COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

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THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

Tuesday, 17th June, 2025

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

[The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro) in the chair]

PRAYER

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Clerk, please take us through the Order of the day.

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

PAPER LAID

THE LIST OF NOMINEES TO KISUMU COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

BY

HON. NEREAH OKOMBO, MCA, MANYATTA "B"

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

Hon. Okombo (Manyatta "B"): Thank you Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 58 (1) (a) of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 7 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, read together with Standing Orders No. 43 (1), I wish to lay today, Tuesday, 17th June 2025, a List of Nominees to Kisumu County Public Service Board. Thank you.

(Hon. Okombo lays before the House the list of Nominees for consideration)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the list of Nominees to the County Public Service Board, is properly laid before the House. Therefore, I direct that the Select Committee on Appointments considers the procedures on vetting of these nominees, as per the provisions of our Standing Orders and as per the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017.

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

STATEMENT

A STATEMENT OF THE BUSINESS, COMING BEFORE THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, 18TH JUNE 2025

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, it is Statement time. Yes, Hon. Nereah Okombo

Hon. Okombo (Manyatta "B"): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41(2) (c) to give a Statement of the business, coming before the County Assembly for the week commencing Wednesday, 18th June 2025. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday;

a. We will have a notification of Nominees to Kisumu County Public Service Board, a report on the Labour and Social Welfare Services Committee, on the Petition for the consideration of Kisumu County Universal Health Coverage for employment.
b. The Matter of Recruitment of Revenue and Enforcement Officer by the Kisumu County Public Service Board.
c. The Benchmarking Exercise undertaken in Siaya County by the Labour Committee.

Mr. Speaker, there was meant to be a Notice of Motion for the adoption of a report of Labour and Social Welfare Services Committee on the Recruitment of Revenue and Enforcement Officer by the Kisumu County Public Service Board. Mr. Speaker, at the plenary, you are supposed to have a statement on the matter of operations of the Kisumu County Trade Fund and tomorrow you will have a Motion for adoption of the report of PIC/PAC Committee on the Examination of a report of the Auditor General on the Financial statements of Kisumu County Climate Fund for the Financial Year 2023/2024.

On Thursday, a number of House Committees will be sitting, that is, from 08 a.m. to 09 a.m., we will have Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriation Committee, Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development Committee, and Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing.

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., we will have the Committee on

1. Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation.
2. Finance and ICT, and

3. Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members,

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the following Committees will convene:

Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, Labour, Social Welfare and Services, Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services

Then, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., we shall have meetings for:

Agriculture, Livestock Development and Fisheries, Administration of Law and Justice Governance and Security

Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs

In the afternoon on Thursday, we will consider a Motion for the adoption of the report by the Labour, Social Welfare and Services Committee on the Recruitment of Revenue and Enforcement Officers by the Kisumu County Public Service Board. This Motion will be moved by the Committee Chair, Hon. Zachariah Okoyo.

On Friday, there will be no scheduled committee activities.

On Monday, the schedule is as follows:

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.: Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, County Delegated County Legislation, Selection Committee

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.: Medical Services and Public Sanitation, Finance and ICT, Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, Labour, Social Welfare and Services and Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services

(Apologies, Mr. Speaker, the previous section was for Thursday instead of Monday)

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development, Appointments Committee and Budget and Appropriations

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Finance and ICT, Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation and House Powers and Privileges

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services, Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs and Ward Development

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5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.: Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing, Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation and Procedure and Rules Committee

On Tuesday, 24th June 2025, there will be no Committee meetings in the morning from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.: Liaison Committee

11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: House Business Committee

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Speaker's Panel Meeting and Committee on Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works

Tuesday, 24th June, 2025 at 02:30 p.m.

STATEMENT

During the Plenary Session, Mr. Speaker, THE Leader of we shall have a Statement pursuant to Standing Order No. 41(2)(c), outlining the business of the County Assembly for the week commencing Wednesday, 25th June 2025.

SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS

The Chairperson, Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts will move a Motion on the adoption of the report of the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts regarding the Auditor General's financial Audit for Migosi Sub-County Hospital for the Financial Year 2023/2024.

That concludes the scheduled business for the County Assembly for the period Wednesday, 18th June to Tuesday, 24th June 2025. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SITTINGS ON DEFINITE MATTER, OF URGENT COUNTY IMPORTANCE UNTIL TUESDAY 24TH JUNE, 2025 AT 2:30 P.M.

BY

HON. KEN OOKO, MCA, AHERO

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

(By Hon. Okombo on behalf of the Leader of Majority)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Okombo will move the Motion on behalf of Leader of Majority.

Hon. Okombo (Manyatta "B"): Yes Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Proceed.

Hon. Okombo (Manyatta "B"): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of Majority, Honourable Kennedy Ooko, I wish to move today an Adjournment Motion of the County Assembly, on a Definite Matter of Urgent County Importance. That is the Presidential Invitation to deliberate on development matters.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, as Members of the County Assembly of Kisumu, have received an invitation from His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Kenya, to attend a Consultative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 18th, June 2025, at the State House, to deliberate on the development matters and related issues of critical concerns.

Mr. Speaker, the meeting presents a unique and high level opportunity for County leadership, to directly engage with the head of the State on development priorities, intergovernmental coordination and national support for devolved functions.

NOTING THAT, the issues to be discussed are of immediate and strategic importance to the residents of Kisumu County, particularly in the context of ongoing budget formulation processes, infrastructure projects, healthcare improvements, and economic empowerment initiatives.

COGNIZANT of the fact that, active participation by the County Assembly leadership, in such a forum reinforces the Assembly's commitment to collaborative governance, responsiveness to citizen needs, and the relation of transformative development. This County Assembly do now adjourn, pursuant to Orders No. 29 (1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders until Tuesday, 24th, June 2025, to allow the Honourable Members adequate time to travel to Nairobi, today, Tuesday, 17th, June 2025; to honor the presidential invitation, effectively participate in the high-level consultative forum and travel back on Thursday, 19th, June 2025. I want to call upon the Majority Whip, Hon. Seth Ochieng Kanga to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Whip.

The Majority Whip (Hon. Kanga, Market/Milimani): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to second the Motion on adjournment as tabled before this House by the Deputy Speaker on behalf of the Majority Leader.

Mr. Speaker, the timing of this adjournment is both appropriate and necessary. As you are aware, we operate within a broad-based system of governance. As the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM), we have party experts currently serving in the Cabinet, playing a critical role in executing ministerial functions on behalf of the Republic of Kenya.

Mr. Speaker, during the period of the handshake government, a number of major development projects were initiated in Kisumu County under the leadership of the former President. However, due to subsequent political shifts in the country, several of these projects stalled. Notable among them is the conference centre at the Mamboleo Showground, which remains incomplete, and the Kisumu pier, which is yet to be fully operationalized.

Additionally, road infrastructure within Kisumu County—such as the road linking Mamboleo, Miwani, and Muhoroni—remains incomplete. Just last week, the national budget statement was presented in the National Assembly by one of our own, CPA Honourable John Mbadi. As we approach the end of the financial year, budgetary appropriations are being finalized both at the National Assembly and at the County level.

This adjournment, therefore, is timely, as it allows our leaders—including the Governor, Deputy Governor, Members of Parliament representing Kisumu County, Senators, and other key stakeholders—to meet with the President to deliberate on matters of development within our County. Other counties have held similar meetings. For instance, just two weeks ago, Siaya County leadership, including the Governor and Senator, met with the President in Nairobi for development discussions.

Kisumu County cannot afford to be left behind in regional development efforts. As the Whip of this Honourable House, I am encouraged by the proactive leadership you have demonstrated. Just last week, under your guidance, we led a strong delegation of County Assembly Members to engage the Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum on issues affecting electricity distribution in our County.

Mr. Speaker, we look forward to holding more such engagements with various Government departments to ensure that Kisumu County secures its rightful share of national development.

With those remarks, I proudly second the Motion as presented by the Deputy Speaker. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that the Procedural Motion, Adjournment of the County Assembly Sittings on Definite Matter of Urgent County Importance until Tuesday 24th, June 2025 at 2.30 p.m., have been moved.

Honourable members, in line with the provisions of Standing Order No. 26(3), which states that; I quote;

"*On a day when the County Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day, in accordance with the County Assembly calendar, the Leader of the Majority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party or another Member of the County Assembly committee shall move a Motion of adjournment, which shall be debated for not more than three hours, after which the County Assembly shall adjourn.*

I therefore want to propose a question, and I propose that the Motion is open for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Vitalis K'Omudho.

Hon. K'Omudho (MCA, Muhoroni Koru): Many thanks, Honourable Speaker and my fellow colleagues, Honourable Members in the House. I am privileged this afternoon to stand before the House to support the Motion which has been brought by the leadership of the House in connection with the adjournment. Honourable Speaker, it is important to realize that just a couple of days ago, some of us, while watching a number of trips made by the fellow Counties, specifically Migori, Homa Bay, and lastly Siaya County, like it has been mentioned by the Chief Whip, we were actually longing for this day and I want to confirm that indeed we are more than excited over this appointment. It is coming later in the day, but we are grateful that it is happening, as we are just about to commence the new Financial Year.

Honourable Speaker, you remember this will be the first time in history, possibly in the Government of Kisumu, to get an open forum with the President of the Republic of Kenya and we are more than willing to see the day tomorrow morning and we pray to the Almighty God, who is the overseer of everything, that we travel safely and get to present some of the major factors that we have. Notable facts that have been mentioned partly by the Chief Whip, is all to do with the Mamboleo-Miwani Road, which specifically crosses my Ward.

Honourable Speaker, this is one of the milestone developments that if we happen to see in these modern times, would drastically change even the area economically, from Kisumu County all the way to Kericho County and even Nandi in between. Honourable Speaker, together with the fellow Members, it is also important to realize that this kind of forums would make us specifically raise issues like the Koru-Soin Dam, which specifically lies in my Ward which you may not be aware Mr. Speaker but this is a giant project.

Mr. Speaker, this is the big elephant we have in the room and upon its completion, we believe that the menace of the flooding areas of the Kano will be a thing of the past. Mr. Speaker on top of that, we have many things depending on the timing that we shall be given but we want to believe that all the leaders shall be trooping from the great Kisumu County to the President tomorrow as we get to air views. In that view, I fully support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Opar.

Hon. Opar (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Going by the mood of the House, I call the Mover to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Okombo, you have been called upon to reply.

Hon. Okombo (Manyatta "B"): Thank you Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members. Allow me to appreciate the Honourable Members here today who have allowed us to adjourn for the purpose

of honoring the Presidential Invitation. Honourable Members, allow me also commend our Honourable Speaker for his good relations that made this high-level negotiation and consultation meeting with the President possible. Honourable Members, being a high-level meeting, it is courteous that I ask all of us to all attend this meeting and consider officially being present. In other words, I want to say that let us all consider being in our official attires given the level of the deliberations we are going to have there.

Otherwise, Honourable Members, I want to thank you for allowing this House to adjourn and Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I do reply.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that the Procedural Motion on Adjournment of the County Assembly sittings on Definite Matter of Urgent County Importance until Tuesday, 24th June 2025 at 2.30 p.m. has been moved, seconded, debated, the reply made on the same strength of the Standing Order No. 26(3) I will not put any question, but the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, the 24th of June, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 03:58.p.m)

Addendum

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