

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

Official Report

SECOND ASSEMBLY – FIFTH SESSION

Tuesday, 27th April, 2021

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

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

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. Mr. Clerk, kindly take us through the Order Paper of the day.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, welcome to this afternoon session of Tuesday, 27th April, 2021. I have the following communication to make. I want to remind you that we still need to adhere to the Ministry of Health Protocols on COVID-19. Ensure that you put on your masks, cover both your mouth and nose and in any case, you are using the portable microphone, ensure that it is sanitized. I also want to welcome the Fourth Estate to the plenary.

Two, there is an activity that has been going on in the General Oversight Committee that is the probe with regards to the Bursaries and Scholarship Funds for the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021. I did direct that we constitute a Sub-committee of the said committee that was to sit on Monday. That

is yesterday to interrogate the documents from the Executive. The Sub-committee consisted of the following Hon. Members;

1. Hon. Johnson Guya
2. Hon. Benny Pete
3. Hon. Joachim Oketch
4. Hon. Steve Owiti
5. Hon. Beatrice Pamela
6. Hon. Erick Agolla
7. Hon. Hon. Seth Okumu
8. Hon. Kenneth Onyango
9. Hon. Priscah Misachi
10. Hon. Vitalis Otura

Hon Members, I have confirmed with the Clerk that the committee did not meet and because we have scheduled the meeting with the CEC on Thursday, I want to communicate that each and every Member, especially the elected Members, please send your findings to the Clerk Mr. Anditi by 09:00 a.m. tomorrow so that he is able to compile the report to be used on Thursday.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

PAPER LAID

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Maureen Otiang’.

Otiang’: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand in for Hon. Seth Kanga.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Proceed.

Otiang’: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to the provision of the County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Order No. 182 (6), I wish to lay today Tuesday 27th April, 2021, the Roads, Transport and Public Works Committee Reports on the Status of the County Roads Projects inspected for the Financial Year 2019/2020 and 2020/2021. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I confirm the receipt of the Roads, Transport and Public Works Committee Reports on the Status of the County Roads Projects inspected for the Financial Year 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 as presented by Hon. Maureen Otiang’ on behalf of Hon. Seth Kanga. I now want to direct that this report be scheduled by the House Business Committee for debate on the Floor of the House. Thank you.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Otiang’.

Hon. Otiang’: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to the provision of the County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Order No. 45, I wish to give a Notice of Motion for Roads, Transport and Public Works Committee Reports on the Status of the County Roads Projects Inspected for the Financial Year 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS**MOTION**

COMMITTEE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF LAW, JUSTICE, CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SECURITY REPORT ON THE VETTING OF MR. PHILIP OTIENDE ADUNDO, NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF CHIEF OFFICER; STRATEGY, POLICY AND DELIVERY.

BY

HON. SETH OKUMU

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

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

Hon. Okumu: Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. On 4th March, 2021, pursuant to section 6 (2) (b) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 His Excellency the Governor Prof. Peter Anyang’ Nyong’o notified the County Assembly about the nomination of Mr. Philip Adundo; nominee for the position of Chief Officers for Strategy, Policy and Delivery vide a letter reference CGK/CS/ADM/20/VOL.IV/32.(See annex I)

Consequently, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, the Speaker informed the Assembly about the Notification he received from the Governor. The notification was laid as a paper before the House on Tuesday 9th March, 2021 where the Speaker in accordance with Standing Orders No. 193 (5)(f) committed the nominee to the Sectoral Committee on the Administration of Law, Justice, Good Governance, Constitutional Affairs and Security to vet and consider his suitability for appointment. The Committee is required by section 9 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 to table their Report detailing findings and recommendations to the House within a period of twenty one (21) days.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Clerk of the Assembly pursuant to the provisions of section 7 (4) Public Appointment (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 43 (3) of the County Assembly Standing Orders notified the candidates and the general public through the Star and Daily Nation newspapers on 18th March, 2021, that, the approval/public hearing (vetting of the Nominee) scheduled to be held on Tuesday 30th of March, 2021 at 10.00am at the County Assembly Boardroom at Mega Plaza. The Committee thereafter conducted the approval hearing/public vetting on the nominee and gathered findings, observations and recommendations which are part of this report for the position of Chief Officer for Strategy, Policy and Delivery Mr. Philip Adundo.

1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 193 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders the Committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security is 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 185 (*Committee on Appointments*); and
- (g) Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

The Second Schedule of the Standing Orders on Sectoral Committees further outlines the Subjects of the Committee as follows;

- a) Constitutional Affairs
- b) The Administration of Law and Justice
- c) Ethics, Integrity and Anti-corruption
- d) Governance and
- e) Security

Composition.

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

NAME	POSITION
1. Hon. Seth Okumu	Chairperson
2. Hon. Beatrice Pamela	Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Jacktone Ogendo	Member
4. Hon. David Arao	Member
5. Hon. Erick Agolla	Member
6. Hon. Julius Genga	Member
7. Hon. Sally Okudo	Member
8. Hon. Ken Ooko	Member
9. Hon. Johnson Guyah	Member
10. Hon. Philemon Ojuok	Member
11. Hon. Joachim Oketch	Member
12. Hon. Roy Samo	Member
13. Hon. Caleb Omoro	Member
14. Hon. Vitalis Otura	Member
15. Hon. Paul Okiri	Member

Committee Secretariat

1. Herman Moses – Committee Clerk
2. Bill Otieno - Legal Counsel
3. Dennis Ogolla - Hansard Reporter
4. Kennedy Okise - Serjeant-at-arm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members, it is my humble pleasure to take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations and vetting exercise, the Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support accorded to it during the vetting exercise.

On behalf of the Committee and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 193 (5), it is my duty and privilege to present to the County Assembly, the Committee's Report on the vetting of the Nominee for the Position of Chief Officer, Strategy, Policy and Delivery Mr. Philip Adundo.

LEGAL PROVISIONS REGULATING APPOINTMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF CHIEF OFFICERS.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. The County Government Act, 2012, section 45 mandates the Governor to appoint the Chief Officers with the approval of the County Assembly. This section further provides for procedures used by the Governor when nominating a Chief Officer. This is as stipulated as follows;

Appointment of Chief Officers.

(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) A county chief officer may resign from office by giving notice, in writing, to the governor.

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

1. The procedure used to arrive at the nominee including the criteria for short listing of the nominees.

2. Any Constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the office in question.

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

Standing Order No. 43 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders further stipulates that;

- (1) Upon receipt of a notification of nomination for appointment to an office as is under the Constitution or under any other legislation required to be approved by the County Assembly, the nomination shall stand committed to the relevant Sectoral Committee of the County Assembly for consideration.
- (2) Despite paragraph (1), appointments under Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution shall stand committed to the Committee on Appointments.
- (3) Before holding an approval hearing, the Committee to which proposed appointments have been referred shall notify the candidate and the public of the time

COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members, the provisions of Standing Order 193 (5) (f) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders bestows this committee with the responsibility of vetting and reporting on all appointments done by the Executive in accordance with section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 within the department of Governance.

Given this responsibility, the Committee proceeded with its business where we held several meetings including public hearing/approval (vetting of the nominee).

To facilitate its work the committee developed Terms of Reference (TOR) as follows;

To establish the procedure used to arrive at the nominee including the criteria for the short listing of the nominee

To notify whether constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the office were adhered to

To conduct public hearing/approval of the nominee to establish his suitability in regards credentials, abilities, experience and qualities.

To cause suitability report to be tabled before the House in accordance with section 9 (1) of the public appointment (county assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017.

FUNCTIONS OF THE CHIEF OFFICER STRATEGY, POLICY AND DELIVERY

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. Following the advertisement for the position of the Chief Officer Strategy, Policy and Delivery; Vacancy Ref. KSM/CPSB/2019/102 the following were listed by the Kisumu Public Service Board as the functions of the Chief Officer:

Functions and Responsibilities of the Chief Officer, Strategy, Policy and Delivery

- a) Planning for Delivery – this includes, but not limited to collaboration with departments in developing the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), the Annual Development Plan (ADP) and all other Plans of the County Government prescribed in the County Government Act of 2012;

- b) Coordinating, implementation of the Governor's Flagship projects, including Resource Mobilization, donor relations and Partnerships management for Projects;
- c) Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting using e-government-wide Monitoring and Evaluation System, to support and consolidate the M&E activities and at the Departments level;
- d) Addressing obstacles to delivery by carrying out Research, Analysis and offering Advisory Support Service to Departments;
- e) Building capacities at the Departmental level and facilitating inter-departmental learning;
- f) Developing and managing the Performance management Framework for the County Government;
- g) Coordinating communication and accountability on the overall performance of the Government to citizens and stakeholder and stakeholder group;
- h) Overseeing activities of the Kisumu Economic and Social council (KECOSOC).

PROCEDURES USED TO ARRIVE AT THE NOMINEE

Mr. Speaker and honorable members, Following a letter dated 4th November, 2020 (Annex III) adduced before the Committee from Mr. Hesborn Hongo and pursuant to section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, the Kisumu County Public Service Board on 22nd and 25th October, 2019 conducted interviews for Chief Officers of various departments.

The Committee was further informed as follows:

That the Chief Officer for the Department of Governance and Administration failed to meet threshold at the time and the Public Service Board recommended head hunting for a suitable candidate. The Public Service Board did a vacancy Re-advertisement for the position of Chief Officer Strategy, Policy and Delivery on 7th November, 2019.

- i. That the Public Service Board via an advertisement in the local dailies informed the public and the shortlisted Candidates of its intent to conduct online interviews on 22nd and 25th September 2020, for the position of Chief Officer Strategy, Policy and Governance. The Shortlisted Candidates were as follows:

Name	ID
1. Jacob Otieno Gumba	20710787
2. Joseph Ouma Osewe	12461223
3. Philip Otiende Adundo	11231675
4. Odida Ayub Otieno	7495427

- i. That following the interviews carried out by the Public Service Board, the Board recommended the following candidates to the Governor for Nomination;

Name	ID
1. Joseph Ouma Osewe	12461223
2. Philip Otiende Adundo	11231675
3. Odida Ayub Otieno	7495427

Following a letter of Nomination sent to the County Assembly dated 4th March, 2021 and a subsequent letter dated 6th April, 2021 (Annex IV), His Excellency the Governor; Nominated Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo for the Position of Chief Officer, Strategy, Policy and Delivery out of the three(3) suitable candidates.

CONSTITUTIONAL/STATUTORY REQUIRMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARING/APPROVAL OF THE NOMINEE (MR. PHILIP OTIENDE ADUNDO)

Mr Speaker Sir and Honorable Members

The Committee conducted the vetting process for Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo for the position of Chief Officer for Strategy, Delivery and Policy on Tuesday, 30th March, 2021 at the County Assembly of Kisumu Boardroom at Mega Plaza Buildings between 10.00am-12noon.

The nominee appeared before the Committee and was orally interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, Section 45 County Government Act 2012, the Standing Orders 193(5)(f) of the County Assembly and other relevant legislations.

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members,

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

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

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

Note: The relevant experience to be assessed will depend on the job in question

Each panel member should fill in the form independently.

Source: *Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act*

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

S/No.	Thematic Areas	Scores per Segment (%)
1.	Work Experience	25
2.	Education/Training (relevant to the position)	25
3.	Interest in and Knowledge Relating to Specific Position	15
4.	Communication Skills	10
5.	Presentation, Neatness of resume/application, promptness, appearance)	10
6.	Decision Making and Problem Solving Skills	15
	Total percentage Score	100%

SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT

1. STATUTORY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members. The nominee was required to submit clearance certificates from the following statutory bodies to satisfy requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution;

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

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

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

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF THE NOMINEE

Name: - Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo
Nationality - Kenyan
Date of Birth - 1972
Marital Status - Married
Working Languages - English and Swahili
ID No: - 11231675
PIN No: - A002572842S
Postal Address - P.O BOX 4617-40100, Kisumu - Kenya

Educational Background

1. 2012 – Executive Masters in Business Administration
 - i. Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology
2. 1997: Bachelor of Arts
 - i. Moi University
3. 2009: Diploma in Human Resource Management
 - i. Kenya Institute of Management
4. 2013: Strategic Leadership Development Programme
 - i. Kenya Institute of Administration
5. 2014: Certified Monitoring and Evaluation Professional
 - i. Kenya Institute of Management
6. 1999: Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (B- Minus)

3. Employment Records/work experience

2015 – 2017: Clerk of the County Assembly of Kisumu

Honors and Awards:

None.

Professional Association

- Strategic Leadership Development Programme
- Monitoring and Evaluation Professional

Membership of Professional Bodies

- Member of Institute of Human Resource Management

Publications.

- N/A

Political Activities and Associations

None

4. The candidate was subjected to a set of questions to establish his suitability for the proposed appointment in accordance with the score sheet and scored a total of 82.3%.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH VACANCY REF. KSM/CPSB/2019/101 FOR THE POSITION OF THE CHIEF OFFICER, STRATEGY, POLICY AND DELIVERY AS ADVERTISED BY THE KISUMU COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.

Candidate	Citizen of Kenya	is a holder of at least a Master's degree in Economics, development studies or related field from a university recognized in Kenya;	satisfies the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution	Has knowledge, Experience and a distinguished career of NOT less than 10 years, 5 years of which must be in Senior Management Position in the Public/Private Sector	Remarks Responsive/Non-Responsive
PHILIP OTIENDE ADUNDO	✓	✓	✓	✓	Responsive

Mr. Speaker and Honorable members,

The committee found the nominee responsive having met the mandatory statutory requirements as provided for in the Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

Suitability of the Candidate was determined by a set of questions in consistency with the proposed appointment and she passed the 50% threshold in accordance with the score sheet below.

SCORESHEET FOR THE POST OF CHIEF OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SRATEGY, POLICY AND DELIVERY.

Name: Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo Age 49 Position: Chief Officer for the Department of Strategy, Policy and Delivery

SCORE AREA	Maximum Score	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10	TOTAL	AV. SCORE
PART 1: WORK EXPERIENCE													
a) Years of Experience													
i. 10+ (10mks)	25	10	10	10	10	10	07	07	10	10	10	223	22.3
ii. 5-10 (5mks)				02				05					
iii. 1-5 (3mks)				02				02					
iv. 0-1 (0)													
b) Demonstrable achievements. (10mks)													
c) Past pro bono, voluntary etc engagements. (5mks)		11	07	07	08	10	07	10	08	07	10		

			05	03	02	04	05	02		05	03	5		
PART 2: EDUCATION/TRAINING														
Academic and Professional Qualifications.														
a) Formal academic qualifications from recognized institutions:														
I. Ph. D (15mks)														
II. Masters (10mks)														
III. Bachelors (5mks)													203	20.3
b) Affiliation to professional bodies (Where applicable) (5mks)	25		05	10	06	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
c) Meet requirements of leadership and integrity as set out in Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution. (5mks)			05	00	02	00		02	05	04	05			

	<p>d) Any awards, honors granted by professional bodies (ICPAK, IHRM/PSOYA, OPI etc), the Government or International Organizations. (5mks)</p>		05	05	02	05	05	05	—	04	05	05		
			05	05	02	05	05	02	05	05	—			
<p>PART 3: INTEREST IN AND KNOWLEDGE RELATING TO THE SPECIFIC POSITION</p>														
	<p>a) Understanding Functions of Department (5mks)</p>		05	05	05	05	05	05	05	04	05	05		
	<p>b) Understanding the Budget Cycle (5mks)</p>													

	c) Articulation of the responsibilities, principles and policies of the Department (5mks)	15	04 05	03 05	00 03	05 05	04 04	04 05	05 05	— 05	— 05		116	11.6
PART 4: COMMUNICATION SKILLS (Oral/Written)														
	a) Capacity to express self (2mks)		02	02	01	02	02	02	02	02	02	01		
	b) Clarity of Speech (2mks)													
	c) General attitude and personality (2mks)		02	02	00	02	01	02	02	02	02	02		
	d) Interpersonal skills (2mks)													

	e) Self Confidence (2mks)	10	02	02	01	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	89	8.9
			02	02	02	02	01	02	02	02	02	02	02		
			02	02	00	02	02	02	02	02	—	02			

PART 5: PRESENTATION (Neatness of resume/application, promptness, appearance)

	a) Neatness of Resume/application (2mks)	10												89	8.9
	b) Promptness (2mks)		02	02	01	02	02	02	02	02	02	01	02		
	c) Appearance (2mks)			02	01	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02		
	d) Emotional Control (2mks)		02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02		

	e) Knowledge of the Subject (2mks)		02	02	01	02	01	02	02	02	—	02		
		02	02	01	00	01	02	02	02	02	02	02		
PART 6: DECISION MAKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS														
	a) Challenges facing County Governments (3mks) b) Suggested solutions to the Challenges facing County Governments (3mks) c) Understanding the Current National Political Situation (3mks) d) General understanding of Kisumu County (3mks)	15	03	03	02	03	03	02	03	02	03	—	118	11.8
		03	03	01	03	02	02	03	02	03	—			

	e) Relationship between County Government and National Government/ County Assembly and County Executive (3mks)		03	03	02	03	01	02	03	02	02	03		
			03	03	01	03	01	02	03	03	03	03		
			03	03	02	03	02	02	03	03	02	03		
TOTAL	100	92	88	64	90	83	79	99	87	78	78	823	82.3	

Position/Job/Applied for: Chief Officer for ID No..... Time.....

Grand Total = 82.8

No. of Panelists = 10

Av. Score = (Grand Total ÷ No. of Panelists)

838 ÷ 10 = 82.3

Av. Score = 82.3%

FINDINGS

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members. Following the vetting of the procedures of Nomination and the Nominee, the Committee made the following findings:

1. That the Governor complied with Section 45 of the County Government Act, 2012 while nominating Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo to the position of Chief Officer of Strategy, Policy and Delivery.
2. That the nominee met the constitutional and statutory requirements for Appointment as provided for in the Public Appointment (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.
3. That the nominee appeared before the Committee and excelled by scoring 82.3%.
4. That the Committee did not receive any advance information or sworn affidavit from the public contrary to his nomination.
5. That the Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. The Committee having considered the suitability, capacity and integrity of the Nominee, taking account of its findings and observation and the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act and Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, hereby recommends that the County Assembly;

1. Approves the Nomination of Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo; Nominee for the Position of Chief Officer Strategy, Policy and Delivery for appointment by His Excellency the Governor of Kisumu County.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, it is therefore my honor and privilege, on behalf of the Committee on the Administration of Law, Justice, Good Governance, Constitutional Affairs and Security to table this report before this Honorable House for consideration. May I call upon Hon. Paul Okiri to second?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Paul Okiri.

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to second this motion. I believe that the Standing Committee has followed all the laid down procedures in presenting this report before this House. This is a very key position in the County and you can see how crucial the responsibilities are in the report. As you can see, the County Public Service Board did a competitive sourcing and you can all see how the entire process was conducted. I must say that for the first time, the Governor

has given us the suitable person for this position. Mr. Otiende Adundo is an experienced person and his track record speak for himself.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this young nominee will deliver to this county. I wish Hon. Gard Olima was here so that he can see how best this report is. I want to conclude by stating that for Hon. Olale should stop on lamenting on the issues to do with our roads. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Otiende Adundo must be approved by this House. Again, for Hon. Okumu to stop complaining on shortage of water in Seme, then Adundo must be approved by this House.

To stop Hon. Guya from lamenting over unfinished projects, then Mr. Otiende Adundo must be recommended by this House. Consequently, to stop Hon. Paul Okiri, MCA North Kisumu Ward, from lamenting over all unfinished projects, then Mr. Otiende Adundo must be recommended by this House.

Hon. Arao: A point of order Mr. Speaker

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is the point of order Hon. Arao?

Hon. Arao: *(On a point of order)* Mr. Speaker, allow me to inform the Hon. Okiri that Mr. Otiende Adundo will not be in-charge of all the departments. We are hereby passing this document because of a specific role that he will play but not for general responsibility, thank you.

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

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I do not want to go take his direction but, you do understand the objectives of Strategy-Policy-Delivery. If you can get even one, then you should not have stood on a Point of Order. Otherwise, I second this motion, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honorable Members, the Standing Committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Good Governance, Constitutional Affairs and Security has brought a Report on the Vetting of Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo, a nominee for the position of Chief Officer for Strategy, Policy and Delivery which has been presented by Hon. Seth Okumu, Chairperson of the Standing Committee and seconded by Hon. Paul Okiri, a member of the House Committee.

Hon. Members, as per the provisions of our Standing Orders, I want to propose a question that the report by the Standing Committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Good Governance, Constitutional Affairs and Security, on the vetting of Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo, nominee for the position of Chief Officer for Strategy, Policy and Delivery be open for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to support the appointment of Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo to occupy the position of Strategy, Policy and Delivery not only because I know

him but also because his work reputation precedes him. I urge that members give him a chance to this task, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Aslam Khan.

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would also like to support the report on the nominee of Mr. Philip Adundo to the office of Chief Officer for Strategy, Policy and Delivery. Mr. Otiende Adundo is depicted as one who is rather over qualified as he followed the procedure during the process of application, which was quite competitive and he came up top. When it came to the right candidate, I believe that the House Committee looked at it and as per the Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, all the requirements were adhered to by the candidate. Consequently, his work experience, educational background and the delivery of the same. I humbly urge members to support this report because this is the best candidate, we have got with a maximum score of 82.3% and I believe he is going to help Kisumu County at large, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Maureen Otiang’

Hon. Otiang’: Thank you Mr. Speaker, before I support this report, I need the House Committee to make a clarification for me on the last page on this document. We have number 3 as a member of this committee; Hon. Jacktone Ogendo and signed by him. However, when you go to number 11; I am also seeing Hon. Joachim Oketch but signed as Hon. Jacktone Ogendo.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Member, are you debating or are you on a Point of Order because I am confused; I don’t know whom to direct that question to.

Hon. Otiang’: Mr. Speaker, I want the Chair of the Committee to clarify.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Beatrice Pamela, do you want to clarify?

Beatrice Pamela: Yes...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Eric Agolla?

Hon. Agolla: Mr. Speaker, that is unprocedural. A member should just contribute then the Mover of the motion will respond to the concerns raised.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): That is what I thought but, she has insisted on the clarification. Hon. Beatrice Pamela is on the floor; perhaps as she contributes she will make some clarifications, being a member of the Standing Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs.

Hon. Beatrice Pamela: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to clarify for the Hon. Member for Chemelil/ Tamu Ward that the issue she is raising is just a mistake; the Hon. Member signed in the space that was allocated for Hon. Joachim Oketch by mistake and that is why later on he corrected that and signed on the space that was meant for him.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to support the nomination of Mr. Phillip Otiende Adundo as Chief Officer, Strategy, Policy and Delivery. The candidate meets all the criteria and qualifications necessary for that office. He is a performer, going by the offices he has held. We believe he is going to be productive and bring necessary change in the department. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Steve Owiti.

Hon. Owiti: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support the nomination of Mr. Phillip Otiende Adundo to the position of Strategy, Policy and Delivery. I wish to commend the Standing Committee for a job well done. I believe the appointment will go a long way in helping us strengthen our Public Relations which has been wanting in the past few years. There is a lot that has been happening in this County but, this department has not been robust enough to help the people of Kisumu and the whole world know what we are doing.

Mr. Speaker, one of the critical issues we have heard at the ward level is the Implementation of Projects. I believe that the delivery aspect of this department will help us ensure evaluation and monitor the quality of the projects and to help the government to get value for money in all projects being undertaken in the County. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Eric Agolla.

Hon. Agolla: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am a member of the Standing Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs and I wish to urge my colleagues to adopt this report so that Mr. Phillip Otiende Adundo can assume this office as Chief Officer, Strategy, Policy and Delivery. I only have few issues to add to what we did as a Committee in this report. I want to thank the Governor for seeing it right to create this position at this critical moment. As the Chair of Implementation Committee, I have been travelling to get where we can be seeking clarifications and we have been dealing only with the County Secretary to follow up on policies and projects that have been channeled to this committee for more clarifications. By having this Chief Officer, Strategy, Policy and Delivery...

Change of chair, The Speaker (Hon. Oraro) leaves the chair as the Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata) takes the chair

We will be able to have a secretariat to channel our concerns as House Committees as well as prompt response to this Assembly.

Madam Speaker, we are public servants to this County and information is power. It means therefore that by this department being established and approving, Mr. Otiende Adundo who is overqualified as per our vetting, he scored 82.3% considering the way he was responding to the questions that were being asked during the vetting period. Without much ado, I just want to plead with all of us to approve Mr. Otiende Adundo so that he takes the mantle to steer this department. I rest my case and thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Hon. Gard Olima.

Hon. Olima: Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to support the appointment of...

(Applause)

Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo...

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, I want to say that these are facts from this Standing Committee. As a member of this House, all the approvals done by this House Committee, I have never seen a good job like this one. I want to support Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo because of his track records and his qualifications.

Madam Speaker, if you look at the qualifications that are brought here today, I do not think there is anybody who can refuse to approve the appointment of Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo. I want to say that in comparison to the previous report from this Standing Committee which we found some shoddy jobs done, however, today, I appreciate and say thank you to Hon. Seth Okumu for the first time.

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, I support that Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo, be appointed the Chief Officer, Strategy, Policy and Delivery, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Hon. Caren Muga.

Hon. Muga: Thank you madam Speaker for according me this opportunity to also add my voice on this matter. I neither worked with Mr. Otiende Adundo nor know him but I am convinced with the papers presented before this House and before me. He seems to be energetic as he is born the year 1972 which translate to 49 years old. The history is very clean; he also seems to be of sound mind. With all these, I believe that he will make our County move some steps forward. I am saying this because I got the history that he once worked with this County Assembly as a Clerk. He did so well that even the senior members who worked with him would rise up and heap praise of the good work that he did when he was the Clerk of this Assembly. I therefore support this report that we give Mr. Otiende Adundo chance to assist in the transformation of our County. Being young, we can trust in him that he is energetic enough and will be able to project far and with his clean papers, he will also be able to interrogate and scrutinize whatever will be adduced before him before saying yes.

Madam Speaker, I therefore say that I fully support the appointment of Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo, for the position of Strategy, Policy and Delivery. Thank you Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Thank you. Hon. Philemon who will be followed by Hon. Arao.

Hon. Ojuok: Thank you very much Madam Speaker, I want to support the appointment of Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo to the position of Strategy, Policy and Delivery. Just like it had been said that the track record is great, the papers are also great. I want to believe that this County needs some manager; somebody who can be good in strategy. That is because there are certain things that are so right but the strategy is so wrong. I want to thank the Governor (Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o) for having seen the need for a manager and a strategic one. Once again, I fully support.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Hon. Arao.

Hon. Pst Arao: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would also want to support this report. I am also a Member of this Standing Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs. The recommendations that are captured here were done collectively. After the vetting I personally went through the files of each and every Member and I was surprised that all the files of each and every Member of this committee gave Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo over 70% marks. Mr. Otiende Adundo is qualified, he is experienced and suitable to occupy this position of Strategy, Policy and Delivery. Therefore, I want to urge the House to consider giving him the chance to serve the County in this position. Many times I have realized that sometimes we also get some budgets in this Assembly that are not considerate to the projects that are ongoing, those that are not completed and therefore Mr. Otiende Adundo will be in a position to ensure that any project that is started will definitely reach the people at the grassroots level. Finally, Madam Speaker, I was equally impressed to have to learn that Mr. Otiende Adundo scored B- and I know what it takes to get a B- because I also got a B-. I support. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Yes Hon. Leader of Minority.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Madam Speaker. The report tabled before this Assembly needs our approval so that the Governor can give an appointment letter to Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo who has been a career civil servant for a long time and with the kind of experience he has gained through his career, we hope he will do a good job to Kisumu County Government. Without talking much I would like to urge the House to approve and recommend Mr. Otiende Adundo for this position of Strategy, Policy and Delivery. He is a well-known public figure regarding the positions he had served in this County and I am being told that he was the good Clerk of Kisumu County Assembly. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Yes Hon. Beatrice Odongo.

Hon. Beatrice Odongo: Thank you Madam Speaker I wish to call the mover to reply.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Yes Hon. Seth Okumu.

Hon. Seth Okumu: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to appreciate the Hon. Members' contributions. I want to agree with you on approving this nominee Mr. Otiende Adundo to the position of Strategy, Policy and Delivery, because the report we brought had both the procedure of bringing the nominee and the approving hearing report including statutory document that is required for this position.

Madam Speaker, this might be the first candidate that has had approval for almost all the Members who have contributed today and he is going to get approval from all the Members who have not contributed during our voting time. I want to urge him that this is happening because of the trust and the hopes that people are having in him in his position and we believe that he is not going to disappoint Members in delivering for the position that he is going to be given by the Governor. We want to request the Governor to move with haste after this debate to issue a Letter of Appointment to this Chief Officer so that he can start his work as soon as possible for us to move Kisumu ahead. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Thank you. Hon. Members, a Report from the Standing Committee of Administration of Law, Justice, Good Governance and Security on the Approval of the nominee Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo to the position of Chief Officer Strategy, Policy and Delivery has been moved, seconded and debated, I therefore want to put a question on the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): The report from the Standing Committee of Administration of Law, Justice, Good Governance and Security on the Approval of the nominee Mr. Philip Otiende Adundo to the position of Chief Officer Strategy, Policy and Delivery is hereby adopted today Tuesday, 27th April 2021. Consequently, I therefore direct that the Hansard Report be prepared so that the Clerk communicates the approval to the Governor as appropriate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to tomorrow Wednesday, 28th April 2021 at 9.00 a.m.

(House rose at 3.40 p.m.)

Addendum

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