

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

Official Report

THIRD ASSEMBLY – SECOND SESSION

Thursday 18th May, 2023

House met in the Main Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Oraro) in the Chair)

PRAYER

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, in line with the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 32 (2), I want to request the Serjeant -at- Arms to ring the quorum bell for the first five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I am not able to see the Chief Whip in the House but, I can see the Leader of Majority and his Deputy. So, one of you, can you please confirm if we have quorum

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA Ahero Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I can confirm that there is quorum.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Mr. Clerk, take us through the Order Paper of today.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

PAPER LAID

LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF HALF-YEARLY PROGRESS REPORTS OF ALL COMMITTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

BY

HON. NEREAH OKOMBO, MCA, MANYATTA “B” WARD.

(CHAIRPERSON, LIAISON COMMITTEE)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of Standing Orders No 182 (6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today Thursday, 18th May, 2023, report by Liaison Committee on consideration of half-yearly progress reports of all Committees for the period ended 31st December, 2022.

(The Chair Liaison committee lays the report before the House for consideration)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I acknowledge the receipt of the report by Liaison Committee on consideration of Half-yearly Progress Reports of all Committees for the period ended 31st December, 2022. I want to commit this report to the House Business Committee for purposes of scheduling it for debate on the Floor.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

NOTICE OF MOTION

LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF HALF-YEARLY PROGRESS REPORTS OF ALL COMMITTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

BY

HON. NEREAH OKOMBO, MCA, MANYATTA “B” WARD.

(CHAIRPERSON, LIAISON COMMITTEE)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of Standing Orders No 45 (1), I wish to give a Notice of Motion that this House adopts the report by Liaison Committee on consideration of Half-yearly Progress Reports of all Committees for the period ended 31st December, 2022. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

STATEMENTS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Benson Adega.

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise citing the provisions of Standing Order No 42 (1) (d) to seek for a Statement from the Chairperson of Planning, Industrialization and ICT Committee regarding the representation of the County in the Land Control Boards.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Please proceed.

Hon. Adegga (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Aware that Land Control Act Cap 2/302 provide the formation of Land Control Board, I humbly request the Chairperson of this Committee to provide a statement in this House as follows; what is the representation of the County in the Land Control Boards at the County and Sub County levels and what role does the representation play. How has the Board been realizing its devolved function. Is the County receiving any revenue from the Land or Development Control Board. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I am aware that the Chair of the Planning, Industrialization and ICT Committee has been unwell but I am not able to spot the Vice Chairperson. I there any Member in the House from the Planning Committee?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Yes, I am a member of the Planning Committee but I don’t have answers for the Member now. May I request that you give us time to bring a response on the same.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you so much. I want to direct that this statement be committed to the Planning, Industrialization and ICT Committee and a response be given to this House within a period of two weeks.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

MOTION

REPORT ON THE SUITABILITY OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITIONS OF CHIEF OFFICERS

BY

HON. NEREAH OKOMBO, MCA, MANYATTA “B” WARD.

(DEPUTY SPEAKER)

(CHAIRPERSON, LIASION COMMITTEE)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo): Pursuant to Sections 45 and 87 of the County Governments Act ,2012, and Section 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017; His Excellency the Governor submitted to the County Assembly the following persons for vetting and approval for appointment to the positions of Chief Officers.

Name	Department	Gender
1. Ms. Benter Achieng	Public Service County	F

	Administration and Participatory Development	
2. Mr. Fredrick Mula Osew	Education, Technical Training, Innovation & Social Services	M
3. Mr. Victor Ndereba Kanyaura	Lands, Physical Planning Housing and Urban Development	M
4. Mr. Francis Okoth Asunah	Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change	M
5. Dr. Joshua Ojwang' Lusi	Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation	M
6. Mr. Erick Omondi Ogola	Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries	M
7. Mr. Timothy Nyakwamba Ajwang'	Sports, Culture, Gender & Youth Affairs	M
8. Mr. Daniel Okia Otieno	Infrastructure, Energy & Public Works	M
9. Mr. Bovince Ochieng	Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing	M
10. Mr. Paul Njenga Waweru	Finance, Economic Planning and ICT (E-Government) Services	M

The Nomination of the ten (10) persons was conveyed to the Speaker of the County Assembly through letters dated 13th April, 2023 and 18th April, 2023 respectively. The Nominees curricula vitae and testimonials were enclosed in both letters. (See Annexure i & ii)

On 25th April, 2023 and pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, the Leader of the Majority Party; Hon. Kennedy Ooko tabled names of Nominees to the House for vetting and approval by relevant Sectoral Committees. Pursuant to Section 6 (7) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No 193 (Second Schedule) the names of the nominees were referred to the following Sectoral Committees for vetting and reporting to the House within twenty-one (21) days.

1. Committee on the Administration of Law, Justice, Good Governance, Constitutional Affairs and Security
2. Committee on ECDE, Adult Education and Vocational Training
3. Committee on Lands and Physical Planning
4. Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources
5. Committee on Health, Housing and Sanitation
6. Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries,
7. Committee on Gender and Youth Affairs
8. Committee on Roads and Public Works
9. Joint Committees of Finance, Trade and Enterprise Development and Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage
10. Committee on Finance, Trade and Enterprise Development (Budget)

Consequently, and in accordance with Section 7 (4) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Saturday 29th, April, 2023, notifying the Nominees of the time and place of the approval hearing and inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavit) on the suitability or otherwise of each of the Nominees in accordance with the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 (Annexure iv). The Advertisement indicated that the submissions were to be received on or before 5th May, 2023 at 4.00 p.m. By close of the submission deadline, the Committee had not received any memoranda touching on the suitability of the Nominees for appointment.

Further in fulfillment of the provisions of Sections 45 and 87 of the County Governments Act, 2012 read together with section 7 (5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2012 and Standing Order No. 193, the Clerk of the County Assembly on 29th April, 2023, notified the public through the print media that the Committee on Appointments would conduct the approval hearings from Tuesday 9th – Wednesday 10th May, 2023 at the County Assembly Chambers.

The Nominees appeared before the Committee as scheduled on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th May, 2023 for approval hearings in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly Standing Orders on their suitability or otherwise for appointment to the position of Chief Officers.

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 the Committees observed that the following nominees except Mr. Victor Kanyaura; Nominee for Chief Officer Department of Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development, met the integrity threshold; demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the portfolios to which they had been nominated, and had the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience to be approved for appointment as Chief Officers in accordance with Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012:-

Name	Department	Gender
1. Ms. Benter Achieng	Public Service County Administration and Participatory Development	F
2. Mr. Fredrick Mula Osewe	Education, Technical Training, Innovation & Social Services	M
3. Mr. Francis Okoth Asunah	Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change	M
4. Dr. Ojwang' Lusi	Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation	M
5. Mr. Erick Omondi Ogola	Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries	M
6. Mr. Timothy Nyakwamba Ajwang'	Sports, Culture, Gender & Youth Affairs	M
7. Eng. Daniel Okia Otieno	Infrastructure, Energy & Public Works	M
8. Mr. Bovince Ochieng	Trade, Tourism, Industry	M

	and Marketing	
9. Mr. Paul Njenga Waweru	Finance, Economic Planning and ICT (E-Government) Services	M

Therefore, may I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committees for their input and valuable contributions and time during the approval hearings and deliberations during the writing of the Report. The Committees also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the technical support accorded to it during the exercise.

On behalf of the Committees and pursuant to Sections 45 and 87 of the County Governments Act ,2012, and Section 9 (2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 read together with Standing Order No. 193 (5) (f) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, it is now my duty and privilege to present to this House, the Report on the Approval Hearings of the Nominees for appointment to the positions of Chief Officer.

PREFACE

Establishment and Mandate of the Sectoral Committees

The Sectoral Committees are established pursuant to Standing Orders No. 193 of the Kisumu County Assembly and are mandated to:

- (a) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
- (b) study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- (c) study and review all County legislation referred to it;
- (d) study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- (e) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;

(f) to vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 187 (Committee on Appointments) ; and

(g) make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

Committee Membership

The Committees were constituted on 18th October, 2022 and reconstituted by the House in April, 2023 and comprise of the following Members:

S/N	Committee	Members
1.	Health and Sanitation	1. Hon Vincent Jagongo - Chairperson 2. Hon Emily Oginga - Vice Chairperson 3. Hon Seth Okumu - Member 4. Hon Jennipher Obonyo- Member 5. Hon Nereah Okombo - Member 6. Hon Seth Kanga - Member 7. Hon Carren Ajwang' - Member 8. Hon Joachim Oketch - Member 9. Hon Kennedy Ooko - Member 10. Hon Kennedy Ouko - Member 11. Hon Mickey Ochieng'- Member 12. Hon Pamela Oyoo - Member 13. Hon Patrick Owade - Member 14. Hon Geoffrey Warindo- Member 15. Hon Moses Ochele - Member
2.	Tourism Wildlife and Heritage	1. Hon Alice Wajewa Chairperson 2. Hon Kennedy Ajwang Member 3. Hon Ann Ochola Member 4. Hon Ben Adegá Member 5. Hon Samwel Onyango Member

		6. Hon Carren Ajwang' Member 7. Hon Nancy Matara Member 8. Hon Nancy Matara Member 9. Hon Maurice Ngeta Member 10. Hon Pamela Oyoo Member 11. Hon Mickey Ochieng Member 12. Hon Emily Oginga Member 13. Hon George Abaja Member 14. Hon Peter Obaso Member 15. Hon Vitalis K'Omudho Member
3.	Roads and Transport	1. Hon. Reuben Rakwach Chairperson 2. Hon. Anne Ochola Vice-Chairperson 3. Hon. Ken Ooko Member 4. Hon. Lumumba Owade Member 5. Hon. Seth Kanga Member 6. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo Member 7. Hon. James Omollo Member 8. Hon. Zackary Okoyo Member 9. Hon. Alice Wajewa Member 10. Hon. Samuel Dede Member 11. Hon. Pamela Awuor Member 12. Hon. Ken Ouko Member 13. Hon. George Abaja Member 14. Hon. Vincent Jagongo Member 15. Hon. Bill Oliver Member
4.	Water, Environment and Natural Resources	1. Hon. Samuel Dede Chairperson 2. Hon Mickey Ochieng Vice Chairperson 3. Hon Maurice Otieno Ngeta Member

		4. Hon Emily Oginga 5. Hon Jennipher Obonyo 6. Hon Lumumba Owade 7. Hon Reuben Rakwach 8. Hon Vincent Jagongo 9. Hon Mildred Ajumbo 10. Hon Ken Ouko 11. Hon Seth Okumu 12. Hon Mariam Abeid 13. Hon James Were 14. Hon Nancy Matara 15. Hon Sammy Onyango	Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member
5.	Sports and Culture	1. Hon. Nancy Matara 2. Hon. James Were 3. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo 4. Hon. Peter Obaso. 5. Hon. Maurice Ngeta 6. Hon. Eunice Alandoh 7. Hon. Zacharia Okoyo 8. Hon. Kennedy Ajwang 9. Hon. Mildred Ajumbo 10. Hon. James Omollo 11. Hon. Samuel Dedeh 12. Hon Boitone Ratib 13. Hon. Mariam Abeid 14. Hon. Reuben Rakwach 15. Hon. Joachim Oketch	Chairperson Vice Chairperson Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member
6.	Planning and Industrialization	1. Hon. Boitone Ratib - 2. Hon. James Omollo -	Chairperson Vice Chairperson

		3. Hon. Ken Ooko - Member 4. Hon. Seth Kanga - Member 5. Hon. Moses Ochele - Member 6. Hon. Seth Okumu - Member 7. Hon. George Abaja - Member 8. Hon. Sammy Onyango - Member 9. Hon. Nereah Okombo - Member 10. Hon. Miriam Abeid - Member 11. Hon. James Were - Member 12. Hon. Joachim Oketch - Member 13. Hon. Zack Okoyo. - Member 14. Hon. Rueben Rakwach - Member 15. Hon. Carren Odhiambo - Member
7.	ECDE, Adult Education and Vocational Training	1. Hon Seth Okumu Chairperson 2. Hon. Vitalis Komudho Vice Chairperson 3. Hon Samwel Onyango Member 4. Hon Ken Ouko Member 5. Hon Zacharia Okoyo Member 6. Hon Henrietta Bodo Member 7. Hon Ken Ooko Member 8. Hon Lumumba Owade Member 9. Hon Alice Wajewa Member 10. Hon Joachim Oketch Member 11. Hon. Maurice Ngeta Member 12. Hon Nancy Matara Member 13. Hon James Omollo Member 14. Hon Benson Adegga Member 15. Hon. James Were Member

8.	Justice and Legal Affairs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Moses Ochele Chairperson 2. Hon. Reuben Rakwach Vice Chair 3. Hon. Pamela Oyoo Member 4. Hon. Benson Adegga Member 5. Hon. Seth Okumu Member 6. Hon. Fredrick Odari Member 7. Hon. Vitalis K’Omudho Member 8. Hon. Henrietta Bodo Member 9. Hon. Mariam Abeid Member 10. Hon. Anne Ochola Member 11. Hon. Eunice Alando Member 12. Hon. George Abaja Member 13. Hon. Peter Obaso Member 14. Hon. James Were Member 15. Hon. James Omollo Member
	Finance and Trade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Carren Odhiambo- Chairperson 2. Hon. Lumumba Owade- Vice-chairperson 3. Hon. Kennedy Ooko - Member 4. Hon. Joachim Oketch - Member 5. Hon. Mickey Ochieng’ - Member 6. Hon. Ratib Boitone - Member 7. Hon. Benson Adegga - Member 8. Hon. Vitalis K’Omudho - Member 9. Hon. Pamela Oyoo - Member 10. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo - Member 11. Hon. Kennedy Ouko - Member 12. Hon. George Abaja - Member 13. Hon. Henrietta Bodo - Member 14. Hon. Alice Wajewa - Member

		15. Hon. Ann Ochola	-	Member
9.	Agriculture	1. Hon. Eunice Alando	-	Chairperson
		2. Hon. Bill Oliver	-	Vice Chairperson
		3. Hon. Mildred Ajumbo	-	Member
		4. Hon. Samuel Dede	-	Member
		5. Hon. Pamela Oyoo	-	Member
		6. Hon. George Abaja	-	Member
		7. Hon. Jenipher Obonyo	-	Member
		8. Hon. Maurice Ngeta	-	Member
		9. Hon. Geoffrey Warindo	-	Member
		10. Hon. Moses Ochele	-	Member
		11. Hon. Nereah Okombo	-	Member
		12. Hon. Ann Ochola	-	Member
		13. Hon. Zachary Okoyo	-	Member
		14. Hon. Seth Okumu	-	Member
		15. Hon. Vitalis K'Omudho	-	Member

Committee Secretariat

The following Secretariat was appointed to aid the Committees during the Vetting exercise –

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| 1. Owen Ojuok | Clerk of the Assembly |
| 2. Peter Anditi | Principal Clerk Assistant |
| 3. Edwin Kisia | Procurement |
| 4. Felix Owuor | Principal Finance Officer |
| 5. Annabelle Wabuge | Senior Clerk Assistant |
| 6. Herman Moses | Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and Committee on ECDE |
| 7. Angelyne Obonyo | Committee on Health |
| 8. Benard Abuodha | Committee on Tourism |
| 9. Belinda Midnight | Committee on Roads |
| 10. Allan Otieno | Committee on Water |
| 11. Austin Ochieng | Committee on Planning |
| 12. Elizabeth Achieng | Committee on Agriculture |
| 13. Isaac Omollo | Committee on Finance |
| 14. Naomi Orutwa | Committee on Sports |
| 15. Chrispine Oguta | Committee on Planning |
| 16. Kennedy Okise | Serjeant-at-arms |

17. Zablon Otiende Hansard

BACKGROUND INFORMATION LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Appointment of Chief Officers

Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides the mandate of the Governor to appoint Chief Officers. This Section provides as follows:

- (1) The governor shall—
 - a) nominate qualified and experienced county chief officers from among persons competitively sourced and recommended by the County Public Service Board; and
 - b) with the approval of the county assembly, appoint county chief officers.
- (2) The office of a county chief officer shall be an office in the county public service;
- (3) A county chief officer shall be responsible to the respective county executive committee member for the administration of a county department as provided under section 46.
- (4) The county Chief Officer shall be the authorized officer in respect of exercise of delegated power.
- (5) The governor may re-assign a county chief officer.
- (6) The county Chief Officer may resign from office by giving notice, in writing, to the governor.

Notification of Nominations

Pursuant to Sections 4 and 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, the Governor through the County Secretary forwarded to the Clerk of the County Assembly the following letters:

- I. Letter dated 13th April, 2023 (Annexure i) forwarding the names of the following 10 persons nominated for appointment as Chief Officers:

Name	Department	Gender
1. Ms. Benter Achieng	Public Service County Administration and Participatory Development	F
2. Mr. Fredrick Mula Osew	Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services	M

3. Mr. Victor Ndereba Kanyaaura	Lands, Physical Planning Housing and Urban Development	M
4. Mr. Francis Okoth Asunah	Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change	M
5. Dr. Ojwang' Lusi	Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation	M
6. Mr. Erick Omondi Ogola	Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries	M
7. Mr. Timothy Nyakwamba Ajwang'	Sports, Culture, Gender & Youth Affairs	M
8. Mr. Daniel Okia Otieno	Infrastructure, Energy & Public Works	M
9. Mr. Bovince Ochieng	Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing	M
10. Mr. Paul Njenga Waweru	Finance, Economic Planning and ICT (E-Government) Services	M

II. And Letter dated 18th April, 2023(Annexure iii) forwarding the following name:

NAME	POTFOLIO	GENDER
1. Mr. Fredrick Omondi Ogola	Agriculture and Livestock	M

The Notification contained the curriculum vitae and testimonials of the ten Nominees.

Notification to the House and Referral to the Committee on Appointments.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Orders, the Hon. Kennedy Ooko; Leader of Majority on 25th April, 2023 tabled the Nominees and informed the House of the Governor's Nomination of the Chief Officers.

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 193 the names and curriculum vitae of the Nominees were referred to the Committees for approval hearings and reporting to the House within twenty-one (21) days.

Notification to the Public and the Nominees

Article 118 of the Constitution provides that the County Assembly shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative business and other business of the County Assembly and its Committees.

Section 7(4) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 provides that the Clerk shall notify the public of the time and place for holding an approval hearing at least seven days prior to the hearings.

Further, Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 provides that "any person may, prior to the approval hearings and by written statement on oath provide the clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold office to which the Candidate has been nominated".

Pursuant to Article 118 of the Constitution as read with Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, the Clerk of the Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Saturday 29th April, 2023 (Annexure iii) inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statement on oath (affidavit) on the suitability or otherwise of the Nominees in conformity with Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2011. The Advertisement indicated that the submissions were to be received on or before Friday 5th May, 2023 at 4.00pm.

Further pursuant to Article 118 of the Constitution, Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No 193 the Clerk of the Assembly notified the general public that the approval hearing of the Nominees would be conducted from Tuesday 9th to Wednesday 10th May, 2023.

Clearance and Compliance Requirements

On 1st May, 2023 the Clerk of the Assembly wrote to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) requesting for reports with respect to the Nominees.(Annex iii)

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission is yet to respond as to whether it has undertaken any investigation or recommended prosecution pursuant to its mandate against the Nominees.

Issues for Consideration during the Approval Hearings

The Public Appointments (County Assembly Approvals) Act, 2017 provides that:

An approval hearing shall focus on a candidate's academic credentials, professional training and experience, personal integrity and background.

The criteria specified in the schedule shall be used by a Committee during an approval hearing for the purposes of vetting a candidate.

Additionally, Section 8 of the Act provides that the issues for consideration by the relevant Committee in relation to any nomination shall be:-

Procedure used to arrive at the Nominee

Any Constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the Office in question, and

The suitability of the Nominee for the appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominee's abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which the Nomination is being made.

While conducting the approval hearings, the Committee was guided by the provisions of Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017.

Procedure for Nomination

Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 confers upon the Governor the power to appoint Chief Officers, with the approval of the County Assembly.

Section 4 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies) Approvals Act, 2017 further requires the appointing authority, upon nominating a person for appointment, to notify the County Assembly.

In this regard, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, the Governor notified the County Assembly of the Nomination of the ten (10) persons for appointment to the Offices of the Chief Officers.

Constitutional and Statutory Requirements.

The County Governments Act, 2012 in addition gives guidelines on how to appoint persons to the Chief Officers which include:

Leadership and Integrity

The Committee, in determining the suitability of the Nominees, was also guided by the provisions on Leadership and integrity as outlined under Chapter Six of the Constitution. In particular, Article 72 (2) of the Constitution provides that the guiding principles of leadership and integrity include:

- a. Selection on the basis of personal integrity, competence and suitability,
- b. Objectivity and impartiality in decision making and in ensuring that decisions are not influenced by nepotism, favoritism, other improper motives or corrupt practices;

- c. Selfless service based solely on the public interest, demonstrated by –
 - i. Honesty in the execution of public duties; and
 - ii. The declaration of any personal interest that may conflict with public duties;
- d. Accountability to the public for decision and actions; and
- e. Discipline and commitment in service to the people

Article 75 of the Constitution requires a state officer, whether in public or private life to behave in a manner that avoids conflict between personal interest and public official duties. This Article further prohibits a state Officer who has been removed from office under it from holding any other state office

Article 77(1) of the Constitution prohibits a full time State Officer from participating in any other gainful employment.

Article 77(2) of the Constitution prohibits an appointed State Officer from holding office in a political party. Article 78 of the Constitution disqualifies persons who are not Kenyan Citizens from appointment as State Officers. Further, a State Officer is barred from holding dual Citizenship.

In addition, the Committee considered section 10 of the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012 in particular which provides that: -

A state Officer shall, to the best of their ability –

- a) Carry out the duties of the Office efficiently and honestly;
- b) Carry out the duties in a transparent and accountable manner;
- c) Keep accurate records and documents relating to the functions of the office; and
- d) Report truthfully on all matters of the organization which they represent.

Criteria for Vetting

The Committees adopted the First Schedule (criteria for vetting or approval of nominees for appointment to public office by County Assemblies questionnaire) and Second Schedule (assessment form) as provided for by the Public Appointment (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017.

The Committees also adopted the score sheet used for vetting, that covered five thematic areas that gave a total score of 100% with a passmark score of 50%.

S/No.	Thematic Areas	Scores per Segment (%)
1.	Academic and Professional Qualification and Demonstrate Achievement	20
2.	Education/Training relevant to the position	25
3.	Technical and Professional Capability	40
4.	General Knowledge	10

5.	Communication and Personal Attributes	5
	Total Score	100%

Suitability of the Nominees for the proposed appointment having regard to whether the Nominees' abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which the nomination is being made.

The Suitability of the Nominee of the Nominees was assessed after scrutiny of the Nominees' academic credentials, professional training and experience, personal integrity, background and qualities as well as their performance during the approval hearings conducted on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th May, 2023.

Memoranda from the Members of the Public in respect of the Nominees.

Committee did not receive any Memorandum from the Members of the Public in respect of the Nominees opposing their nomination.

APPROVAL HEARINGS OF THE NOMINEES.

The Committees held their approval hearings on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th May, 2023 in accordance with the following schedule:

Name	Department	Committee	Gender	Date of the Vetting	Venue	Time
1. Ms. Benter Achieng	Public Service County Administration and Participatory Development	Justice and Legal Affairs	F	9th May, 2023	Chambers	9.00am – 10.30am
2. Mr. Fredrick Mula Osew	Education, Technical Training, Innovation & Social Services	ECDE and Adult Education	M	9th May, 2023	Chambers	10.30am – 12noon
3. Mr. Victor	Lands, Physical Planning	Lands and	M	9th May,	Chambers	12.00no

Ndereba Kanyaura	Housing and Urban Development	Physical Planning		2023	rs	on – 1.30pm
4. Mr. Francis Okoth Asunah	Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change	Water and Environment	M	9th May, 2023	Chambe rs	2.30pm – 4.00pm
5. Dr. Ojwang' Lusi	Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation	Health, Housing and Sanitation	M	9th May, 2023	Chambe rs	4.00pm – 5.30pm
6. Mr. Erick Omondi Ogola	Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries	Agriculture	M	10th 2023	May, Chambe rs	9.00am – 10.30a m
7. Mr. Timothy Nyakwamba Ajwang'	Sports, Culture, Gender & Youth Affairs	Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs	M	10th 2023	May, Chambe rs	10.30a m – 12noon
8. Mr. Daniel Okia Otieno	Infrastructure, Energy & Public Works	Roads and Public Works	M	10th 2023	May, Chambe rs	12.00no on – 1.30pm
9. Mr. Bovince Ochieng	Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing	Joint Finance and Tourism	M	10th 2023	May, Chambe rs	2.30pm – 4.00pm
10. Mr. Paul Njenga Waweru	Finance, Economic Planning and ICT (E-Government)	Finance, Trade and Enterprise	M	10th 2023	May, Chambe rs	4.00pm –

	Services	Development (Budget)				5.30pm
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1. MRS. BENTER ACHIENG OMOLLO; NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF CHIEF OFFICER, PUBLIC SERVICE, PARTICIPATORY DEVELOPMENT AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, Mrs. Benter Achieng Omollo, the Nominee to the Office of the Chief Officer for the Department of Public Service, Participatory Development and County Administration, appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 9th May, 2023 at 9.00am and was vetted under oath pursuant to the Oath and Statutory Declarations Act, (Cap. 15), the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Orders of the Kisumu County Assembly. The Committee noted the following:

Date and Place of Birth.

The Nominee is female born on 29th November, 1968 in Kisumu. The Nominee confirmed that she was a Kenyan citizen and does not hold any other citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

- a) Masters of Business Administration – Maseno University (2013)
- b) Master of Arts (In Project Planning and Management – University of Nairobi, (2011)
- c) Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) – JKUAT (2009)
- d) Certificate in Information Technology for Accountants and Auditors Programme
- e) Certificate of Introduction to Computer – Kisumu Polytechnic (2003)
- f) Kenya Certificate of Education – Kisumu Girls High School (1987)
- g) Certificate of Primary Education – Kirembe

Employment Record

Ref.	Institution	Position	Period
1.	Export Processing Zones Authority	General Manager	2012 – 2019
2.	Lake Basin Development Authority	Finance and Administration Manager	2011 – 2012
3.	Community Mobilization Against Desertification	Finance Manager	2010
4.	Kenya Maritime Authority	Accountant	2007 - 2009

Professional Association and Membership

- a) Member of the Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya
- b) Member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya

Income and Net Worth

- i. Sources of income Parcel of and Building Titled Kisumu/Wathorego/5658 at Mamboleo 0.04 Ha

Net Worth: Approximately 10 Million.

Published writings

The Nominee informed the Committee that he has published the following writings:

- a) Effect of Equity Financing Options on Financial Performance of Non-Financial Firms Listed at the Nairobi Securities Exchange, Kenya
- b) Effect of Debt Financing Options on Financial Performance of Firms Listed at the Nairobi Securities Exchange, Kenya
- c) Influence of Constituency Women Enterprise Scheme on Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs in Kisumu Rural, Kenya

Potential Conflict of Interest

None.

Pro-bono/Charity Work

Contributes to Harambees for Church Developments.

Integrity

The Committee received the following up-to date clearance Certificates from relevant clearance bodies in accordance with the requirements of Chapter six of the Constitution:

- i. Tax Compliance Certificate (KRA)
- ii. HELB Compliance Certificate (HELB)
- iii. CRB Clearance Certificate (CRB)
- iv. Police Clearance Certificate (DCI)
- v. Certified EACC Self-Declaration Form (EACC)

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the nominees filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, her curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as the Chief Officer for the Department of Public Service, County Administration and Participatory Development.

THAT, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 the Nominee is eligible for appointment to the Position of Chief Officer for the Department of Public Service, County Administration and Participatory Development since she is a Kenyan Citizen and does not hold a dual citizenship and is a holder of at least a first degree of Bachelors of Commerce from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.

THAT, the Nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and integrity having received clearance from the following Statutory Bodies:

- i. Higher Education Loans Board(HELB)
- ii. Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- iii. Directorate of Criminal Investigation
- iv. Kenya Revenue Authority
- v. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission

THAT, the Nominee has never been charged in a court of law in the past three years.

THAT, the Nominee has never been dismissed from Office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 (1) conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity) Article 77 (restriction on activities of a State Officer and Article 78 (2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

THAT, the Nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on government and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience required to serve as the Chief Officer for the Department of Public Service, County Administration and Participatory Development.

THAT, the Nominee was awarded a score of 73.27% by the Committee Panelists as indicated in the Score sheet Analysis Report:

2. MR. FREDRICK MULA OSEWE, NOMINEE FOR THE CHIEF OFFICER DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TECHNICAL TRAINING, INNOVATION & SOCIAL SERVICES.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members;

Mr. Fredrick Osewe, the Nominee to the Office of the Chief Officer for the Department of Education, Technical Training, Innovation & Social Services, appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 9th May, 2023 at 10.30am and was vetted under oath pursuant to the Oath and Statutory Declarations Act, (Cap. 15), the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Orders of the Kisumu County Assembly. The Committee noted the following:

Date and place of Birth.

The Nominee is a male born on 11th August, 1963 in Seme Sub-County. The Nominee confirmed that he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold any other citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

- a) Masters of Education in Leadership and Management – Flinders University – Adelaide Australia (2008)
- b) Bachelor of Education (Arts) - Kenyatta University (1989)
- c) Advanced Certificate of Education – Kitui High School (1984)
- d) Kenya Certificate of Education – St Patrick’s High School (1982)
- e) Certificate of Primary Education – Kapsabet Primary School (1977)

 Employment Record

Ref.	Institution	Position	Period
5.	Public Service Commission	Inspector of Schools	1995 to date
6.	Teachers Service Commission	Trained Graduate Teacher	1989 - 1995

Professional Association and Membership

- a) Kenya Association of Educational Administration and Management (Membership date: 22nd February, 2016)
- b) Kenya Secondary Schools Heads Association
- c) County Directors of Educational Welfare Association
- d) Association of District Education Officers (ASEDOK)
- e) Kenya Association of Students in South Australia (KASA)
- f) Friends Self-Help Group, Migori
- g) Kenya Basket Ball Federation (Nyanza Branch)
- h) Nyanza Province Secondary Schools Sports Association
- i) Migori District Secondary Schools Sports Association

Income and Net Worth

Sources income

- a) Gross salary for 2022 – Kshs. 2,462,040
- b) Gross salary for January to April, 2023 – Kshs, 849,320
- c) Rental Income for the year 2022 - Kshs. 396,000
- d) Rental Income for January to April, 2023 - Kshs. 132,000
- e) Cooperative Dividends for 2022 - Kshs. 465,000
- f) Cooperative Dividends for 2023 - Kshs. 585,000

Net Worth - Kshs. 42,900,000

Published writings

None

Potential Conflict of Interest

None.

Pro-bono/Charity Work

None.

Integrity Compliance.

The Committee received the following up-to date clearance Certificates from relevant clearance bodies in accordance with the requirements of Chapter six of the Constitution:

- vi. Tax Compliance Certificate (KRA)
- vii. HELB Compliance Certificate (HELB)
- viii. CRB Clearance Certificate (CRB)
- ix. Police Clearance Certificate (DCI)
- x. Certified EACC Self-Declaration Form (EACC)

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the Nominee filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, his curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as the Chief Officer for the Department of Education, Technical Training, Innovation & Social Services.

THAT, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 the Nominee is eligible for appointment to the Position of Chief Officer for the Department of Education, Technical Training, Innovation & Social Services since he is a Kenyan Citizen and does not hold a dual citizenship and is a holder of at least a first degree of Bachelors of Arts (Education) from Kenyatta University.

THAT, the Nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and integrity having received clearance from the following Statutory Bodies:

- vi. Higher Education Loans Board(HELB)
- vii. Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- viii. Directorate of Criminal Investigation
- ix. Kenya Revenue Authority
- x. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission

THAT, the Nominee has never been charged in a court of law in the past three years.

THAT, the Nominee has never been dismissed from Office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 (1) conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity) Article 77 (restriction on activities of a State Officer and Article 78 (2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

THAT, the Nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on government and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience required to serve as the Chief Officer for the Department of Education, Technical Training, Innovation & Social Services.

THAT, the Nominee was awarded a score of 76.71% by the Committee Panelists as indicated in the score sheet analysis Report.

3. DR. JOSHUA OJWANG' LUSI; NOMINEE TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES.

Dr. Joseph Ojwang Lusi, the Nominee to the Office of the Chief Officer for the Department of Medical Services, appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 9th May, 2023 at 4.30pm and was vetted under oath pursuant to the Oath and Statutory Declarations Act, (Cap. 15), the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Orders of the Kisumu County Assembly. The Committee noted the following:

1. Personal Profile of the Nominee

- Nationality: Kenyan
- Address: P.O. Box 718-40123 Kisumu.
- ID No: 6789250
- PIN Number: A0019127001
- County: Kisumu

2. Academic qualifications

April 2012 Strategic leadership development program at Kenya Institute of Administration (6 weeks)

April 2011 Health Systems Strengthening Training at Jumuia Conference Center, Kisumu (4 weeks)

June - November, 2017 Kenya Medical Training College, United States International University & University of Galilee, Israel.

Post Graduate diploma: Health System Management.

1995 - 2000 University of Nairobi, Department of Surgery

Post Graduate training: Masters in Medicine (Surgery).

1986- 1991 University of Nairobi, School of Medicine

Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (M B; Ch.B).

1983 - 1984 Mangu High School

A level - 3 principles and 1 subsidiary.

1976- 1982 St. Mary's School, Yal level – Divisio

1972- 1978 Withur Primary School

CPE – 36 points.

3. Employment background

SRL No.	Position	Institution	Date
1.	Consultant Surgeon	Kisumu County Hospital	Current
2.	Chief Officer for Health	County Government of Kisumu	April, 2013 to August 2017
3.	Acting County Secretary	County Government of Kisumu	March to August, 2017
4.	County Director for Health	County Government of Kisumu	March 2013 to January 2014

5.	Provincial Director of Medical Services	Nyanza	August 2008 to March, 2013
6.	Medical Superintendent, Consultant Surgeon	Homabay District Hospital	2001 to August 2008
7.	Medical Officer	Malteser, Rumbek, Southern Sudan	1999 (3months)
8.	Medical Officer	Norwegian People's Aid, Sothern Sudan	1998 (3months)
9.	Medical Officer 1	Homabay District Hospital	1993 to 1995
10.	Medical Officer 2	New Nyanza General Hospital, Kisumu	1991 to 1992

4. Memberships

- East African Association of surgeons
- Kenya Association of surgeons (2002)
- Kenya Medical Association (1993)

5. Board Memberships

- Board Member, Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Captain, Nyanza Golf Club

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OFFICER; MEDICAL SERVICES.

The Committee having considered the Nominee filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as the Chief Officer for the Department of Medical Services.

THAT, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 the Nominee is eligible for appointment to the Position of Chief Officer for the Department of Medical Services since he is a Kenyan Citizen and does not hold a dual citizenship and is a holder of at least a first degree of Bachelors of Medicine from the University of Nairobi.

THAT, the Nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and integrity having received clearance from the following Statutory Bodies:

- xi. Higher Education Loans Board(HELB)

- xii. Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- xiii. Directorate of Criminal Investigation
- xiv. Kenya Revenue Authority
- xv. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission

THAT, the Nominee has never been charged in a court of law in the past three years.

THAT, the Nominee has never been dismissed from Office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 (1) conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity) Article 77 (restriction on activities of a State Officer and Article 78 (2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

THAT, the Nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on government and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience required to serve as the Chief Officer for the Department of Medical Services.

THAT, the Nominee was awarded a score of 82% by the Committee Panelists as indicated in the Score sheet Analysis Report:

4. MR. ERICK OMONDI OGALO; NOMINEE TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, IRRIGATION AND FISHERIES.

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 legislations.

Personal Profile

- P.O Box 8001-40112, Kisumu.
- ID : 11088740
- PIN Number: A002542278V
- Town: Dago Market
- Place of Birth: Kisumu

2. Educational Background

S/No.	Institution	Period	Award/Attainment	Subject
1.	University of Nairobi	2008 - 2012	Masters in Business Administration	Strategic Management
2.	Egerton University	1992 - 1996	Bachelors Degree in Science	Horticulture
3.	Chulaimbo Boys Secondary School	1987 - 1990	C + (Plus)	N/A
4.	Bar Union Primary School	1979-1996	A Level	N/A

3. Honors and Awards

- Global Gold Standard Award for POSITIVE, 2017 (British American Tobacco)
- Best Marketer, Strategic Leadership Award, 2016 (British American Tobacco)
- Best Region Award in Volume and Share Growth, 2015 (British American Tobacco)
- Best Trade Marketing Representative Award (RTM Project Lead, British American Tobacco)

4. Membership of Professional Bodies

- Marketing Society of Kenya (MSK)

5. Publications

- Challenges of Implementing Business Process Re-Engineering as a Tool of Managing Strategic Chance at British American Tobacco (BAT), Kenya Limited.

6. Public office, Political Activities and Associations

Institution	Position	Year
• Premier Foods Limited	Regional Manager	April 2021- Sept 2022
• British American Tobacco, Western Kenya	Regional Manager	May 2019 - Dec 2020
• British American Tobacco	Agronomy Officer	July 1998 - May 2006
• Winrock International	Program Officer	Sept 1996 - May 1998

7. Statement of Net Worth

- Kshs. 43, 400,000

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the Nominee filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as the Chief Officer for the Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Fisheries.

THAT the nominee was not among the three candidates best shortlisted candidates forwarded to the Governor by the County Public Service Board. The Governor however, informed the House that Mr. Charles Owino Odhong who was the preferred candidate turned down the nomination citing he had found a lucrative offer making his resolve to nominate Mr. Erick Walter Omondi Ogalo to the position of Chief Officer for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

THAT the nominee had satisfied the requirements of chapter six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 on Leadership and Integrity having been cleared by: The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (Certificate of good conduct), the Kenya Revenue Authority on Tax Compliance, Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

THAT the nominee has never been charged with a criminal offence in a court of law and has no potential conflict of interest with regard to the position he had been nominated to.

THAT the nominee met the threshold for appointment to the office as provided for by section 45(3) of the County Governments Act, 2012.

That the nominee has the right attitude and commitment to serve in the position for which he had been nominated as observed from the way he responded to the Members' questions on Agriculture related issues during the approval hearing.

THAT the nominee has exhibited impressive knowledge and understanding of issues relating to the docket he had been nominated to.

THAT the Committee did not receive any information from the public contrary to his nomination.

THAT the nominee appeared before the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and excelled by scoring 79.81% as indicated by the scores analysis Report.

5. MR. FRANCIS OKOTH ASUNAH, NOMINEE; CHIEF OFFICER DEPARTMENT OF WATER ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

Mr. Francis Okoth Asunah, the Nominee to the Office of the Chief Officer for the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources, appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 9th May, 2023 at 2.30pm and was vetted under oath pursuant to the Oath and Statutory Declarations Act, (Cap. 15), the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Orders of the Kisumu County Assembly. The Committee noted the following:

Personal Profile

Date of Birth	1 st January 1963
Nationality	Kenyan
Contacts	Tel: +254 722 301038, +254 721211763
ID No.	7395387

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

- ◆ 2001-2002: UNESCO-IHE DELFT, the Netherlands; Master of Engineering Degree; September 19th, 2002.
- ◆ 1985-1988: UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI; Bachelor of Science, Second class honours(upper division); November 21st, 1988.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- ◆ 2013 to date; WATERSAN Advisor/Consultant Advisor
- ◆ 2009-2009; UNICEF WASH programme Officer.
- ◆ 2007-2009; WATERSAN Technical Advisor.
- ◆ 1996-2007; WATERSAN Associate technical advisor.
- ◆ 2003-2007; Lake Basin Development Authority; Principal Engineer.
- ◆ 2000-2004; LBDA; Environment and Natural resource manager.
- ◆ 1996-2000; LBDA; Head, Water and Mineral resource.
- ◆ 1994-1996; Ewaso Ngiro SDA AssistantHead, Water and Environment Resource.

PROFESSIONAL BODIES MEMBERSHIP

- ◆ Institute of Character Mediators and Conciliators: 2020-Date
- ◆ Environment Institute of Kenya: 2002- Date
- ◆ Centre of Corporate Governance Alumni Network: 2019-Date
- ◆ Hydrological Society of Kenya: 2001-Date
- ◆ Geologists Registration Board: 1996-Date
- ◆ Geological Society of Kenya: 1996-Date

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the Nominee filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, her curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as the Chief Officer for the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

THAT, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 the Nominee is eligible for appointment to the Position of Chief Officer for the Department of Education, Technical Training, Innovation & Social Services since he is a Kenyan Citizen and does not hold a dual citizenship and is a holder of at least a first degree of Bachelors of Science from the University of Nairobi.

THAT, the Nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and integrity having received clearance from the following Statutory Bodies:

- i. Higher Education Loans Board(HELB)
- ii. Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- iii. Directorate of Criminal Investigation
- iv. Kenya Revenue Authority
- v. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission

THAT, the Nominee has never been charged in a court of law in the past three years.

THAT, the Nominee has never been dismissed from Office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 (1) conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity) Article 77 (restriction on activities of a Public Officer and Article 78 (2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

THAT, the Nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on government and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience required to serve as the Chief Officer for the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

THAT, the Nominee was awarded a score of 64.14 % by the Committee Panelists as indicated in the Score sheet Analysis Report:

6. MR. BOVINCE OCHIENG; NOMINEE FOR CHIEF OFFICER DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, TOURISM, INDUSTRY AND MARKETING.

Mr. Bovince Ochieng, the Nominee to the Office of the Chief Officer for the Department of Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing, appeared before the Committee on Wednesday 10th May, 2023 at 2.00pm and was vetted under oath pursuant to the Oath and Statutory Declarations Act, (Cap. 15), the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Orders of the Kisumu County Assembly. The Committee noted the following:

Background information of the nominee

Personal Profile

- Nationality: Kenyan
- Address: 9613 - 40141
- ID No: 23333464
- County: Kisumu

Educational Background.

- Holds Bachelor of Science Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Heavy Current), University of Nairobi, 2010.
- Sat for his K.C.S.E in 2001, Thurdibuoro Mixed Secondary School.

Work Experience

- Jan 2020 to Jan 2023, Director Trade and Enterprise Development, County Government of Kisumu.
- February 2009 to December 2019, worked at Freespace Communication Limited, Director.
- July 2010 to August 2011, worked at Brilliant Power System, Lead supervisor.

Memberships

- Engineers Registration Board

Board Memberships

- Nyakach Technical and Vocational College

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the Nominee filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, her curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as the Chief Officer for the Department of Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing.

THAT, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 the Nominee is eligible for appointment to the Position of Chief Officer for the Department of Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing since he is a Kenyan Citizen and does not hold a dual citizenship and is a holder of at least a first degree of Bachelors of Science (Electric and Electrical Engineering) from the University of Nairobi.

THAT, the Nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and integrity having received clearance from the following Statutory Bodies:

- Higher Education Loans Board(HELB)
- Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- Directorate of Criminal Investigation
- Kenya Revenue Authority
- Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission

THAT, the Nominee has never been charged in a court of law in the past three years.

THAT, the Nominee has never been dismissed from Office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 (1) conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity) Article 77 (restriction on activities of a Public Officer and Article 78 (2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

THAT, the Nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on government and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience required to serve as the Chief Officer for the Department of Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing

THAT, the Nominee was awarded a score of 83% by the Committee Panelists as indicated in the Score sheet Analysis Report:

7. ENGINEER DANIEL OKIA OTIENO – NOMINEE FOR CHIEF OFFICER DEPARTMENT OF ROADS, TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS.

Hon. Speaker and Members,

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.

1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF THE NOMINEE

1. Engineer Daniel Okia Otieno

- P.O Box 54-40131 Kisumu.
- ID : 7494506
- PIN Number: A001343323C
- Town: Kisumu
- Place of Birth: Kisumu

2. Educational Background

S/No.	Institution	Period	Award/Attainment	Subject
1.	University of Eldoret	2013- 2016	MSc. Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2.	University of Nairobi	1986-1989	BSc. Agricultural Engineering	Agricultural Engineering
3.	Maseno National School	1983-1984	A` Level Certificate	A `Level
4.	Muslim Secondary School- Kisumu	1983 – 1991	O` Level Certificate	Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Physics
5.	Bulanda Primary School	1972-1978	C.P.E Certificate	

3. Honors and Awards

- Nil

4. Membership of Professional Bodies

- Professional Engineer, 2012-Engineer Board of Kenya (EBK)
- Corporate Member, 2013-Institution of Engineers of Kenya(IEK)

5. Publications

- Physical and Chemical Properties of Water Hyacinth Based Composite Briquettes, Scirj, Volume IV Issue XI November 2016: Edition ISSN 2201-2796
- Combustion and Emission Characteristics of Water Hyacinth Based Composite Briquettes Scirj Volume V, Issue XI, November 2017 Edition-ISSN 2201-2796

6. Public Office, Political Activities and Associations

- 1) August 2021 to 5th December, 2022- Chief Officer-Roads, Transport and Public Works (Kisumu County)
- 2) October 2020 to August 2021- Interim Chief Officer- Roads, Transport and Public Works (Kisumu County)
- 3) March 2020 to October 2020- Acting Chief Officer-Tourism, Culture, Arts & Sports (Kisumu County)
- 4) December 2019 to August 2021- Chief Officer-Energy and Industrialization (Kisumu County)
- 5) 24th August 2017 to 14th August, 2018- Acting Chief Officer-Energy, Mining, Green Energy and Climate Change (Kisumu County)
- 6) May, 2017 to February 2019- County Director-Renewable Energy Technologies (Kisumu County)
- 7) September 2015 to May, 2017- County Agricultural Engineer (Siaya County)
- 8) January 2015 to September, 2015- Manager, County Irrigation Unit (Siaya County)
- 9) July 2009 to January 2013-Manager, Agricultural Mechanization Services-AMS (Siaya)
- 10) April 2003 to July 2009-Manager, Agricultural Mechanization Services-AMS (Kisumu district)
- 11) January 2001 to April 2003-District Agricultural Engineer-Kuria district
- 12) July 1997 to December 2000-Manager, Agricultural Mechanization Services (AMS)- Siaya district

13) July 1989 to October 1997-Deputy in charge of Homa Bay Rural Technology Development Center (RTDC) and also in-charge of Rural Processing Program

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the Nominee filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, her curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as the Chief Officer for the Department of Roads, Transport and Public Works.

THAT, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 the Nominee is eligible for appointment to the Position of Chief Officer for the Department of Roads, Transport and Public Works since he is a Kenyan Citizen and does not hold a dual citizenship and is a holder of at least a first degree of Bachelors of Science (Agricultural Engineering) from the University of Nairobi.

THAT, the Nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and integrity having received clearance from the following Statutory Bodies:

- i. Higher Education Loans Board(HELB)
- ii. Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- iii. Directorate of Criminal Investigation
- iv. Kenya Revenue Authority
- v. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission

THAT, the Nominee has never been charged in a court of law in the past three years.

THAT, the Nominee has never been dismissed from Office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 (1) conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity) Article 77 (restriction on activities of a Public Officer and Article 78 (2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

THAT, the Nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on government and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience required to serve as the Chief Officer for the Department of Roads, Transport and Public Works.

THAT, the Nominee was awarded a score of 74.67% by the Committee Panelists as indicated in the Score sheet Analysis Report.

8. MR. VICTOR NDEREBA KANYAURA; NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF CHIEF OFFICER LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

The nominee appeared before the Committee and was orally interviewed pursuant to the provisions of 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 legislations.

Personal Profile

- P.O Box 2870-20100.
- ID: 22560262
- PIN Number: A003890686J
- Town: NAKURU
- Place of Birth: Meru County

8. Educational Background

S/No.	Institution	Period	Award/Attainment	Subject
6.	Jomo Kenyatta University	2013- 2015	Master of Science in Project Management	Project Management
7.	University of Nairobi	2002-2006	Bachelor of Arts(Planning) Second Class Upper Division	Planning
8.	Miathene Secondary School	1997 - 2000	B + (Plus)	N/A

9. Honors and Awards

- N/A

10. Membership of Professional Bodies

- Registered Physical Planner (Reg No. 0223)
- Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK), Corporate member (2214)- Town Planners Chapter
- International Society of Cities and Regional Planners (ISOCARP)
- Kenya Institute of Planners (KIP)
- Alumni Member of Netherlands Fellowships Programme (NFP)
- Town and County Planning Association of Kenya (TCPAK)

11. Publications

- An assessment of adoption of Green Building in Kenya- Trans Stellar Publishers

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the nominees filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, her curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as the Chief Officer for the Department of Planning, Housing and Urban Development.

THAT, the Nominee is a Kenyan Citizen and does not hold a dual citizenship and is a holder of at least a first degree of Bachelors of Arts (Planning) from the University of Nairobi.

THAT, the Nominee does not meet the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and integrity having not received clearance from the following Statutory Body:

- i. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission

THAT, the Nominee has never been charged in a court of law in the past three years.

THAT, the Nominee has never been dismissed from Office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 (1) conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity) Article 77 (restriction on activities of a State Officer and Article 78 (2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

THAT, the Nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on government and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience required to serve as the Chief Officer for the Department of Planning, Housing and Urban Development.

THAT, the Nominee was awarded a score of 63.18% by the Committee Panelists as indicated in the Score sheet Analysis Report:

9. MR. PAUL NJEGA WAWERU; NOMINEE TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND E-GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Paul Njega Waweru, the Nominee to the Office of the Chief Officer for the Department of Finance, Economic Planning and e-Government, appeared before the Committee on Wednesday 10th May, 2023 at 4.30pm and was vetted under oath pursuant to the Oath and Statutory Declarations Act, (Cap. 15), the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Orders of the Kisumu County Assembly. The Committee noted the following:

Personal Profile

- P.O Box 15602-00503.
- ID: 21520711
- PIN Number: A003416200D
- Town: NAIROBI
- Place of Birth: KAJIADO COUNTY

12. Educational Background

S/No.	Institution	Period	Award/Attainment	Subject
9.	Jomo Kenyatta University	2010- 2012	Master of Business Administration	Finance
10.	Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply	March 2010- Dec, 2010	CIPS Level IV Diploma in Purchasing and Supply	Procurement
11.	Maseno University	1998-2002	Bachelor of Education (Arts) Second Class Lower Division	Economics and Business
12.	Secondary School		Not Provided	
5.	Primary School		Not Provided	

13. Honors and Awards

- Most Outstanding Chief Officer in Kenya & best Chief Officer in Laikipia County (County Gala Awards)

14. Membership of Professional Bodies

- Kenya Institute of Supply Chain Management (KISM)
- CHARTERED Institute of Purchasing and Supplies (CIPS)

15. Publications

- DN JULY 06, 2020 : County can maximize their Limited Resources through leasing
- DN OCTOBER 30, 2019 : Counties can Overcome Nagging Pending Bills
- DN JANUARY 4, 2023 : Embrace the New Year with Mindset Transformation

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the Nominee filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as the Chief Officer for the Department of Finance and Economic Planning.

THAT, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 the Nominee is eligible for appointment to the Position of Chief Officer for the Department of Finance and Economic Planning since he is a Kenyan Citizen and does not hold a dual citizenship and is a holder of at least a first degree of Bachelors of Arts (Education) from Maseno University.

THAT, the Nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and integrity having received clearance from the following Statutory Bodies:

- i. Higher Education Loans Board(HELB)
- ii. Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- iii. Directorate of Criminal Investigation
- iv. Kenya Revenue Authority
- v. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission

THAT, the Nominee has never been charged in a court of law in the past three years.

THAT, the Nominee has never been dismissed from Office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 (1) conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity) Article 77 (restriction on activities of a Public Officer and Article 78 (2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

THAT, the Nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on government and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience required to serve as the Chief Officer for the Department of Finance and Economic Planning

THAT, the Nominee was awarded a score of 66.18% by the Committee Panelists as indicated in the Score sheet Analysis Report:

10. MR. AJWANG TIMOTHY NYAKWAMBA; NOMINEE TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OFFICER FOR SPORTS, CULTURE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS.

Mr. Ajwang' Timothy Nyakwamba, the Nominee to the Office of the Chief Officer for the Department of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, appeared before the Committee on Wednesday

10th May, 2023 at 10.30am and was vetted under oath pursuant to the Oath and Statutory Declarations Act, (Cap. 15), the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Orders of the Kisumu County Assembly. The Committee noted the following:

Personal Profile

Sex: male

Marital status: married

Date of birth:27.03.1972

Id number: 11393688

District of birth: suba north

Po.box 363 homabay

Religion: Christian (SDA)

Academic Background

Post graduate	year of completion	
Kenyatta university	2004	med
Egerton university	1996	bed
Uriri secondary school	1990	kcse
Waondo primary school	1985	kcpe

EMPLOYMENT

MINISTRY OF SPORTS ART AND
Regional Director for
Development

Deputy Director of Youth
YOUTH AFFAIRS
Youth Affairs

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE
2013 to 2018

Directorate of Youth Affairs
YOUTH AND GENDER AFFAIRS

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

District Youth Development Officer, Nyando	2007 to 2009
District Youth Development Officer, Kisumu East	2010 to 2012
Provincial Director of Youth Development, Nyanza	2012 to 2013
Ag. County Director of Gender Affairs, Kisumu	2014 to 2017

TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

Graduate Teacher 3

Subject Teacher

Graduate Teacher 2

English language and

Graduate Teacher 1

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the nominees filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, hIS curriculum vitae and having heard hIS oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as the Chief Officer for the Department of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs.

THAT, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 the Nominee is eligible for appointment to the Position of Chief Officer for the Department of Public Service, County Administration and Participatory Development since she is a Kenyan Citizen and does not hold a dual citizenship and is a holder of at least a first degree of Bachelors of Education from Kenyatta University.

THAT, the Nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and integrity having received clearance from the following Statutory Bodies:

- i. Higher Education Loans Board(HELB)
- ii. Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- iii. Directorate of Criminal Investigation
- iv. Kenya Revenue Authority
- v. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission

THAT, the Nominee has never been charged in a court of law in the past three years.

THAT, the Nominee has never been dismissed from Office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 (1) conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity) Article 77 (restriction on activities of a State Officer and Article 78 (2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

THAT, the Nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on government and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience required to serve as the Chief Officer for the Department of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs.

THAT, the Nominee was awarded a score of 75.3% by the Committee Panelists as indicated in the Score sheet Analysis Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

Having conducted the approval hearing of Nominees to the position of Chief Officers pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, section 4 and Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 187 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, the Committees Recommend that this House: -

1. Approves the Nomination of Mr. Paul Njenga for appointment as Chief Officer for Finance, Economic Planning and ICT (E-Government) Services) by the Governor.
2. Approves the Nomination of Ms. Benter Achieng for appointment as Chief Officer for the Department on Public Service County Administration and Participatory Development
3. Approves the Nomination of Mr. Fredrick Mula Osew for appointment as Chief Officer for the Department of Education, Technical Training, Innovation & Social Services
4. Approves the Nomination of Mr. Francis Asunah Okoth for appointment as Chief Officer Department of Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change
5. Approves the Nomination of Dr. Joseph Ojwang' Lusi for appointment as Chief Officer Department on Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation
6. Approves the Nomination of Mr. Erick Omondi Ogola for appointment as Chief Officer for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
7. Approves the Nomination of Mr. Timothy Nyakwamba Ajwang' for appointment as Chief Officer for the Department of Sports, Culture, Gender & Youth Affairs
8. Approves the Nomination of Mr. Daniel Okia Otieno for appointment as Chief Officer for the Department of Infrastructure, Energy & Public Works
9. Approves the Nomination of Mr. Bovince Ochieng for appointment as Chief Officer for the Department of Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing

Further pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, sections 4 and Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 193, the Committees pray that this Hon. House stays its consideration for the approval of Mr. Victor Ndereba Kanyaura; Nominee for the position of Chief Officer for the Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development, since the Committee on Lands and Physical Planning has established that there were fundamental omissions on his testimonials and statutory clearances and have considered certain extraneous considerations that may risk rendering the cumulative appointment process unconstitutional. May I request the Leader of Majority to second?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko. MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the motion that has been moved by the Deputy Speaker on the approval of various nominees to the position of Chief Officers. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that the Chair of Chairs, Hon. Nereah Okombo has presented a motion on the Approval of Proposed Nominees Vetted for the Position of Chief Officers on behalf of the Chairpersons of Sectoral Committees and seconded by the Leader of Majority. Honourable Members, as per the provisions of our Standing Orders, I want to propose a question that this motion on approval of nominees vetted for the position of Chief Officers is open for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Member representing Nyalenda “B” Ward.

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda “B” Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the report on the approval of the nominees to position of Chief Officers. Mr. Speaker, considering their educational background, they have all qualified. They have all the knowledge of what they are going to do as the Chief Officers of those departments. They also have enough experience to carry the task that is ahead of them. Mr. Speaker, this County has been lagging behind as a result of lack of these Chief Officers. I want to implore this House to approve this report so that our County can move forward. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Benson Adega.

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Chairperson Liaison Committee for moving this report. There are responses that we were supposed to get from the Executive that can only be communicated by the substantive Chief Officers. The approval of these nominees will enable us as House Committees get access to these reports. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Seth Okumu.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the nomination of approving various candidates to the positions as indicated in the report. We thought that these were just names when they were being brought to the Assembly. But when we did the approval hearing, we realized that all the proposed nominees were people with substance within their ears and my brother Hon. Reuben Rakwach agrees with me and because we were with him during the approval hearing and we tried to twist some questions thinking that we would challenge the nominees but we realized that they were knowledgeable and they knew what is taking place in the County.

Mr. Speaker, everyone had an opportunity to ask these nominees questions at the Assembly level and nobody can claim that they were denied a chance to vet these proposed nominees. The list also shows the face of Kenya and for once the Governor did a good job for bringing people from the other parts of Kenya. This is something that we have to applaud. We have been struggling for this when we employ. I rise to support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Reuben Rakwach, the Chairperson, Roads Committee.

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes, that is Super Chair. Just a small correction.

(Laughter)

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you. I am the only Chairperson who presided over vetting of an Engineer registered by EBK. I also stand to support the motion that this House approves the list of the proposed nominees. Having vetted the nominees and realized that they possess all that is required in accordance with the provisions of Section 80 of Public Appointment (County Assembly) Act of 2017 and also Section 45 of the County Government Act of 2012. I support and also urge this Honourable House to do the same so that these proposed nominees can work to address the issues that we have in various departments.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank my Party Leader the Right Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga who is also a man I recognize as my President in the Republic of Kenya. This is a man who has fought for this Country. This is a man who brought devolution which has now mandated us to do the vetting that we did. Without the Right Honourable Raila Amolo Odinga, we wouldn't have had the report which has been read by our Deputy Speaker. We thank him and continue praying for him. I support the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. James Omollo. MCA, West Nyakach.

Hon. Omollo (MCA, West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the report. I happen to sit during some of these vetting exercises and what I saw was encouraging.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Member, the Chief Officers are technical persons in the departments. These proposed nominees possess qualities to be Chief Officers in various departments. We have also worked with some of these proposed nominees before. The nominee for the position of Chief Officer Health had worked in the same capacity before and I want to attest that he possesses the requisite capabilities to hold this position. His track record speak volume. We can move to greater heights if we can have him again. Mr. Speaker, some of the nominees are really in possession of qualities that good managers should have. Mr. Speaker, for example the proposed nominee like Mr. Timothy Nyakwamba has been in this County for a long time despite the fact that he comes from Homabay County. Mr. Speaker, this proposed nominee has worked as a Youth Officer in this County, he is aware of quite a number of areas that he has worked in while in this that docket, and when now he comes as a Chief Officer in the Department of Youth, Sports, and Gender, he will add value that we want in that docket. If we approve the name, he will perform well.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Governor for going beyond Kisumu County to forward to the Assembly some of the nominees who are coming from other Counties. As a County, we have to be upright and to be seen that any Kenyan can work anywhere in this County, and we have demonstrated that. In passing this therefore, we shall have demonstrated that this County really has no boundary in terms of employment. We also give opportunities for our men and women to be employed anywhere in this republic. We have one of our own from here at the County Assembly holding a Chief Officer position in Nairobi County. What matters to us as an Assembly, is the productivity. Is the person really qualified for the job description as per the Constitution of Kenya. It is my pleasure to state here that most of them are overqualified.

When you look at the score cards, none of them scored below 50% mark. That is quite good for us as a County and I believe we can move fast and approve the list for them to start working for this County. Mr. Speaker, I end in support, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members let me consider gender and give chance to Hon. Carren Ajwang'. I've noticed you Hon. Okoyo, just be patient.

Hon. Ajwang' (MCA, Kaloleni Shaurimoyo Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I first want to thank the Deputy Speaker for presenting to this House an elaborate report. Mr. Speaker, through the vetting process that we did in this House, I want to confirm that these proposed nominees are competent and equal to the task that is ahead of them, and therefore urge this House to adopt the report as I support it.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okoyo.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I rise to support the report. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of this to the House that, I was privileged to sit in various committees which did the vetting exercise, and I want to inform Members that, these House Committees responsible with the task of vetting these proposed Chief Officers burnt midnight oil to get this report and it wasn't an easy task. Getting details and vetting nominees is an uphill task. Mr. Speaker, Members dedicated their time and tried to move with speed so that we could get this report.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to concur with other fellow Members who have appreciated what our Governor did. Kisumu County is one of the County cities within this Country, which should embrace and set the precedence of having people from different tribes in Kenya work in Kisumu. I want to appreciate what my Governor and in-law did to other communities to enable them work in Kisumu County. Mr. Speaker, if we continue with this trend, Kisumu County will be far much ahead of other counties because we will be eradicating tribalism. Thank you, and I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Chief Whip.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga): Thank you, I rise to support the report read by the Deputy Speaker. I want to acknowledge the work done by the various Chairpersons of House Committees and their members when interrogating and presiding over the proceedings in their respective committees. In addition, I want to acknowledge the work done by the secretariat who took their time to take noted during the interrogations while the Chairpersons were presiding over the proceedings. Mr. Speaker, I was in the Second Assembly, when the Governor started his first term, and we had two Chief Officers in every department. However, this time around, going by experience, the Governor saw it wise to have one Chief officer, who will be the accounting officer in respective departments, where the CEC is in-charge of policy.

Mr. Speaker, I do not want to say that these lady and gentlemen who are about to be approved by the House are equally up to the task going by their testimonials as far as the Curriculum Vitae are concerned. Mr. Speaker, I believe that three of the proposed nominees have worked in Kisumu County and the others have either come from the County and National Governments. We may praise this report; and you are all aware that the Governor, according to the Constitution of Kenya (CoK) is serving his last term. Some of you Members will be going for elections in

various positions after five years and you will be gauged based on performance. Your performance will be based on how the County government performed and in the case, the performance of that Governor Peter Anyang' Nyongó. Mr. Speaker, we are tasked with overseeing and legislation in the County government of Kisumu. I want to inform these proposed Chief Officers prior that, this time it is not going to be business as usual because the Governor will not be seeking an electoral position in the next elections. As the Chief Whip, I will not sugarcoat this but if you do not perform, you will be shipped out just like us if we don't perform; we are not elected after 5 years. The electorates will take you to where you are supposed to be. You either come back or go home.

Mr. Speaker, in that respect, I want to tell the proposed Chief Officers that this time round they have to perform. We do not want to see a case where a patient dies in Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital at 9.00 a.m. and up to 1:00 p.m. of the following day, there is no information. The residence of Kisumu are crying out in Radio stations and on social media and it takes the Chief Officers; that is Dr. Lusi and Dr. Rae almost 12 hours to explain to the people of Kisumu what happened then we want to bury our heads in the sand that things are normal. Things are not working sometimes. We have to say the truth. Even though we support the Governor, we have to do so but by ensuring that projects are implemented.

Mr. Speaker, the Chief Officers are coming on a very timely situation whereby we are about to approve the Kisumu County Budget Estimates FY 2023/2024 that is 31st of June according to the Public Finance Management Act of 2012 and they will start going by the financial indications. So they will not tell us ooh; I found this budget, it has already been implemented, and the procurement process has delayed and it is the reason as to why I have not implemented so and so projects, they will start from the initials.

Mr. Speaker, these is this issue of the Pending Bills. These are the major reasons why we are bringing in a new Chief Officer for Finance, Trade and Enterprise Development. I trust that the proposed nominees will assist the County Government of Kisumu when it comes to such issues. This is because in the last Financial Year, we allocated almost Ksh 1.3 Billion for Pending bills and up to date, we have not been informed the status of these Pending Bills; by furnishing this House with the amount that has been disbursed and the remaining balances. I also hope Mr. Abiero will be handing over to Mr. Victor Ndereba Kanyaura or Mr. I don't know who?

(Laughter)

Some funny Kikuyu name (Mr. Paul Njenga Waweru). I withdraw that part Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we need to help the Governor of this County Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyongó. He has a good track record as a Member of Parliament, as a Minister and also as a Senator. So, as an Assembly, we should ensure that when he retires, that track record is maintained for posterity. Otherwise, when Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyongó will be going home, some of us who have been praising him all the time they will say that '*Anyang' Nyong'o odhi dala gi joge*'. In politics they might develop that trick for you. But, I as the Member of the County Assembly representing Market/Milimani Ward, we will ensure these Chief Officers are put to task so that Kisumu County grows from strength to strength. Otherwise, I support the report, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Dede. Honourable K’Omudho, I have noticed you but, I was looking at the seniority. So, I am compelled to give Honourable Dede first. You will be next.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me the opportunity to also echo my sentiments concerning the vetting of the Chief Officers. In addition, Hon. K’Omudho, I want to thank you for recognizing me to be a senior Member. Thank my colleague.

(Laughter)

Foremost just to commence with, let me congratulate my Governor for the work well done for having brought these proposed nominees before this House for suitability test. It is my considered opinion that that among the Chief Officers whom were brought before this House, all proved to be capable of performing within this our County. In the Governor’s selection, he dwelt on regional balancing. This is because you will notice that in the all the seven Subcounties within whole Kisumu County, we got a candidate whom is going to serve the interest of people. Not only to show the interest of our people but also to ensure that they will deliver for the people of Kisumu County.

Mr. Speaker, as I proceed, I am just going to have some reservations over the list we have been given. This is because, if you look at page 43, there is a correction which should be done whereby our Chairperson Liaison Committee read the name of the Chief Officer for Water, Environment and Natural Resources to be the one for ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training. I trust that this error will be corrected in the Hansard.

Mr. Speaker, on page 49, the background history of the proposed nominees there, I am a bit worried about the nominee by the name Mr. Daniel Okia. In the same year, he went to two schools at the same time. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, you will notice that between the years 1983 to 1984, he attended his “A” Level at Maseno National School and at the same time between the years 1983 to 1991, he was doing his “O” Level Certificate at Muslim Secondary School - Kisumu. This really indicated here and to my worry is that by the year 1991 the “O” Level was not there. That one should be taken into consideration while documenting the report.

Lastly, the nominee for the position of Chief Officer, Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Ndereba Kanyaura. You find out that, all the nominees attended primary schools well indicated yet he himself started from secondary schools as he proceeded to other levels.

Also according to the committee recommendations on page 54, it indicates that the nominee did not comply with the provisions Chapter Six of the Constitution on Ethics and Corruption as per the committees’ observation. Mr. Speaker, with those few reservations, I rise to support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable K’Omudho. Honourable Ngeta, I have noticed you, I had already promised Honourable K’Omudho.

Hon. K'Omudho (MCA, Muhoroni/Koru Ward): Thank you so much Honourable Speaker. I arise to support the report as was presented by our Deputy Speaker. Mr. Speaker, indeed the report captured the very content or things that we went through. I was privileged to seat in a number of House Committees which were doing the vetting of these proposed nominees. I was very confident. I saw a majority of them to be perfect people. Really professional; people who understood their roles albeit some other areas and others were approaching the retirement age but, that one is not left for us here. These officers came from somewhere, they came through the authorities and we want to believe that those authorities also took time to know why they were passed to us.

Mr. Speaker, in addition, like my senior colleague have said about the papers for Mr. Okia. I also remember that, it is in my memory because I noticed it. During the year 1984, he did his "A" Levels. The same documentation is indicated as 1983 to 1991 it is the time the nominee was doing High School. Please let us consider this to be as a typo error. I believe it can happen and it is not also a major thing but, I want to believe the nominee went to school. We saw it here, he proved it.

Finally, when these proposed nominees appeared before various House Committees, they proved to be humble. Unfortunately, when they assume the offices, it goes the opposite and then they become our bosses. You can make a phone call to one of them, the whole day to the third day without the phones being answered, yet we are the people who are directly responsible to the public. I want to support the sentiments of the Chief Whip that has just moved out that these officers have to perform. In any case we will be raising issues here on the floor just like they came here, they will still come. If an officer becomes arrogant or may be he/she is not cooperating, I believe we will again have the floor to come and debate here so that he/she can pack his/her luggage and leave us in peace. We have got more than enough people who are able to take these positions. However, for today, the list is supper; I support the report thank you. Many thank to our Deputy Speaker. The report has captured exactly what we did through the vetting process. Thank you so much Honourable speaker together with my colleagues and I support the report.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, please allow me to consider gender and give chance to Honourable Pamela. But, I have noticed Honourable Mildred, Honourable Kelvin and Honourable Ngeta.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Pamela.

Hon. Oyoo (MCA, Migosi Ward): thank you Mr. Speaker. I also arise to support the motion on the floor. I want to say that the motion is good, eloquently elaborated and it was up to the task. I sat through the vetting exercise while t5he vetting was being done on the floor of this House and I saw majority of the nominees as they presented themselves before the House Committees and noticed that they were all competent. Mr. Speaker, I want to say that, these proposed nominees are up to the task and they can do better and please let us accord them the opportunity to prove themselves. I stand to support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Mildred Ajumbo then followed by Hon. Ngeta and finally Hon. Oraro Kelvin.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Apologies to Hon. Ngeta, I considered gender because I had realized that one gender had contributed more than the other.

Hon. Ajumbo (MCA, Central Seme Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me this opportunity. Sometimes when we don't debate you are aware that the other gender would think that we are flower girls. I want to state here that we are not flower girls. We are here as elected Members and nominated leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I arise to support this report because I was privileged to be in the vetting process and witnessed, scrutinized the proposed nominees, yes it is true that they have the requisite qualifications. They are people who are very good in talking but, we are not angels and even the people that have been vetted these proposed Chief Officers, they equally not angels. Mr. Speaker, you will realize that many of us seated here are looking forward to projects being undertaken in our electoral wards. Mr. Speaker, there were many projects that are incomplete in the last term and even when you look at the County Integrated Development Plan (II) that were proposed in the year up to 2013/2017 were not done. So, this House is looking forward to employ chief officers who are up to the task, yes today we are going to approve this report but, I just want to let the proposed Chief Officers be aware that, one of our roles is to oversight and we are not going to sit here and make jokes while in your own wards projects are not completed and yet in other electoral wards, you see projects are being done.

Mr. Speaker, I want to encourage these proposed Chief Officers that, these same Members that are praising them today, I have even heard other Members say that these proposed nominees are excellent, I was so shocked. These same Members that are today saying that these proposed nominees are excellent, is the same people that will recall them. So, I want to let the Members be aware that, please do not abdicate and forget your oversight role. That we need projects to be undertaken and completed in our respective wards and please let us not shy away from summoning these Chief Officers and informing that that, they are here to do their jobs. Thank you. I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Leader of Majority, I had promised to give Hon. Ngeta. I am aware that you are senior but, let us proceed in the manner in which I had proposed. Hon. Ngeta, be informed that in this House, the Leader of Majority is more senior than you. But I had promised to give you.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Onjiko/Awasi Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to join my colleagues in supporting this motion that is before the House. First, I want to congratulate my fellow colleagues especially the Chairs of various House Committees tasked with these exercise. I want to state here that these Chairpersons have done a wonderful job.

Secondly, I want to congratulate our able Governor, Professor Peter Anyang' Nyongó for seeing far by undertaking a magnificent selection in this process. Why am I saying so? If you are doing a comparative analysis on what was done in the year 2017 and what we have done in this term, I must say that, this was awesome. Mr. Speaker, with those few remarks, I want to join my fellow colleagues and I want to implore all the Honourable Members to please support this motion before us today. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Deputy Speaker, the Iron Lady Madam Nereah Okombo for standing firm and taking her time to take Members through this voluminous report.

Otherwise, I want to applaud the whole team that includes the leadership of this House and it was wonderful. Thank you.

Hon. Kevin (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity to share my thought on the said report moved by the Deputy Speaker. Mr. Speaker, actually the committees were given the privilege, I don't know if I can refer to it as privilege or their right to do the vetting process. The vetting process does not mean they own up those who selected but there is a senior body that selected the names and forwarded them to the Assembly so that it can do the due process by making it public and allowing the public to also have their say on the officers who were being vetted. Various Sectoral Committees had the opportunity to do that and they did it publicly, no complain came and most of the nominees were given clean bill of health.

Mr. Speaker, what caught the attention of the public is the Chief Officer for Finance and Economic Planning or by chance he is not from Nyanza but from Central province. I want to state that, this was a good move and we appreciate the Governor for being a patriotic citizen of Kenya by awarding or rewarding people from other region who have merits to also work in Kisumu.

Mr. Speaker, these proposed nominees are going to work in the government of for Professors Anyang' Nyong' who is our Governor, and they are going to be senior officers and their bosses will be the County Executive Committee Members and as a House we are going to play our oversight role as alluded by one of the Member Hon. Mildred. So what begs the question here is, if this people indeed were chosen by the Executive and the senior most the Governor then as the Assembly if there is nothing touching on their integrity, we are given the mandate to give the Governor a clean bill of help which the committees have done and we believe that in this term these proposed nominees will be ready to work so that they achieve the dream of the governor and the 'tich tire' slogan.

Mr. Speaker, as an Assembly, I do not want to know if the person is going to work because I believe that whoever was choosing that person knew their potential and background and I as a member is expected to give this person opportunity so that when work commence we expect him to deliver to his boss the pledges and the promises made during campaign. I therefore support the report and believe that the said officers, can be sworn in as early as next week so that they can commence working. This is because; when somebody is acting in such capacity he tends to fear making decisions but be made differently. I believe the officers whom we vetted will take Kisumu to another height. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The Hon. Deputy Leader of majority.

The Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker. As much as I arise to support the motion, allow me to first thank the Sectoral Committees that burned the midnight oil to present this document. I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to our able Deputy Speaker along with your staff that gave us guidelines and wisdom to enable us to handle this magnificent task. It was not an easy task because at some point we were to be guided by wisdom for example in some cases where someone had no certificate of "O" Certificate but it is common sense that someone cannot proceed to university

and achieve a degree without first attaining an “O” level certificate. This simple logic served as our guide. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to express my gratitude towards our Governor, who has displayed remarkable wisdom in his actions. As a result, he has paved the way for individuals like myself, who have children without any geographical limitations. We now understand that our children can pursue employment opportunities anywhere, regardless of their ethnic background. This realization is truly empowering. I know of some Luos working in Makueni County. It is now going to make it easier for other people to come and work in Kisumu County. If someone is qualified, then he/she will be offered the opportunity to come and work in Kisumu. Last but not least, Mr. Speaker as we proceed to approve these proposed Chief Officers, it is imperative that we convey to them, as other Members have pointed out, that fulfilling our mandate will not be a simple task. The Governor and the Executive must work closely together to address any issues that arise, particularly when there is evidence of underperformance. When we summon these officers for questioning, they should cooperate and assist us.

Mr. Speaker, I firmly believe that the Governor and the Executive share our aspiration to leave a lasting legacy. However, this can only be achieved through a collaborative approach, rather than becoming overly aligned with the Executive. It is crucial that we maintain our oversight role, which will contribute to the county's progress.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, we have encountered certain challenges that necessitate sending a message to the County Service Board. They must ensure that even minor tasks, such as verifying of identification cards and other documents, are thoroughly scrutinized. When we convene here, it is vital that we are seen to be carrying out our duties diligently. While we have shown some leniency in the past, I do not hold the Executive solely responsible. Once the documents are forwarded to the Governor, I understand that he may not personally review each and every one. Instead, he trusts that the submissions are accurate and authentic to the best of their knowledge. Moving forward, I emphasize the importance of incorporating public participation and providing guidance on vetting processes in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Elisha J. Oraro): Yes Hon. Onyango, MCA, Railways Ward.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to call the mover to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Okombo.

Hon. Nereah Akoth Okombo (MCA, Manyatta B): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Honorable house for constructively debating on this report. Mr. speaker I want to draw the attention of this House to a story in the Bible in the book of Mathew 27 from verses 22, and it is a story told of a person called Jesus Christ who was brought before a king called Pontius Pilate and the people insisted that this person be crucified and this person Pontius Pilate asked that and I quote Mr. Speaker that ‘What do I do with this Jesus which is called Christ, and the crowd responded by saying that, let him be crucified’

Mr. Speaker, may it please the great County of Kisumu that as the chairperson, I have no eyes to see no tongue to speak in this matter but as the individual Sectorial Committees are pleased to direct me whose servants I am and I ask pardon. Mr. speaker that I could not give any contrary

report, as to what any divergent opinion by any Member of the public would have been pleased to demand of me. Mr. Speaker, since at the time of doing this report, no petition challenging appointment of all these proposed nominees had been presented to the Assembly neither to my committee. Mr. Speaker and with Pontius Pilate I want to say that I wash my hands in the list of the proposed nominees and I want to say that as the Chair I will not have any responsibility as the performance or any questions that may arise their after but I want to say that this decision lie squarely and jointly on us as residents of Kisumu County and as Members of this great House. Mr. speaker I reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honorable Members, now that the report on the Vetting and Approval of the Proposed Nominees for Appointment to Positions of Chief Officers have been presented by the Liaison Chairperson on Chair of Chairs on behalf of all the Chairpersons of the Sectoral committees responsible with the task of vetting of these proposed nominees, seconded and debated as per the provisions of our Standing Orders, I want to put a question. Honourable Members, before I put a question, I want to say that those that agree with the report, will mean that all the nominees have been approved, and those who do not agree will mean that all the nominees will be rejected.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the report on the Vetting and Approval of the Nominees for Appointment to Positions of Chief Officers who are 10 in number has been approved today Thursday, 18th May, 2023 at 1727 hours. I direct that the Hansard report be produced and the same to be communicated to the Governor for action. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members there being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd May, 2023 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you.

(House rose at 0:30 p.m.)

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