

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



### COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

### **THE HANSARD**

#### *Official Report*

#### **THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION**

**Thursday, 06<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

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

**(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nereah Okombo) in the Chair)**

#### **PRAYERS**

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, I would like to refer us to the provisions of Order No. 32 (2) of our Standing Orders and I direct that the Serjeant-at-Arms to ring the quorum bell for the first five minutes.

*(Quorum bell rung for the first five minutes)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Whip, can you confirm if we have quorum.

**Chief Whip** (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you Madam Speaker. We have quorum.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Clerk, take us through the order of the day.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Next order!!

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, I just want to remind you of the resolution we made in this House on 25<sup>th</sup> of February on the limitation of debate on reports that pursuant to the provision of Order No. 95 (1) that each speech on debate on a report of a House Committee will have a maximum of three hours with not more than twenty minutes as follows;

For the Mover, in moving and ten minutes for replying and a maximum of five minutes for any other Member speaking except the Leader of Majority who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen minutes. So, as we prepare to debate, kindly consider that resolution.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Next order!!

## MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE ON THE REALIGNMENT  
OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS HOUSE COMMITTEES

BY

HON. KEN OOKO, MCA, AHERO

(CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON SELECTION)

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Leader of Majority

**Leader of Majority** (Hon Ooko, Ahero): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to move a Motion for the adoption of the report of the Selection Committee on the Realignment of the Members to various House Committees.

Madam Speaker, taking into consideration that all House Committees were already constituted and are currently active, the Select Committee on Selection while considering all other factors that include regional balancing, gender, professional expertise and the amendment of the Standing Orders that was adopted in this House in December, 2024 and in consultation with the Party as provided for in law and the Standing Orders, as herein realign Members to serve in the respective House Committees as listed below:

Honourable Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order number 155 (2) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee on Selection is mandated to nominate members to

serve in various committees save for the House Business and Appointments Committees whose composition are expressly provided for. In line with standing orders no. 155 (1), the Leader of Majority indicated to the House that the selection committee shall reconstitute membership of committees. This report is therefore a documentation of the deliberations of the committee after extensive consultation, realigning members in various committees in line with the standing orders.

#### Committee Mandate

Honourable Speaker the Committee on Selection is established pursuant to Standing Order No. 155 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders which provides that; there shall be a select committee, to be designated the committee on selection, consisting of the leader of majority party who shall be the chairperson, the leader of the minority party and not less than nine and not more than eleven other members, who shall be nominated by the county assembly parties and approved by the county assembly. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 155 (2), &156 (1), the committee on selection is mandated to;

- i. Nominate members to serve in Committees, save for the membership of the House Business Committee and Committee on Appointments.
- ii. Consult with county assembly parties, while nominating members to serve in all other committees

#### Committee Membership

Honourable Speaker pursuant to the motion for the formation of the committee on selection adopted by the House on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024, and in line with Standing Order No. 155 (1), the following are the Members of the committee as currently constituted;

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|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. Hon Kennedy Ooko      | - | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon Seth Kanga        | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Fredrick Odari   | - | Member           |
| 4. Hon Tom Nyaoke        | - | Member           |
| 5. Hon. Millicent Omuya  | - | Member           |
| 6. Hon Jennipher Obonyo  | - | Member           |
| 7. Hon. Vitalis K'Omudho | - | Member           |
| 8. Hon Ratib Boitone     | - | Member           |
| 9. Hon Pamela Oyoo       | - | Member           |

#### Acknowledgement

Honourable Speaker on behalf of the Committee on Selection, I extend my sincere gratitude to the Office of the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk for their invaluable support throughout the preparation of this report. I also wish to express my appreciation to the members of the

committee for their patience and objectivity during the entire process. Additionally, I thank the Committee Secretariat for their significant assistance in the production of this report.

Hon. Speaker, In accordance with Standing Order No. 158 (1), it is my honour and privilege to present this Report of the Selection Committee on the Nomination of Members to serve in various committees of the Assembly for the Assembly's consideration and approval.

#### Establishment of Committees

Hon. Speaker, Legislative committees are the hallmark and engine of the Parliamentary business. The justification for the establishment of committees lies in the provisions of Articles 124 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, Section 14 (1, b) of County Governments Act No.17 of 2012 and the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders.

Pursuant to the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, the table below illustrates the list of all Committees in Kisumu County Assembly;

Table 1: List of committees of the Kisumu County Assembly as provided for in the standing orders

No.	COMMITTEE	ESTABLISHMENT IN STANDING ORDERS
1.	House Business Committee	S.O. 154
2.	Committee on Selection	S.O. 155
3.	Committee on Appointments	S.O. 187
4.	Public Accounts and Investments Committee	S.O. 188
5.	County Budget and Appropriations Committee	S.O. 189
6.	County Assembly Procedure and Rules Committee	S.O. 190
7.	Committee on Implementation	S.O. 191
8.	Committee on Delegated County Legislation	S.O. 192
9.	Agriculture, Fisheries, and Livestock Development	S.O. 193& Second Schedule of Standing Orders
10.	Health, Housing and Sanitation	S.O. 193& Second Schedule of Standing Orders
11.	Children, Culture and Community Service	S.O. 193& Second Schedule of Standing Orders
12.	Public Works, Roads and Transport	S.O. 193& Second Schedule of Standing Orders
13.	Planning, Industrialization and ICT	S.O. 193& Second Schedule of Standing Orders
14.	Early Childhood Education, & Vocational Training	S.O. 193& Second Schedule of Standing Orders
15.	Labour and Social Welfare	S.O. 193& Second Schedule of Standing Orders
16.	Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security	S.O. 193& Second Schedule of Standing Orders
17.	Water, Environment and Natural Resources	S.O. 193& Second Schedule of Standing Orders
18.	Cooperative, Finance, Trade & Enterprise Development	S.O. 193& Second Schedule of Standing Orders
19.	Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage	S.O. 193& Second Schedule of Standing Orders
20.	Ward Development Fund	S.O. 193& Second Schedule of Standing Orders

Source: Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, Oct. 2022

## Nomination of Members into Committees

### Legal framework

Honourable Speaker, the Standing Orders stipulate that the Selection Committee, in consultation with county assembly parties, shall nominate members to serve in various sectoral and select committees. Notably, the current composition of the County Assembly of Kisumu does not include a minority party, as the only party represented in the House is the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM), a fact that has been formally acknowledged by your pronouncement.

Consequently, the committee's consultations regarding the nomination of members to serve in committees were exclusively conducted within ODM. In addition to engaging the parties represented in the Assembly, the Selection Committee is also mandated to consider factors such as gender balance to ensure compliance with the statutory two-thirds gender rule, among other key considerations.

Honourable Speaker Standing order 156, 157, 158 and 159 outlines the process of nominating members into various committees including the criteria to be used for nomination, the approval process and the process of discharging members from committees. They are outlined below:

- a) S.O. 155 (2): The committee on selection shall nominate members to serve in committees, save for the membership of the county assembly house business committee and committee on appointments
- b) S.O. 156 (1): Unless otherwise provided by any written law or these standing orders, the committee on selection shall, in consultations with the county assembly parties, nominate members who shall serve on a select committee
- c) S.O 156 (2): The committee on selection shall give consideration to the need for gender balance and shall, in so far as may be practicable, ensure that no more than two-thirds of members of a committee of the county assembly, including a committee established through a resolution of the county assembly, shall be of the same gender

### Criteria for nomination

Honourable Speaker In addition to the considerations of gender, & regional balance, the Standing Order No. 157 outlines the criteria to be followed by the Committee on Selection while nominating members to serve in various committees. Thus;

- a) S.O 157 (1): Provides that in nominating members to serve on a select committee, the committee on selection shall ensure that the membership of each committee reflects the relative majorities of the seats held by each of the county assembly parties in the county assembly
- b) S.O 157 (2): Provides that a member belonging to a party other than a county assembly party or independent member may be nominated to serve in a select committee and the

allocation of membership of select committees shall be as nearly as practicable proportional to the number of members belonging to such parties and independent members

- c) S.O. 157 (3): Provides that except as the county assembly may otherwise resolve, on the recommendations of the committee on selection for reasons to be stated, no member shall be appointed to serve in more than five sectoral committees.

Honourable Speaker consequently, Standing Order No. 160 provides for the number composition of select committees thus, it states that subject to any written law, the standing orders or a resolution of the county assembly, a select committee shall consist of an odd number of members, not being less than eleven and not more than fifteen.

#### Realignment of Members to Serve in various House Committees

Honourable Speaker taking into consideration that all committees were already constituted and are currently active the committee on selection while considering all factors as indicated above and in consultation with the party as provided for in law and the standing orders, has herein Realigned members to serve in the respective committees as listed below;

#### County Assembly Service Board;

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|-----------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. Hon. Pamela Oyoo   | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Othuthu Abaja | - | Member           |

#### Speaker's Panel

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|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Hon. Seth Okumu    | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Panelist |
| 2. Hon. Carren Ajwang | - | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Panelist |
| 3. Hon. Emily Oginga  | - | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Panelist |

#### County Assembly Forum (CAF)

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|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Hon. Kennedy Ouko   | - | NGC                   |
| 2. Hon. Mickey Awour   | - | NGC                   |
| 3. Hon. Regina Kizito  | - | Youth Representative  |
| 4. Hon. Kennedy Ajwang | - | PWD Representative    |
| 5. Hon. Nancy Matara   | - | Sports Representative |

#### Selection Committee

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|------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. Hon Kennedy Ooko    | - | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon Seth Kanga      | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Fredrick Odari | - | Member           |
| 4. Hon Tom Nyaoke      | - | Member           |

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|--------------------------|---|--------|
| 5. Hon. Millicent Omuya  | - | Member |
| 6. Hon Jennipher Obonyo  | - | Member |
| 7. Hon. Vitalis K'Omudho | - | Member |
| 8. Hon Ratib Boitone     | - | Member |
| 9. Hon Pamela Oyoo       | - | Member |

## General Oversight committee

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|---------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. Hon. Elisha J. Oraro   | - | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon. Carolyne Opar     | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Nereah Okombo     | - | Member           |
| 4. Hon. Kennedy Ooko      | - | Member           |
| 5. Hon. Seth Kanga        | - | Member           |
| 6. Hon. Lumumba Owade     | - | Member           |
| 7. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo  | - | Member           |
| 8. Hon. George Abaja      | - | Member           |
| 9. Hon. Oiko Pete         | - | Member           |
| 10. Hon. Vincent Jagongo  | - | Member           |
| 11. Hon. Maurice Ngeta    | - | Member           |
| 12. Hon. Habil Nyasuna    | - | Member           |
| 13. Hon. Gard Olima       | - | Member           |
| 14. Hon. Joachim Oketch   | - | Member           |
| 15. Hon. Seth Okumu       | - | Member           |
| 16. Hon. Samuel Dede      | - | Member           |
| 17. Hon. Moses Ochele     | - | Member           |
| 18. Hon. Kelvin Oraro     | - | Member           |
| 19. Hon. James Omollo     | - | Member           |
| 20. Hon. Pamela Oyoo      | - | Member           |
| 21. Hon. James Were       | - | Member           |
| 22. Hon. Benson Adegga    | - | Member           |
| 23. Hon. Mildred Ajumbo   | - | Member           |
| 24. Hon. Bill Oliver      | - | Member           |
| 25. Hon. Boitone Ratib    | - | Member           |
| 26. Hon. Vitalis K'Omudho | - | Member           |
| 27. Hon. Tom Nyaoke       | - | Member           |
| 28. Hon. Vincent Obuya    | - | Member           |
| 29. Hon. Fredrick Odari   | - | Member           |
| 30. Hon. Carren Odhiambo  | - | Member           |
| 31. Hon. Zachary Okoyo    | - | Member           |
| 32. Hon. Samuel Onyango   | - | Member           |

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33. Hon. Millicent Omuya	-	Member
34. Hon. Tom Onditi	-	Member
35. Hon. Kennedy Ouko	-	Member
36. Hon. Reuben Rakwach	-	Member
37. Hon. Geoffrey Warindu	-	Member
38. Hon. Alice Wajewa	-	Member
39. Hon. Anne Ochola	-	Member
40. Hon. Emily Oginga	-	Member
41. Hon. Eunice Alando	-	Member
42. Hon. Henrietta Bodo	-	Member
43. Hon. Kennedy Ajwang'	-	Member
44. Hon. Mariam Abeid	-	Member
45. Hon. Mickey Awuor	-	Member
46. Hon. Nancy Matara	-	Member
47. Hon. Peter Obaso	-	Member
48. Hon. Regina Kizito	-	Member

#### House Business Committee

1. Hon Elisha Jack Oraro	-	Chairperson
2. Hon Nereah Okombo	-	Vice Chairperson
3. Hon Kennedy Ooko	-	Member
4. Hon Seth Kanga	-	Member
5. Hon Seth Okumu	-	Member
6. Hon Lumumba Owade	-	Member
7. Hon Eunice Alando	-	Member
8. Hon Carren Odhiambo	-	Member
9. Hon Jennipher Obonyo	-	Member

#### Appointments Committee

1. Hon Elisha Jack Oraro	-	Chairperson
2. Hon. Millicent Omuya	-	Vice chairperson
3. Hon. George Abaja	-	Member
4. Hon Kennedy Ooko	-	Member
5. Hon Seth Kanga	-	Member
6. Hon. Zachary Okoyo	-	Member
7. Hon Nereah Okombo	-	Member
8. Hon. Lumumba Owade	-	Member
9. Hon Carren Odhiambo	-	Member

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**Budget and Appropriations Committee**

1. Hon. Joachim Oketch - Chairperson
2. Hon. Geoffrey Warindu - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Seth Okumu - Member
4. Hon. Nereah Okombo - Member
5. Hon. Boitone Ratib - Member
6. Hon. Kennedy Ooko - Member
7. Hon. Moses Ochele - Member
8. Hon Seth Kanga - Member
9. Hon Jennipher Obonyo - Member
10. Hon. Vincent Jagongo - Member
11. Hon. George Abaja - Member
12. Hon. Lumumba Owade - Member
13. Hon. Carren Odhiambo - Member
14. Hon. Reuben Rakwach - Member
15. Hon. Pamela Oyoo - Member

**Powers and Privileges Committee**

1. Hon Elisha Oraro - Chairperson
2. Hon Adeg Benson - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon Emily Oginga - Member
4. Hon. Regina Kizito - Member
5. Hon Nancy Matara - Member
6. Hon Anne Ochola - Member
7. Hon Samuel Onyango - Member
8. Hon. Vitalis K'omudho - Member
9. Hon Kennedy Ouko - Member

**Procedure and Rules Committee**

1. Hon Elisha Oraro - Chairperson
2. Hon. Gard Olima - Vice chairperson
3. Hon. Pamela Oyoo - Member
4. Hon Nereah Okombo - Member
5. Hon Kennedy Ooko - Member
6. Hon Kennedy Ouko - Member
7. Hon. Vincent Obuya - Member
8. Hon Emily Oginga - Member
9. Hon Kennedy Ajwang' - Member

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**Public Accounts and Investment Committee**

1. Hon. Kennedy Ouko - Chairperson
2. Hon. Tom Onditi - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Reuben Rakwach - Member
4. Hon. James Omollo - Member
5. Hon. Nancy Matara - Member
6. Hon. Habil Nyasuna - Member
7. Hon. James Were - Member
8. Hon. Mickey Ochieng - Member
9. Hon. Seth Okumu - Member

**Implementation Committee**

1. Hon. James Omollo - Chairperson
2. Hon. Henrietta Bodo - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Vincent Jagongo - Member
4. Hon Ann Ochola - Member
5. Hon Geoffrey Warindu - Member
6. Hon Mickey Awuor - Member
7. Hon Carolyne Opar - Member
8. Hon. Tom Nyaoke - Member
9. Hon. Mildred Ajumbo - Member

**Delegated County Legislation committee**

1. Hon Mariam Abeid - Chairperson
2. Hon Peter Obaso - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon Moses Ochele - Member
4. Hon Carolyne Opar - Member
5. Hon Samuel Dede - Member
6. Hon. Kennedy Ajwang' - Member
7. Hon. James Omollo - Member
8. Hon. Habil Nyasuna - Member
9. Hon. Henrietta Bodo - Member

**Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation committee**

1. Hon Eunice Alando - Chairperson
2. Hon Bill Oliver - Vice Chairperson

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3. Hon Samuel Dede - Member
  4. Hon Maurice Ngeta - Member
  5. Hon. Gard Olima - Member
  6. Hon Pamela Oyoo - Member
  7. Hon Vincent Jagongo - Member
  8. Hon. Tom Onditi - Member
  9. Hon Jennipher Obonyo - Member

Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation committee

1. Hon. Vincent Jagongo - Chairperson
2. Hon. Emily Oginga - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Seth Okumu - Member
4. Hon. Joachim Oketch - Member
5. Hon. Nereah Okombo - Member
6. Hon. Lumumba Owade - Member
7. Hon. Kennedy Ooko - Member
8. Hon. Tom Nyaoke - Member
9. Hon. Regina Kizito - Member

Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs committee

1. Hon Nancy Matara Ochieng - Chairperson
2. Hon James Were - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Oiko Pete - Member
4. Hon Zachary Okoyo - Member
5. Hon James Omollo - Member
6. Hon. Benson Adegga - Member
7. Hon. Mickey Awuor - Member
8. Hon. Maurice Ngeta - Member
9. Hon. Vincent Jagongo - Member

Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development committee

1. Hon Boitone Ratib - Chairperson
2. Hon Tom Nyaoke - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. James Were - Member
4. Hon Moses Ochele - Member
5. Hon Joachim Oketch - Member
6. Hon. Zachary Okoyo - Member

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| 7. Hon. George Abaja  | - | Member |
| 8. Hon. Seth Kanga    | - | Member |
| 9. Hon. Nereah Okombo | - | Member |

Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services committee

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|------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. Hon. Seth Okumu     | - | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon. Habil Nyasuna  | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Bill Oliver    | - | Member           |
| 4. Hon. Kennedy Ouko   | - | Member           |
| 5. Hon. Samuel Onyango | - | Member           |
| 6. Hon. James Omollo   | - | Member           |
| 7. Hon. Benson Adega   | - | Member           |
| 8. Hon. Regina Kizito  | - | Member           |
| 9. Hon. Seth Kanga     | - | Member           |

Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works committee

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|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. Hon Reuben Rakwach    | - | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon Anne Ochola       | - | Vice chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Vitalis K'Omudho | - | Member           |
| 4. Hon. George Abaja     | - | Member           |
| 5. Hon Jennipher Obonyo  | - | Member           |
| 6. Hon. Ken Ooko         | - | Member           |
| 7. Hon. Lumumba Owade    | - | Member           |
| 8. Hon. Kelvin Oraro     | - | Member           |
| 9. Hon. Tom Onditi       | - | Member           |

Finance and ICT committee

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|-------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. Hon. Carren Odhiambo | - | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon. Lumumba Owade   | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Joachim Oketch  | - | Member           |
| 4. Hon. Mildred Ajumbo  | - | Member           |
| 5. Hon. Oiko Pete       | - | Member           |
| 6. Hon. Benson Adega    | - | Member           |
| 7. Hon. Ratib Boitone   | - | Member           |
| 8. Hon. Gard Olima      | - | Member           |
| 9. Hon. George Abaja    | - | Member           |

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Labour and Social Welfare committee

1. Hon. Zachary Okoyo - Chairperson
2. Hon. Oiko Pete - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Kelvin Oraro - Member
4. Hon. Alice Wajewa - Member
5. Hon. Benson Adega - Member
6. Hon. Millicent Omuya - Member
7. Hon. Regina Kizito - Member
8. Hon. Mickey Awuor - Member
9. Hon. Emily Oginga - Member

Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security committee

1. Hon. Moses Ochele - Chairperson
2. Hon. Kelvin Oraro - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Reuben Rakwach - Member
4. Hon. Samuel Onyango - Member
5. Hon. Mariam Abeid - Member
6. Hon. James Were - Member
7. Hon. Anne Ochola - Member
8. Hon. Oiko Pete - Member
9. Hon. Fredrick Odari - Member

Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate change committee

1. Hon. Samuel Dede - Chairperson
2. Hon. Mickey Awuor - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Habil Nyasuna - Member
4. Hon. Peter Obaso - Member
5. Hon. Pamela Oyoo - Member
6. Hon. Geoffrey Warindu - Member
7. Hon. Maurice Ngeta - Member
8. Hon. Millicent Omuya - Member
9. Hon. Emily Oginga - Member

Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing committee

1. Hon. Alice Wajewa - Chairperson
2. Hon. Kennedy Ajwang' - Vice Chairperson

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3. Hon. Samuel Dede - Member
  4. Hon. Mildred Ajumbo - Member
  5. Hon. Eunice Alando - Member
  6. Hon. Peter Obaso - Member
  7. Hon. Bill Oliver - Member
  8. Hon. Adonija Odari - Member
  9. Hon. Vitalis K'omudho - Member

#### Ward Development committee

1. Hon. Vitalis K'Omudho - Chairperson
2. Hon. Samuel Onyango - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Alice Wajewa - Member
4. Hon. Mariam Abeid - Member
5. Hon. Peter Obaso - Member
6. Hon. Carolyne Opar - Member
7. Hon. Kennedy Ajwang' - Member
8. Hon. Bill Oliver - Member
9. Hon. Henrietta Bodo - Member

#### Welfare and Equal Opportunity committee

1. Hon. Mildred Ajumbo - Chairperson
2. Hon. Maurice Ngeta - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Tom Onditi - Member
4. Hon. Mariam Abeid - Member
5. Hon. Carolyne Opar - Member
6. Hon. Geoffrey Warindu - Member
7. Hon. Eunice Alando - Member
8. Hon. Anne Ochola - Member
9. Hon. Fredrick Odari - Member

#### Liaison committee

1. Hon. Nereah Okombo - Chairperson
2. Hon. Vincent Jagongo - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Elisha jack Oraro - Member
4. Hon. Reuben Rakwach - Member
5. Hon. Boitone Ratib - Member
6. Hon. Moses Ochele - Member

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7. Hon. Alice Wajewa	-	Member
8. Hon. Samuel Dede	-	Member
9. Hon. Kennedy Ouko	-	Member
10. Hon. Zachary Okoyo	-	Member
11. Hon. Carren Odhiambo	-	Member
12. Hon. Seth Okumu	-	Member
13. Hon. Eunice Alando	-	Member
14. Hon. Mariam Abeid	-	Member
15. Hon. James Omollo	-	Member
16. Hon. Nancy Matara	-	Member
17. Hon. Vitalis K'Omudho	-	Member
18. Hon. Joachim Oketch	-	Member
19. Hon. Kennedy Ooko	-	Member
20. Hon. Mildred Ajumbo	-	Member
21. Hon. Seth Kanga	-	Member
22. Hon. Lumumba Owade	-	Member
23. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo	-	Member
24. Hon. Emily Oginga	-	Member
25. Hon. Pamela Oyoo	-	Member
26. Hon. George Abaja	-	Member

#### Committee Recommendations

Hon. Speaker, Taking into account the consultations, objectivity, inclusivity, and thorough approach demonstrated by the committee in carrying out this process and the resulting outcomes, the committee hereby presents the following recommendations:

1. THAT, this House approves the realignment of members nominated to serve in various committees, as outlined in this report, in accordance with Standing Order No. 158 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, and directs the County Assembly Clerk to implement the changes without delay.
2. THAT, members diligently engage in their committee responsibilities by attending meetings regularly and actively participating in discussions and decision-making within their respective committees.
3. THAT, the Liaison Committee actively monitors and takes the necessary measures to ensure that committees falling behind in executing their assigned tasks effectively fulfill their responsibilities as mandated by the Assembly.
4. THAT, committee members undergo continuous training to enhance their understanding of legislative procedures, governance, and their specific committee roles.

Honourable Speaker, if you look at the composition of these House Committees, we have not interfered with the Membership except in Departmental/Sectoral Committees that we considered the Members that had none at all or one. Honourable Speaker, I would like to ask this House to adopt this report. I ask the Chief Whip to second. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon Okombo): Yes, Chief Whip, Honourable Kanga.

**Chief Whip** (Hon Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to second this Motion on additional membership to Departmental/Sectoral Committees in the County Assembly as read by our Majority Leader, the Hon Ken Ooko.

Madam Speaker, going by what has been read as concluded in the report, as leadership of this House we wish to extend our sincere gratitude to the Honourable Members who have been placed to these House Committees and we believe as leadership of this House that they will enhance oversight as far as the County Government of Kisumu is concerned. Madam Speaker, we have tried our level best since we came to this Assembly to balance the leadership and membership of various House Committees, to touch on interests of all the sub-counties as represented in this House, taking into consideration Gender issues and People with Disabilities, including the youth.

Madam Speaker, we believe that as Honourable House, these Members will serve to the betterment of the residents of Kisumu County. Otherwise, Madam Speaker, I second and urge the Honourable Members to debate this Motion robustly and thereby pass the report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, a Motion on the adoption of the report of the Selection Committee on the Realignment of Membership to various House Committees has been moved by the Leader of Majority, seconded by the Whip, who is also the Deputy Chair of that Committee. I, therefore, want to propose that the report be now debated upon.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Honourable Onditi.

**Hon Onditi** (MCA, Ombeyi): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support the report of the Selection Committee on the Realignment of Members to the various House Committees, particularly departmental/sectoral committees as has been read by the Majority Leader.

Madam Speaker, this country is in a Presidential system of government and that means that the Assemblies, as an arm of government, so does most of its work through House Committees. Balancing these House Committees, the way it has been read by the Majority Leader, Madam

Speaker, gives all Members of this House an opportunity to serve and exercise their expertise in various House Committees they have been assigned.

Madam Speaker, I believe that Members who have been aligned in these House Committees and the way it has been done correctly by the wisdom of the Majority Leader and the entire team, will give Members an opportunity to serve and make the oversight work and the House of this Committee in general more vibrant.

Madam Speaker, finally, I would challenge all Members because, going by the experience even as today in the morning, the Departmental Committee on Labour headed by Honourable Okoyo was struggling to get quorum, even as much as it was a Joint Departmental meeting of two House Committees. Getting a quorum of four Members was still a problem.

Madam Speaker, I would urge Members, not only those who have been aligned but everybody else, to take the work of their House Committees they have been assigned to very seriously because everybody else has been looking forward to be allocated or to be assigned to a particular House Committee so that they can serve. This is the best way or the only way the Assembly works better. Madam Speaker, with those few remarks, I support. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you Honourable Onditi.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members the report is open for debate.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Seth Okumu.

**Hon. Okumu** (MCA, East Seme): Madam Speaker going by the mood the House that I have studied for 30 minutes, may I ask the mover to reply.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, silence means you're satisfied with the report on the Realignment of Members to various House Committees, and as Honourable Seth has pointed the mover has been called to reply. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Leader of Majority and the Chairperson, Selection Committee, it is your time to reply.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ooko Kennedy, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Honourable Speaker. I want to go by what Honourable Seth has recommended but I have to commend on Honourable Onditi's contribution that Members should take their work at the committee level seriously. I've heard a number of Members asking to be placed in various House Committees yet, they don't

participate in committee meeting. When we read out the House Committees, some Members ask, "Which committee? Add me to one or two."

However, if you are not actively participating in the few House Committees that you are already assigned to, why request more? In this realignment, we have carefully considered Members who had fewer or only one departmental/sectoral committee. Therefore, the changes solely affect the departmental/sectoral committees. That said and done, I want to sincerely thank all Members for their silent contributions. Honourable Speaker, I now conclude my response. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Honourable Members, the motion on the adoption of the report of the Selection Committee on the Realignment of Members to various House Committee has been moved, seconded, and debated upon. It is now my pleasure to put a question of adoption of the same.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Honourable Members, the motion on the adoption of the Report of the Selection Committee on the Realignment of Members to various House Committees stands adopted today, Thursday, 06th March, 2025, at 1503 hours.

I hope the office of the clerk will take note of the adoption and assign Members appropriately to the committees that they've been realigned to.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Next order!

## ADJOURNMENT

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to be transacted, the House stands adjourned to Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 02.30 p.m.

*(House rose at 03.05 p.m.)*

*Addendum*  
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