of the Members of Appointments committee saw it wise to support because of the way I saw Hon. George Okong'o presenting himself before us was quite good. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Khan.

**Hon. Khan:** I am a Member of this Appointments committee but I would also like to comment on this issue. I rise to support the appointment of George Omondi Okong'o to be the nominee for Finance and Economic Planning. Madam Speaker I would just request through this House that let him when he gets to office and I believe he is going to get it respect the invitations that will be sent from this House or the committees that will require him to appear before him. Let him also be up to date on inquiries and answers so that he can act to them if they are being asked. He should also with the said number 2 that when statements are raised on the floor of the House we should be given answers. The fourth one is the ward funds which are the biggest controversies; let him give a lot of respect to the Hon. Members and make sure that the delivery service is felt on the ground. The fifth one is about the local contractors as they have been paid; let the local contractors be paid their dues if they have done the right works so that this money can rotate and the economy of this Country can move on. He must also make sure that there is enough medicine in our hospitals and the nurses are promptly paid. Finally, let him honour the agreement of memorandum of understanding so that it should be put in black and white. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Ken Ooko.

**Hon. Ken Ooko:** Madam Speaker, I rise to support this report and thank the Governor for identifying and nominating George Okong'o for this post. In this report, it is said that George has been the Economic Advisor to the Governor and I believe that being an Economic Advisor he has been on regular contact with the Governor and being one of the people that participated in the preparation of the Governor's manifesto, I believe that he is the right person to help the Governor in delivering his manifesto.

There was an area that I was interested in that George scored highly that is understanding the challenges facing this County Government and when I go down I see that he also provided good answers in providing solutions. If we go further the Governor also complied with the County Government Act, 2012 of the appointment of George Omondi Okong'o.



Lastly, I want to echo what the Senior Member has said about Hon. Genga in praising George Okong'o because I had a personal interaction with George. You remember the when we were in Mombasa; I can tell you that George has vast knowledge in Budget making process. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Philemon Ojuok.

**Hon. Philemon Ojuok:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I want to stand and support the appointment of George Okong'o. I think that is one appointment that immediately I heard about it. I had no doubt in my mind that that is the person who should be there. The Finance department being an anchor department needs a person who has very wide knowledge of almost everything and what adds value to him is the understanding of the Governor. Sometimes even without consulting the Governor, he can have an idea on the take of the Governor on the particular issue. Generally, as Hon. Ken has talked about, I think in the last budget he played a key role in coming up with something and being able to negotiate because of the inter passion relationship that he has. I think that George is an ideal person for this particular job and going forward we there will be the ability to bring other stakeholders in the running of the County which is very key. Budgeting is a key thing in this particular County and I think that if he once gets into that position then that will be okay. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Olale.

**Hon. Olale:** Madam Speaker I would like to call the mover of the motion to reply.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Leader of Majority.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): Thank you Madam Speaker. Allow me to thank the Hon. Members that have contributed to this Motion and most importantly for the support that they have given. Madam Speaker I also want to agree with the Members that have said that indeed the nominee has some fine background in Finance that will allow him to handle the Finance docket because one of the biggest draw backs that we had with the previous holder of this docket is that he had absolutely no knowledge on matters to do with Finance and we could see the kind of mess that the County was put into when somebody is put in a docket that he has no knowledge of. Madam Speaker, Members have also expressed concerns that the holder of this office must be conversant with the PFM Act, the budgetary process and must be somebody who can exercise physical discipline. I want to believe that the nominee possesses those qualities that will allow him to stir that docket in the right direction. Madam Speaker, I also want to agree with those Members that have said that we must bring sanity back to the docket of Finance and most importantly the issue of pending bills must be dealt with. Madam Speaker, pending bills have been a problem in this County and need to have a lasting solution. We are being told in our neighbouring Counties when people have provided services for the County Government then they meet their money in their bank accounts so that you don't have to hustle and queue unnecessarily along corridors of various departments and yet you have done the work. I believe that this is something that the

nominee must address very seriously. Of course the issue of revenue collection must be dealt with and it is concern that has been addressed in this House for a very long time. Let us give him the necessary support so that he can deliver.

Madam Speaker, Hon. Arao said that he needs to get the Hansard report that impeached Hon. Achar. I don't know how that will help but of course that was his opinion. Contractors must be paid because we must respect the services that they have offered. The absorption rate of the development fund is also a very serious concern and I have been able to have a preview of the procurement plan that has been put in place and if that procurement plan can be followed then I have absolutely no doubt in my mind that this time round our absorption rate will be improved. We must do our oversight role so that projects that have been marked in our various wards can be completed.

The issue of centralization of services is also something that really needs to be looked at. As the Hon. Members have rightly put it when we centralize services then execution becomes very difficult. It takes probably a longer time to execute when we centralize as opposed to when we decentralize. Madam Speaker, I think the tenants of delegation must be exercised to its fullest because when we delegate, we make work to move faster. Otherwise I want to thank the Members and I now plead with them to resolve that we approve the nomination of George Omondi Okong'o as the CEC for Finance in the County Government of Kisumu. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you. The report from the Appointments Committee on the CEC nominee for Finance and Economic Planning has been moved by the Leader of Majority, seconded and debated upon. I therefore put a question on the same.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Therefore Hon. Members, Mr. George Omondi Okong'o has been approved to be the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning today Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 4.15 p.m. I therefore want to committee the report to the committee on Implementation.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Next order!

MOTION

EXTENSION OF THE ASSEMBLY SITTINGS FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019 TO 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019 BY THE LEADER OF MAJORITY

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Leader of Majority.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): Thank you Madam Speaker. Allow me to move a motion that aware that the County Assembly Standing Orders no. 26 stipulates for the calendar of the County Assembly the regular session of the County Assembly terminates on the

first Thursday of December every calendar year. Further aware that the Assembly approved its calendar of the third session which terminates on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 for the long recess acknowledging that Members should rest during the long recess to meet their electorates. Further acknowledging that many Assemblies shall have adjourned for the long recess as required by law.

Deeply concerned that despite desperate times call for this parade measures. Madam Speaker, the Assembly has received 6 Bills which are before committee stage and 16 nominees for Chief Officers to be vetted by respective Sectoral committees; these are critical activities which will consume time and I fear that the Assembly may not dispense with them by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

This Assembly therefore do resolve that by resolution we alter its calendar or the adjournment date to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Madam Speaker I don't want to dwell so much on the need for this motion; the need to extend our sittings from the 5<sup>th</sup> of December to the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. Madam Speaker, we have 6 Bills that are at committee stage. We shall retreat to write the reports this weekend and hopefully bring them to the floor of this House next week. Madam Speaker besides these 6 Bills, we have 16 nominees for Chief Officers' position that the Assembly out of necessity dispense with before we start the long recess so that these Officers can resume work and take this County forward. Besides, we have the Finance Bill, 2019 and the Annual Development Plan which are due for processing by this House because they are documents that have timelines that must be met as stipulated by the law.

Madam Speaker, this therefore necessitates the need for the House to extend so that by the time we break for long recess we shall have completely dispensed with these very important businesses of the House so that when we go to interact with our electorates we shall not be having anything nagging us and it is for that reason that I call upon this House to resolve that we extend our sittings up to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to allow us dispense with this very important businesses of the House. May I call upon the Chief Whip to second?

**The Chief Whip** (Hon. Misachi): Thank you Madam. As it has been explained by the Leader of Majority I just want to plead with Members that we want to be a working Assembly and it will be in order if we dispense with those issues and go for long recess with no pending work. I support and I would like to urge Members to help us support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you. A motion on extension of the Assembly Sittings From 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 has been moved and seconded, I therefore want to open it for debate. Yes Hon. Agolla.

**Hon. Agolla:** May I call the mover to reply.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Leader of Majority.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): Thank you Madam Speaker, I want to believe that is out of unanimity that we really need to extend and I appreciate the Hon. Member for seeing it appropriate that we extend our sittings up to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to allow us to deal with very critical businesses of this House. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Member a motion on extension of the Assembly Sittings From 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 has been moved and seconded and deliberated on. I therefore want to put a question on the same.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): The House is hereby extended from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): There being no any other business to transact, this House stands adjourned to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

*(House rose at 4.28 p.m.)*

***Addendum***

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