

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

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THIRD ASSEMBLY – THIRD SESSION

Wednesday, 22nd May, 2024

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

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable Members, I refer you to the provisions of Orders no. 32 (2) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders that the quorum bell be rung for the first five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for the first five minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): the Leader of Majority please confirm if we have quorum.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Mr. Speaker, we have quorum in the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Mr. Clerk, please take us through the order of today?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Next order!

PAPER LAID

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON THE SUITABILITY OF MR. JEROME OKOTH OCHIENG' TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

BY

HON. KENNETH OOKO, MCA, AHERO

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of section 9 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assembly Approvals) Act of 2017 read together with Orders No. 186 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today Wednesday, 22nd May, 2024 a Report of the Select Committee on Appointments on the suitability of Mr. Jerome Okoth Ochieng' to the position of County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development. Thank you.

(The Leader of Majority lays the report before the House for consideration)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Next order!!

NOTICE OF MOTION

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of Orders No. 45 (1) of the Kisumu County assembly Standing Orders, I wish to give a Notice of Motion that this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee on Appointments on the suitability of Mr. Jerome Okoth Ochieng' to the position of County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Next order!!

STATEMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes Hon. Maurice Otieno Ngeta.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi/Onjiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise while citing the provisions of Orders No. 41 (2) (b) to request for a statement to the Chairperson, Standing Committee of

Administration of Law, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security on the matter of Life caused by Quarry Activities by Ria Cement Company Limited and Stonefill Limited in Awasi/Onjiko and its environs.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform this Honourable House that, a middle age man lost his life in a poorly done and unfenced Rai Cement Quarry Company Limited site in Awasi Village Border II Sub-location around Pala. The body of the deceased was removed from the site and taken to the morgue by police officers attached to Awasi/Onjiko police Station.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to further inform this Honourable House that, the second incident involved one Judith Awino who was a 15 years old girl who was equally a form two girls and Awasi PAG Secondary School. It was reported that this student collapsed in town after a felling rock blasting activity that was being carried out by the Stone Fill Company Limited on Saturdays 06th April, 2024. It is alleged that this company did not raise an alarm to the community members residing around the Quarry Site before carrying out these blasting activities. Mr. Speaker, the report reaching my desk is that the patient has been transferred to Nightingale Hospital in Kisumu for specialized treatment.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore wish to seek for a Statement from the Chairperson, Standing Committee of Administration of Law, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security to provide a response on the following:

1. Whether action has been taken on the said Cement Company that includes establishment of Criminal liability on the responsible persons?
2. Whether there is compensation for such human neglect on these quarry activities that has been caused by said company?

Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Honourable Chairperson, Standing Committee of Administration of Law, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security, I can see that you are in the House.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Thank you Mr. Speaker. This Statement comes at a time when we are grappling with the food menace. Mr. Speaker, anything touching on the life of a human being must be taken seriously. Mr. Speaker, as at now, as a House Committee we request that this August House grants us time to investigate and come up with a comprehensive report on the matters raised by the Honourable Member for Awasi/Onjiko Ward. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Chairperson, how much time do you wish to be granted?

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Mr. Speaker, two weeks.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you. I direct that this Statement is committed to the Standing Committee of Administration of Law, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security and bring a report in two weeks. The Honourable Chairperson, you have made a request that you be granted two weeks. I will give your Committee exactly two weeks as you have requested and today being the Wednesday, 22nd May, 2024. So, you have up to Thursday, 06th June, 2024 to bring a report in this House. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable Members, we are still on Statements?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes the Honourable Member for North Seme.

Hon. Omuya (MCA, North Seme): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am rising on a Personal Statement. First, I want to thank you for granting me the permission to raise a Personal Statement. Mr. Speaker, mine is very concise and I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank this House for standing with one of us who passed on the Late Honourable James Diang'a one of the pioneers Members of this County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I want to state that your visit has left an indelible mark in that home because mourners contributed well and equally attended the burial and all the Honourable Members where there to condole with the family and what transpired during the sendoff was a show of unison and it left a mark with the demonstration that this House is a House of serious Members and it has shown others who might be interested in occupying leadership positions that there is a way or manner that we Members behave when one of them has fallen.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this privilege to convey my sincere gratitude to Members of the First Assembly because their mark has left everybody still talking about it because the entire pioneer Members of both the First and Second County Assembly graced the occasion in one concord and took their time by eulogizing with their fallen colleague until the body was taken laid to rest. May the Almighty God bless you immensely, as we depart let us do the same to others. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you Honourable Member. On behalf of Members of this County Assembly we receive your gratitude.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Next order!!

MOTION

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON THE SUITABILITY OF MR. JEROME OKOTH OCHIENG' TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING, HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

BY

HON. KENNETH OOKO, MCA, AHERO

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes the Leader of Majority, Hon. Ooko.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you very much the Honourable Speaker. On behalf of the Chairperson, Select Committee on Appointments and Members of this House Committee, I wish to move a Motion on the REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON THE SUITABILITY OF MR. JEROME OKOTH OCHIENG' TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the Honourable Member that, this report is already posted in our Wall. So, i will be doing so by presenting the Moving Notes.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, that pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 87 of the County Governments Act ,2012, read together with Section 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017; His Excellency the Governor submitted to the County Assembly the Nomination of Mr. Jerome Okoth (CBS); Nominee for the Position of the CEC Member for Lands and Physical Planning for vetting and approval by the County Assembly.

The Nomination of Mr. Jerome Okoth was conveyed to the Speaker of the County Assembly through letter dated Ref. CGK/CS/ADM/20/VOL.VI/92 dated 3rd May, 2024. The Nominees curricula vitae and testimonials were enclosed in the letter. (*See Annexure i*)

On 3rd May, 2024 and pursuant to Section 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals Act), the Leader of the Majority Party; Hon. Kennedy Ooko tabled the name of the Nominee to the House for approval. Pursuant to Section 6 (7) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 187, the Hon. Speaker committed the Nominee to the Committee on Appointments for vetting and reporting to the House within twenty-one (21) days.

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 14th May, 2024 notifying the Nominee of the time and place of the approval hearing and invited the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (*affidavit*) on the suitability or otherwise of the Nominee in accordance with the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 (*Annexure ii*). The Advertisement indicated that the submissions were to be received on or before 17th May, 2024 at 4.00 p.m. By close of the submission deadline, the Committee had not received any memoranda touching on the suitability of the Nominee for appointment.

Further in fulfillment of the provisions of Sections 87 of the County Governments Act, 2012 read together with section 7 (5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 187 the Clerk of the County Assembly on 14th May, 2024 notified the public through the print media that the Committee would conduct the approval hearing on Tuesday 21st May, 2024 at 10.00am at the County Assembly Chambers. (*Annexure ii*)

The Nominee appeared before the Committee as scheduled on Tuesday 21st May, 2024 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 his suitability or otherwise for appointment to the position of CEC Member for Lands and Physical Planning.

Therefore, may I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions and time during the approval hearings and deliberations during the writing of the report? The Committee 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 Committee on Appointments and pursuant to Sections 87 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 (2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 read together with Standing Order No. 187 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, it is now my duty and privilege to present to this House, the Report of the Committee on the Suitability of Mr. Jerome Okoth Nominee for appointment to the position of CEC Member for Lands and Physical Planning for consideration.

Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee on Appointments is established under Standing Order No. 187. Standing Order No. 187 (4) provides that the Committee on Appointments shall;

consider, for approval by the County Assembly, appointments under Articles 179(2) of the Constitution.

Committee Membership

The Committee on Appointments as currently constituted comprises of the following Members:

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| 1. Hon. Elisha J. Oraro | Speaker of the County Assembly/ Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. George Abaja | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Ken Ooko | Leader of the Majority Party |
| 4. Hon. Lumumba Owade | Deputy Leader of the Majority Party |
| 5. Hon. Seth Kanga | Majority Whip |
| 6. Hon. Nereah Okombo | Deputy Speaker |
| 7. Hon. Zachary Okoyo | |
| 8. Hon. Eunice Alando | |
| 9. Hon. Carren Odhiambo | |

Committee Secretariat

The Secretariat Comprises;

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| 1. Mr. Owen Ojuok | – | Clerk of the County Assembly |
| 2. Mr. Harman Moses | – | Clerk Assistant |
| 3. Mr. Wycliffe Owade | – | Research Officer |
| 4. Mr. Patrick Okoyo | – | Hansard Officer |
| 5. Ms. Risper Wayua | – | Serjeant-at-arms |

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Notification to the House and Referral to the Committee.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Orders, the Hon. Kennedy Ooko; Leader of Majority on 8th May, 2024 tabled a Notice of Nomination of the Nominee and informed the House of the Governor's Nomination in regards to the position of Chairperson for the Kisumu County Revenue Board.

Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 provides that unless otherwise provided in any law, a committee shall consider a nomination and table its report in the County Assembly for debate and decision within twenty-one sitting days from the date on which the committee first sits to consider the nomination.

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 187 the name and curriculum vitae of the Nominee were referred to the

Committee on Appointments for approval hearings and reporting to the House within twenty-one (21) days.

Notification to the Public and the Nominee

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 14TH May, 2024 (*Annexure ii*) 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, 2017. The Advertisement indicated that the submissions were to be received on or before Friday 17th May, 2024 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. 187 the Clerk of the Assembly notified the general public that the approval hearing of the Nominees would be conducted on Tuesday 21st May, 2024.

Clearance and Compliance Requirements

On 13th May, 2024 vide letter Ref. CAK/EACC/VOL.III/5/24 (01) the Clerk of the Assembly wrote to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) requesting for reports with respect to the ethics and integrity compliance of the Nominee.(Annex iii)

The Committee is yet to receive a response from the EACC on the same.

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: -

- a) *Procedure used to arrive at the Nominee*
- b) *Any Constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the Office in question, and*
- c) *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 therefore guided by the provisions of Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017 and the provisions of the Standing Orders.

Procedure for Nomination

Article 179 of the Constitution confers upon the Governor the power to appoint County Executive Committee Members, 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 Article 179 of the Constitution and Section 35 of the County Governments Act, 2012, the Governor notified the County Assembly of the Nomination of the Nominee for appointment to the Office of the County Executive Committee Member for Lands and Physical Planning.

Leadership and Integrity

The Committee, in determining the suitability of the Nominee, 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 which 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 used to arrive at the Nominee.

Pursuant to Section 8 (a) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, one of the subject areas that must be vetted by the County Assembly is the procedure that was used to arrive at the Nominee. The purpose of vetting the procedure used to arrive at the Nominee by the County Assembly is to ascertain whether the process used to arrive at the Nominee for the position was competitive enough to grant equal opportunity to eligible candidates.

Consequently, pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 (a) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, the Clerk of the County Assembly vide letter Ref. CAK/CGK/VOL.IV/5/23 (14) dated 5th May, 2024 requested the County Secretary to submit to the Committee the procedure that was used to arrive at the Nominee.

As at the time of writing this Report, the Committee had not received a response on the procedure used to arrive at the Nominee.

Constitutional and Statutory Requirements.

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

Two-thirds Gender Rule

Article 27(8) of the Constitution provides that the State shall take legislative and other measures to implement the principle that not more than two-thirds of the members of elective or appointive bodies shall be of the same gender.

Section 35 (1) (b) of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides that in constituting the County Executive Committee consideration shall be made to the two-thirds gender rule.

Representative of Regional and Ethnic Diversity

Section 35 (1) (a) of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides that the Composition of the County Executive Committee shall reflect the regional and ethnic diversity of the People of Kenya.

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- h) *Report truthfully on all matters of the organization which they represent.*

Suitability of the Nominee 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 was assessed after scrutiny of the Nominee's academic credentials, professional training and experience, personal integrity, background and qualities as well as their performance during the approval hearings conducted on Tuesday, 21st May, 2024.

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

The 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 Committee held its approval hearings on Tuesday 21st May, 2024 in accordance with the advertisement placed in the Star and the Daily Nation Newspaper.

QUALIFICATION OF MR. JEROME OKOTH

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, Mr. Jerome Okoth the Nominee to the Office of the CEC Members for Lands And , appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 21st May, 2023 at 10.00am 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 Male born in Nakuru on 15th March 2024. The Nominee confirmed that he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold any other citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

Ref. code	Level	Institution	Year/Period	Affirmation	Verification
N/A	Master of Engineering Information	University of the Ryukyus- Japan	2003-2005	Commissioner of oath	Tec. Unsuccessful
N/A	Bs. Mathematics/ Computer	University of Nairobi	1990-1994	Commissioner of oath	Tec. Unsuccessful
A 188880	Kenya Advanced Certificate Examination.	Moi Forces Academy	1988-1989	Commissioner of oath	Tec. Unsuccessful
O 643145	Kenya Certificate of Education	St. Joseph's Seminary	1984-1987	Commissioner of oath	Tec. Unsuccessful
302811	Diploma	The Professional Association for IS Professionals.	2000	Commissioner of oath	Tec. Unsuccessful
N/A	Certificate of Primary Education	N/A	1976-1983	N/A	Not provided

Employment Record

Ref.	Position	Institution/Organisation	Year/Period
1.	Principal Secretary, State department for ICT and Innovation.	Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs.	March 2018 - December 2022
2.	Director Integrated Financial Management Information Systems (IFMIS)	Business Persons Mentor Limited	August, 2013- March, 2018.
3.	Manager ICT	Public Procurement Oversight Authority.	2007-2013
4.	Assistant Director of ICT	Government Information Services	2007-2011
5.	Principal ICT Officer	Government Information Services	2006-2007
6.	Chief ICT Officer	Government Information Services	January, 2006- August, 2007
7.	Senior ICT Officer	Government Information Services	2007-2011
8.	ICT Officer	Government Information Services	1997-2005

Professional Association and Membership

- i. Computer society of Kenya
- ii. Institute for Management of information systems (imis)-Uk

*Income and Net Worth**Sources of Income*

- i. Rental income from Houses; annual income Kshs.1, 200,000
- ii. Dividend from shares from various counters at NSE; annual income Kshs.200, 000
- iii. Dividend from Hazina Sacco; annual income Kshs.300, 000
- iv. Loan from DCCA Welfare; annual income Kshs.2, 000,000
- v. Income from Kawest Agency; annual income Kshs.500, 000
- vi. Transport Business annual income Kshs.500, 000

Net Worth: Approximately
Kshs.145, 900,000

Published writings

Article on my role and aspiration as principal secretary-Star Newspaper

Potential Conflict of Interest

None

Pro-bono/Charity Work

- i. Construction of St.Cecilia Catholic Church in Kusa-Mobilized Kshs.400, 000
- ii. Construction of St.Lucia Catholic Church Membley-Harambee Organization and Planning Ksh.200, 000

Honors and Awards

- i. Chief of the orders of the Burning Spear (CBS)

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, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as the Chairperson for the Kisumu County Revenue Board.

THAT, pursuant to Section 37 of the County Governments Act, 2012 the Nominee is eligible for appointment to the position of the CEC Member for Lands and Physical 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 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 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 Chairperson for the Kisumu County Revenue Board.

THAT, the Nominee was awarded a score of 81.8 by the Committee Panelists as indicated in the following score sheet analysis below:

SCORESHEET REPORT FOR MR. JEROME OKOTH; NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF CEC LANDS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING

Name of Candidate: Mr. Jerome Okoth Age: 54 Gender: Male

ID. PP/No. 10774338

No on the Question sheet	Score Area	Max. Score	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	TOTAL
Part 1 – Person Profile												
1	Academic & Professional qualifications Candidate to describe: Years of Work experience (as it relates to the position) i). 10 + (10mks) ii). 5-10+ (5mks) iii). 1-5+ (5mks) Demonstrable Achievements (5mks) Past pro bono voluntary engagements (5mks)	20	15	18	15	20	18	20		19	19	144
	Education/training (relevant to the position) i). Doctorate Degree (3mks) ii). Masters Degree	10	7	7	5	7	8	5		9	7	55

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	(2mks) iii). Bachelor's Degree (5mks)											
Part 2 – Technical and Professional Capability												
	Question 2, Question 4 Question 6 Question 9	30	20	28	20	20	24	30		28	25	195
PART 3 – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE												
	Question 3 Question 5 Question 7 Question 8	30	20	28	19	25	26	20		25	27	190
Part 4 – Communication and Personal Attributes												
	Capacity to express self Clarity of speech General attitude and personality Interpersonal skills	10	8	10	7	10	10	5		10	10	70

	Self confidence											
	Total	100	70	91	66	82	86	80		91	88	654

Av. Score = 81.8

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, having conducted the approval hearing of Mr. Jerome Okoth pursuant to section 4 and Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, Section 3A (5) and Standing Order No. 187 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders;

The Committee Recommends that this House: -

1. Approves the Nomination of Mr. Jerome Okoth Ochieng; Nominee for the position of the CEC Member for Lands and Physical Planning for appointment by His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to call upon the Chief Whip to second this motion. Thank you.

Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to second the motion on the report by the Select Committee on the Appointment on the suitability of Mr. Jerome Okoth Ochieng' for the appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Speaker, I was there yesterday, when we vetted Mr. Jerome Ochieng. I checked on the profile of Mr. Jerome Ochieng since the nominee left the university and thereby, pursuing his Masters in Japan. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Jerome Ochieng has been in the public service since nominee left the university, he has risen to the ranks of a Principal Secretary, which he left in the year 2022 as a result of political realignments. Mr. Speaker, the nominee has agreed to serve Kisumu County, though, on lesser capacity compared to what he used to do as a Principal Secretary in the State Department for ICT and Innovation.

Mr. Speaker, looking at the career and profile of Mr. Jerome Ochieng, I believe that the nominee is up for the task. Because when you talk about E-Government, Digitalization of the Government Services, by then, Mr. Jerome Ochieng participated and coordinated that sector. Mr. Speaker, you are aware just recently we had Valuation Roll, as per the Rating Act. Again, we are having a Manual Valuation Roll. Mr. Speaker, I believe Mr. Jerome Ochieng will help us to digitalize the Valuation Roll so that we maximize revenue collection as projected in our financial estimate.

Mr. Speaker, in the areas of Housing, you are aware that serious infrastructural development is going on within Kisumu Town. We are seeing Makasembo Estate coming up with over 3,000 units, which the residents of Kisumu will occupy. It is my belief that the Department of Land, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban development and Mr. Jerome Ochieng will help in digitalizing the Affordable Housing and even the physical planning included. Mr. Speaker, there is serious infrastructural development going on in Kisumu Country as a whole, if you move from Kisumu to Ahero to Awasi, you will witness serious infrastructural development.

Mr. Speaker, towards Maseno, we have our recently gazetted Towns, and most of the Government services, currently, in those areas are manual. If you talk about Maseno Town, Maseno and Holo, Kombewa and Bodi, Muhoroni, Ahero, Katito and Pap Onditi, government facilities in those areas to do with physical planning, they have not been digitalized, and I believe that Mr. Jerome Ochieng is coming at a time when serious investments or the County Government is rolling out services in those said towns. It is my belief that nominee Mr. Jerome Ochieng' and going by his past record in the Ministry of ICT, his services will come in handy to assist this county move with haste so that service delivery is realized in the Department of Lands, Physical Planning together with that of the Urban Development. Mr. Speaker, with those few remarks, I second this motion. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you Honourable Members, a motion has been moved on the report from the Select Committee on Appointments on the suitability of Mr. Jerome Okoth Ochieng' for the appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development. This is a motion that was moved by the Leader of Majority Hon. Ken Ooko and seconded by the Chief Whip Hon. Seth Ochieng' Kanga. Honourable Members, it is time for me to propose a question. That, we open this motion for debate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honourable Member for Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward.

Hon. Caren Ajwang' (MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo): Thank you, Honourable Speaker for the opportunity. I also rise to support the motion before this Honourable House. Mr. Speaker, and Honourable Members, I am a Member of the Committee on Appointment, and I will refer to Section 10 of the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012. I want to say that Mr. Jerome Ochieng' was able to convince the panel that he is able to carry out his duties efficiently and honestly. The nominee equally proved to this House Committee that he could discharge his duties in a transparent and accountable manner. In short, I want to say that, Hon. Jerome Okoth Ochieng' is up to the task. I therefore urge this House to support this motion, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honourable Member Mariam Abeid.

Hon. Abeid (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity. I am not a Member of the Committee on Appointment but I did my due diligence when the Leader of Majority requested that we attain quorum to this House in the afternoon. So, when I went for my lunch, I researched Mr. Jerome as a sneaky person that I am, I looked at his educational background, looked at where the nominee had worked before. I believe that for the very first time, we have found a gem that is coming with experience, and the County will not have to be worried about orientation and the like. In fact, as somebody who understands the civil service, I

could say this is a downgrade for Mr. Jerome because the nominee is way too qualified for this position.

Mr. Speaker, just a little criticism to the Committee on Appointment is that I humbly request that in future, such crucial reports should be posted early enough so that we can read and understand such that by the time you come to the House to debate in support or against, you will be talking about something that we thoroughly comprehend. Otherwise, I fully support the report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Hon. Member of Railways Ward, Hon. Samuel Onyango.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker; I rise to support this motion. First, I want to commend the Committee on Appointment because this is the fastest report I have ever seen in this House to a point where the mover and the seconder have not even signed. So, I do not know whether they support it or it was moved in a hurry. Mr. Speaker, other than that, by the time the nominee was being vetted, I was here and the nominee displayed composure and was aware of what he is expected of him. On this note Mr. Speaker, I trust that the man is overqualified and that is why some of the Members did not sign. His Curriculum Vitae (CV) was so good...

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): A point of Order Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): What is the Point of Order Hon. Member?

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a Point of Order, No. 89, Statement of Facts.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes,

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko): (*On a Point of Order*) Mr. Speaker, I trust that as the mover, I have signed the report that I have in my possession. So, it is my belief that Hon. Sammy Onyango has a different report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you, Hon. Leader of Majority. The Honourable Member for Railways Ward, the report that was tabled and that I saw, was signed by Members, it met the threshold and that is why we are discussing it. Thank you, Hon. Member.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways): Thank you Mr. Speaker, but the report that has been posted on our wall is not signed by both the mover and the seconder. So, whether the one the Leader of Majority has is the one authentic or this one on the wall is fake, can he please clarify that Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Hon. Leader of Majority

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Mr. Speaker, the report that I have moved is the one I have here, so, unless the Member has another report that I have not moved.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways): Mr. Speaker, are we discussing a strange report or ...then you can just take my phone for the Speaker to also see the one that has been posted. I think you can do the comparisons.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Hon. Leader of Majority could you turn off your microphone so that we can hear what Hon. Sammy is saying.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways): Mr. Speaker, have you confirmed?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable Member, I just want to guide you that the report that was tabled before this House was signed. I have sent to you a copy of the report that reached my desk for you to confirm. So, you can make reference to the report that I have sent the Serjeant-at-arms to bring to you. I can ask the Serjeant-at-arms to bring it back to you again.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am still confused whether I am commenting on the wrong or right report because the one I have has not been signed.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Serjeant-at-arms please take the report from the Leader of Majority and hand it over to the Honourable Member (Hon. Sammy Onyango) so that the Member can make his contributions on the report that the Leader of Majority has used to move the motion.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I believe that this one has just been signed because I have just raised the issue. However, I just want to remind the Committees that they should be serious with their job and that there are things that we should not assume. On that note Mr. Speaker, and being that I am present when the nominee was being vetted, I support the report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you, Hon. Member. Yes, the Hon. Member of South-East Nyakach, General Patrick Lumumba Owade.

The Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, South East Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I rise to support the report. First, please allow me to thank the Members of this House Committee, which I am also a Member. Members of this House who turned up in support of the vetting. It happened because they had interest in the person and the position that Mr. Jerome was being vetted. Mr. Speaker, I saw a young patriotic Kenyan in Mr. Jerome, who is willing and ready to serve his home County. Remember sometime back, Mr. Jerome around 2013-2018, was the Director of IFMIS. He is carrying his expertise and experience to this County of which we

should applaud very much. Mr. Jerome once held the position of Principal Secretary from 2018-2022. The nominee has set aside his pride just to come in a low cadre of Kisumu County. How I would wish that many Kenyans would emulate this young man who is ready to do what I may term as a *pro bono* to this County. Mr. Speaker, I have a lot of confidence in this man because the gentleman whom I have known for over a decade and I cannot wait and see his capability, I therefore ask this Honourable House not to mince their words or to be mean with their support for this report for Mr. Jerome Ochieng to be appointed to the position of County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Speaker, I therefore support the report, thank you.

Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market Milimani): The Honourable Maurice Ngeta.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I rise to join my fellow colleagues in supporting one of our soon to be the Committee Member for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development of this Government.

Mr. Speaker, foremost I want to congratulate our able Governor Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyongó for making such a bold decision by considering one our own brother Mr. Jerome Ochieng in his Cabinet. This is one of the IT Guru from this region and this Nation. Mr. Speaker, we are all aware that Mr. Jerome Ochieng has served in various positions in Government institution and we have known his capabilities and the nominee has no questionable character. Mr. Speaker, all the institutions in this world must have such bright and brainy person. One of the players that we are going to have in this great County is; wise, humble, bright, slow but sure is one Mr. Jerome Okoth Ochieng. Mr. Speaker, with the type of a person that we are approving today, we do not have doubt in his capabilities because this nominee is a fit in this Government's Cabinet Mr. Speaker. I want to ask all Members who are here that if we consider this nominee and approve him then we will be able to see his capabilities.

Finally, I want to congratulate the Select Committee on Appointment led by our able Speaker Honourable Elisha Jack Oraro for doing such a wonderful job within the shortest time allocated. Otherwise, I support.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme): Hon. Member for North Seme.

Hon. Omuya (MCA, North Seme): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am also rise in support of the appointment of Mr. Jerome to the position of Committee Member for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development. If I want to echo what one of us has stated that whatever the County Government is offering is way much below what this nominee is fit to do. That is because this is a person who had held various key positions including that of Permanent Secretary at the National Government and now this nominee is coming down to the County to be a minister which is still very right. Mr. Speaker, I heard about Mr. Jerome and if I am not wrong

well, this nominee is going to be a Minister for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development. What I have heard about this nominee also is that Mr. Jerome is the owner of IFMIS. I therefore believe that by him being a minister in Kisumu County this nominee will equally have the opportunity to help this County with issues pertaining to IFMIS because this nominee is the one of the developers of the IFMIS system. So, I believe that, also as a son of Kisumu County, at one time this nominee said that it is also very good to come back and help your people. Therefore, I believe so much that our issues at that department will be streamlined, let our plots of lands be in the system, let everybody know the legitimate owner of particular parcels of lands. Apart from that, let him come and stretch his hands with his knowledge on IFMIS that he brought on this Country. So, that the issue of IFMIS not working will be a thing of the past because now we are going to have a system owner in this government. Thank you so much and I support.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme): The Hon. Member for Kobura Ward Hon. Bill.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was following the vetting process and clearly, we could see Mr. Jerome is going to be gem in this County. Having worked as a Permanent Secretary and all the departments he has served in, we can clearly see this nominee is a performer. Therefore, there is nothing to question about him. However, I am worried about the quick way in which this process is going because I am looking at the qualifications and I can clearly see that the nominee's credentials were not verified. That is, if you look at the line for verification of certificates, all I can see is unsuccessful and the last one I can see the KCPE Certificate was not provided.

Mr. Speaker, in as much as I may be in support since this nominee has all the qualifications. If you interact with him being that I followed closely on what was being done, you realize this nominee is somebody who knows what he is going to do. The only thing that I am questioning is that verification part. Mr. Speaker, I believe that it might be a network issue maybe, so, with the few remarks, I support.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme): Honourable Member, you have a way of verifying certificates? That is new. Yes, or you want to say something about it?

(Laughs)

(Hon. Kanga rises on his feet)

Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): On a point of order Mr. Speaker!

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme): Yes what is it the Honourable Member for Market/Milimani Ward.

Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Mr. Speaker I want to inform the Hon. Bill Odhiambo who is one of the youngest MCAs in Kenya and the young one who just left the University the other day. Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Bill was in the House yesterday when we were vetting Mr. Jerome Okoth and this nominee provided all his testimonials and certificates to the Members to verify and I don't know why Hon. Bill Odhiambo is saying that Mr. Jerome Okoth certificates are not verified when this Member had the latitude to see the certificates when he was in as the *amicus curia* (friend of the committee) while the vetting process was on. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu Seth (MCA, East Seme): Hon. Bill Odhiambo, what exactly do you mean by verifying certificates?

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Thank you Mr. Speaker, in the report if you look at page 14, the first column, there is that level of qualification and in the second one we have institution, then period and after that we have the period of affirmation which was done by the Commissioner of Oath and the last part, there is the verification part. Maybe I have understood it differently.

Hon. Onyango` (MCA, Railways): Point of information Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable Sammy who do you want to inform?

Hon. Onyango` (MCA, Railways): (*On a Point of Information*) Mr. Speaker, I want to inform Hon. Bill.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Mr. Speaker, I really don't want to be informed. Thank you.

Hon. Onyango` (MCA, Railways): Mr. Speaker, then please allow me inform the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu Seth (MCA, East Seme): Hon. Sammy, please make it short.

Hon. Onyango` (MCA, Railways): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Leader of Majority said that the report we have in our gargets is not valid, maybe it is the report that Hon. Bill is depending on. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu Seth (MCA, East Seme): Leader of Majority, please give clarity on that.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believed that the Honourable Member is misleading this House and this is because the Member said that he want to inform the House, I am not the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu Seth (MCA, East Seme): Thank you Honourable Member.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu Seth (MCA, East Seme): Order!! Hon. Ngeta. I want us to go back to the debate on the Motion and we had finished with Hon. Bill and I now want to give Hon. Wajewa then I come to Hon. Ochele.

(Hon. Ochele is still on his feet)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu Seth (MCA, East Seme): Hon. Ochele, just allow the only lady on the floor to contribute, thank you for being a gentleman.

Hon. Wajewa (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker and Hon. Ochele for being a gentleman. I want to support the report on the appointment of Mr. Jerome. Although, I was not a member of the Appointment Committee, but I have gone through his credentials and past experience and his Curriculum Vitae. Mr. Speaker, I can authoritatively state that our Governor Hon (Prof.) Peter Anyang' Nyongó made the right decision on recommending Mr. Jerome to be one of the County Executive Committee Members in this county because this nominee is going to bring a lot of experience, especially when it comes to the IT department and IFMIS and Kisumu, we are going to be a role model. We have been having a problems with IFMIS like other countries have been experiencing it but, since we have the right person who has the first hand information about the operation of the IFMIS system, I think it is going to be a plus to us.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to applaud the Select Committee on Appointments for the good work they have done and I want to support the report in totality, thank you so much.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Honourable Member for East Kano Wawidhi.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Thank you Mr. Speaker, may I also echo my voice in the report which is about the approval of Dr. Jerome Okoth Ochieng the youngest County Executive Committee Member in charge of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Speaker, I trust that there is something which appear to be happening outside there, it is my opinion that most professionals who reside in Kisumu County are sympathizing with us in certain departments because to find a man of the stature of Mr. Jerome who has served in very high capacities in civil service, just seeing that he is coming home to be part and parcel of the team to build Kisumu County.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that is a very big sacrifice because I have heard this nominee mention that he has been approached by many NGOs and several organizations to lead their ICT sectors and Mr. Speaker this nominee had declined just to come and assist what he believes is not going

well. Mr. Speaker, I don't want to dwell much on his academic qualifications because that is obvious. The nominee is an intelligent man and full of knowledge. Mr. Speaker he is more energized to carry the task. However, when we were vetting the team of the ten County Executive Committee Members, there was a section of the report that stated that one of the County Executive Committee Members did not have any academic qualification and I believe that is what Hon. Bill was trying to sneak in because that had heat us below the belt.

Mr. Speaker, I was here though I came late, one thing which I missed seeing was the big bag which normally carries our documents, I will miss it and I also miss the oratory ability of our former County Executive Committee Member for Lands who could speak from dawn to dust and Mr. Speaker, I want to believe. I support. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Yes Hon. Kizito.

Hon. Kizito (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the report based on the experiences that Mr. Jerome has. I do support this nominee for the position but I also want to stress on something that whenever we bring reports to the House, we should proof read and bring complete reports without mistakes like I can read here that the date and place of birth for Jerome was 15th March 2024. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Yes Hon. Vitalis.

Hon. K'Omudho (MCA, Muhoroni Koru): Many thanks Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members. I rise in this blessed afternoon the very noble idea on the vetting process that has been passed through by one noble House Committee of the Assembly. It is not worth debating at a lower level, this has been a man of high capacity and to some extent if the policemen here us debating a caliber of such a person then we would be arrested since we are crossing the boundary. This nominee has lowered his dignity to come and serve his mother land. The House Committee has done a wonderful job and God has given this County of Kisumu a great gift by having such a person in such a wonderful office. Further, this nominee who we would like to know the history of Mr. Jerome, they would have to dig deeper into the biography of the heritage and you will find more history in relation. It is my belief that the matters being raised by some of my colleagues are purely typographical errors which should seriously be looked into next time the report appears. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Yes Hon. Warindu.

Hon. Warindu (MCA, Miwani): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to call the mover to reply.

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

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Honourable Members who have actually made it easier for me and

for this man, Mr. Jerome. I wonder where the other report is coming from since the report that I am in possession of, this nominee Mr. Jerome Okoth Ochieng' was born on 15th March, 1970. So I don't know why the people sitting in that row have a problem. The main reason why we do the vetting of these nominees is to look at the particular procedure that was used to arrive at the nominee. Not even the age or who signed. The procedure will enable us to ascertain whether the process used to arrive at the nominee for the position was competitive enough to grant equal opportunity to any eligible candidate and that is what the Select Committee on Appointment found of Mr. Jerome Okoth Ochieng.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I equally want to agree with the few Members that Mr. Jerome Okoth has been a career civil servant. Right from the University, this nominee became an ICT Officer then moved to Senior ICT officer, then Chief ICT officer, then Principle ICT officer, Director ICT Officer and then the position of Permanent Secretary. I believe that this nominee qualifies apart from being appointed the County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development, I believe that this nominee will be able to help the County in widening their scope in IFMIS since the nominee is one of the team developers of the IFMIS System in the Country and National Government and at the centre of it this nominee has been doing it in Consultancy Services with various County Governments. So there is nothing that is new for him in County Government of Kisumu.

Mr. Speaker, I will not talk much but I don't agree that Mr. Jerome Okoth is getting a lesser job but I believe that what this nominee is doing is giving back to the society. This nominee has worked but now he has decided to come back home to give back to his society which is his home County of Kisumu and I trust that this nominee suits the job. I want to agree with Hon. Ochele and Hon. Kanga about Hon. Bill. You know Hon. Bill still has the hangover and that his ward is still suffering the punch but I consider this man qualifies for the job.

Otherwise, I want to take this opportunity to ask the Honourable Members to approve this nominee for the position of County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Thank you Honourable Members. A motion was moved of a report from the Select committee on Appointments on the suitability of Mr. Jerome Okoth Ochieng' for the appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development by the Leader of Majority, seconded by the Majority Whip and debated upon, I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Honourable Member, the report from the Select Committee on Appointment on the suitability of Mr. Jerome Okoth for the

appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development by the Leader of Majority is hereby adopted today Wednesday, 22nd May, 2024 at 15:39 hours.

Honourable Members, I so direct that the deliberations of this House together with Hansard be prepared and forwarded to the Governor to effect the appointment of Mr. Jerome Okoth Ochieng to the position of County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Next order!!

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday, 23rd May, 2024 at 02:30 p.m.

(House rose at 3.40 p.m.)

Addendum

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