

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

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Thursday, 07th August, 2025

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

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Emily Oginga) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable members, in line with the provisions of Orders No. 32 (2) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I direct that the quorum bell to be rung for the first five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for the first minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): The Honourable Majority Whip, kindly, whip Members in to the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): The Honourable Majority Whip, please confirm if we have quorum.

The Majority Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you, Madam Speaker, we have enough quorum in the House. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Clerk, please take us through the Order Paper of the day.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next Order!!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.**RAMPANT CASES OF INSECURITY IN KISUMU COUNTY**

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable members, I would wish to draw your attention to the increasing concerns being raised by members of the public regarding incidents that affect the public safety and security within various parts of the County. This is caused by the growing number of gangs sprawling the city estates of Nyamasaria, Nyalenda, Manyatta, parts of Kolwa East Ward, Lower Nyakach, amongst others, doing robberies and attacking residents.

Honourable members, you are well aware that pursuant to Standing Order No. 193, the Departmental Committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional; Affair, Good Governance and Security is mandated to consider, inquire into and report all matters related to the administration of law and justice, including security and governance, as may be referred to it by the County Assembly.

While security remains a national function under part one of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya to this Assembly, as the representative arm of the people, we bear the constitutional obligation under article 183 (5) to exercise oversight over all County Executive organs and under Article 118 (1) (b), that is to facilitate public participation and address public concerns that intersect with the delivery of services at the local level.

It is in this context that the Departmental Committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional; Affair, Good Governance and Security has scheduled to undertake a public inquiry into matters affecting public safety and the delivery of security-related services within the county.

This process shall be conducted in full recognition of the functional integrity and mandate of national security organs and shall aim to document the concerns of residents and recommend appropriate channels for their readiness, including referral to competent state authorities, such as the County Security Committee, the Independent Policing Oversight Authority, that is IPOA, or the Senate Standing Committee on National Security.

Honourable Member, we are in the process of making a communication to the Members. Honourable Deputy Leader of Majority, can you please take your seat? Yeah.

Honourable members, we are hereby requested to notify this house Committee of any specific public safety concerns affecting their respective awards. This information will assist this house Committee in mapping out areas of urgent concern, identifying recurring trends, and ensuring that the voices of our constituents are appropriately recorded and transmitted to relevant authorities for responsive action.

Notifications should be submitted in writing to the Clerk before the 20th of August 2025, clearly indicating;

1. The nature of the concern.
2. The affected locations.
3. Any prior engagement with relevant state officers or County departments.
4. The impact on local communities.

Honourable members, the Assembly must always remain responsive to the needs of the people we serve. Let us be proactive in addressing these concerns while upholding the constitutional principles of cooperative governance under articles 6 (2) and (189) (1) of the constitution, and I urge your full cooperation with this House Committee, and I thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next Order!!

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REGARDING THE FIRE DISASTER THAT BROKE OUT ON THE 05TH OF AUGUST 2025 AT THE KISUMU BUS PARK

BY

HON. SETH KANGA, MCA, MARKET/MILIMANI

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Seth Ochieng of Market/Milimani Ward.

The Majority Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise first citing the provisions of Orders No. 41 (2) (b), to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on the Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security Regarding the Fire Disaster that broke out on the 05th of August 2025 at the Kisumu Bus Park and at Kenya Meza.

Honourable Speaker, reports are in the public domain which indicates that the fire outbreaks occurred in both the Kenya Meza area and at the Kisumu Bus Park, leading to significant property loss, disruption of livelihood, and panic among residents and traders.

The apparent lack of coordinated emergency response and the absence of timely public communications have raised serious concerns about disaster preparedness, public safety mechanisms, and the adequacy of the county disaster response infrastructure.

In the review of the above, Madam Speaker, I request that this House a statement addressing the following.

1. A preliminary report on the likely causes of the fire outbreaks in both locations and whether foul play or negligence is suspected.
2. Details of any reported injuries, loss of life, and the extent of property damage, including affected households and businesses.
3. An account of the county government response to the incidents, including timeliness and adequacy of Fire and Rescue Services deployed to the affected areas.
4. Information on the immediate support extended to the victims of fire, including medical aid, temporary shelter, and compensation mechanisms, if any.
5. An elevation of the current state of County Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction Framework, including the status and capacity of local fire stations, fire engines, equipment, and availability of personnel.

Madam Speaker, this matter is of great public interest and touches on the co-constitutional rights of life, property, and human dignity. It is therefore imperative that this House receives a thorough, timely statement of the incidents to enable it to exercise its oversight role effectively and reassure the public that such disasters will be addressed with seriousness, they deserve. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable members, the Chair takes cognizance of the fact that the statement that has just been raised by Honorable Seth Ochieng Kanga was not listed in the Order Paper. However, the Honourable member has the Speaker's leave to raise the matter due to its matter of urgency.

Therefore, I would like to confirm receipt of this statement, and I commit this statement to the Departmental Committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security. I grant this House Committee 14 days to bring back a report to the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next Order Clerk.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF LIAISON OF THE
APPORTIONMENT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS FOR
FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-2026

BY

HONOURABLE NEREAH OKOMBO, MCA, MANYATTA "B"

(CHAIRPERSON, LAISON COMMITTEE)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Nereah Okombo, please go ahead.

Hon. Okombo (MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you, Madam Speaker and Honourable Members, PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Orders No.194 (2)(b) the Committee of Liaison is mandated to deliberate on and apportion of the annual operating budget among Committees

The Committee held at a special sitting on Monday 7th July, 2024, where it unanimously resolved, vide MIN.NO.16/CAK/LC/JULY/2025 to retreat to Nairobi from Sunday 27th July, 2025 to Saturday 2nd August, 2025 to interrogate each Committee’s Workplans and further apportion budgets for the Committees.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS WORKPLANS

During the retreat, the Committee, through presentations by various Chairpersons, reviewed and interrogated the implementation of their respective Committees’ previous Workplans. By examining the 2024-25 Workplans, the Committee was able to assess the overall contribution of each towards the realization of the County Assembly’s mandate, as summarized in the table below:

Srl No.	ITEM	TOTAL
1.	Papers	89
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4.	Bills	6
5.	Petitions	2
6.	Policies	1
7.	Reports	88

Despite the above progress, several challenges were identified that hindered the Committees from performing at their optimal level. These included:

1. Inadequate financial resources.
2. Low Member turnout at Committee meetings, which often affected quorum and caused delays in the adoption of reports, resulting in a backlog of pending business.
3. Unresponsiveness from the executive wing of the Government to issues raised by the Committees.
4. Unreliable utility vehicles (fuel), which hindered the ability of Committees, particularly sectoral Committees that rely on site visit for activities, to conduct site visits and effectively carry out field-based activities.

PRESENTATION OF WORKPLANS FOR THE FY 2025-26

The Chairpersons subsequently presented and defended their respective workplan for the FY 2025/2026. The total budget estimates submitted across all Committees amounted to Kshs. 205,204,000.

CRITERIA FOR APPORTIONMENT.

Hon. Speaker, in determining the criteria for budget apportionment, the Committee took into account the following considerations:

1. The size of each Committee (in terms of membership);
2. Performance of Committees in terms of output (*See table 3*);
3. The number of pending businesses before each Committee (*See appendix 2*);
4. The mandates of respective Committees; and
5. Any other statutory obligations conferred by law.

For this current financial year (2025/2026), the total budget allocation sharable amongst Committees is Kshs. 80 Million.

Approved Annual Operating Budgets FY 2025/2026

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, having considered all factors, the Committee approved budgets of Committees as follows;

S/NO	Committee	Approved Budget
1.	Budget and Appropriations	8,000,000
2.	Liaison	11,000,000
3.	Public Accounts and Investments	6,000,000
4.	Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation	4,000,000
5.	Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security	3,000,000
6.	Appointments	1,000,000
7.	Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation	3,000,000
8.	Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development	3,000,000
9.	Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works	3,000,000
10.	Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change	3,000,000
11.	Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs	3,000,000
12.	Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services	3,000,000
13.	Finance and ICT	5,000,000
14.	Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing	3,000,000

15.	House Business	2,000,000
16.	Implementation	3,000,000
17.	Labour and Social Welfare	2,500,000
18.	Welfare and Equal Opportunities	2,000,000
19.	Delegated County Legislation	2,000,000
20.	Selection	2,000,000
21.	Ward Development Committee	2,000,000
22.	Powers and Privileges Committee	2,000,000
23.	Procedure and Rules Committee	2,000,000
24.	Speaker's Panel	1,500,000
TOTAL BUDGET		80,000,000

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, on behalf of the Liaison Committee, I wish to thank the office of the Speaker and the office of the Clerk for the support accorded to this Committee during the processing of this report.

I also wish to thank the Members of this Committee for their tolerance and objectivism in the entire process and not forgetting the Committee secretariat for the immense support during the production of this report.

PREFACE

LEGAL Framework

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee while carrying out this exercise was guided by the following statutory instruments;

1. Constitution of Kenya, 2010
2. Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders
3. Approved report of The Budget Committee on its consideration of the Kisumu County Budget estimate FY 2025/2026
4. House Committees work plan

COMMITTEE MANDATE

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, the Liaison Committee is established pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 194 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders which provides that;

- 1) There shall be a select Committee, to be known as the Liaison Committee which shall consist of the Chairperson of Committees as the Chairperson and all Chairpersons of all other Committees of the County Assembly.
- 2) The Liaison Committees shall-
 - a) Guide and co-ordinate the operations, policies and mandates of all Committees;
 - b) Deliberate on and apportion the annual operating budget among the Committees;
 - c) Consider the programmes of all Committees, including their need to travel and sit away from precincts of County Assembly;
 - d) Ensure that Committees submit reports as required by these Standing Orders;
 - e) Determine, whenever necessary, the Committee or Committees to deliberate on any matter; and
 - f) Give such advice relating to the work and mandate of select Committees as it may consider necessary.
- 3) The Liaison Committee shall consider reports compiled by other Committees which reports have not been deliberated by the County Assembly and shall report to the County Assembly on the consideration of such reports.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, based on the report by the Selection Committee on the constitution of the House Committees that was adopted for the formation of the Committee on selection adopted by the House on the 6th March, 2025, and in line with Standing Orders No. 194(1), the Liaison Committee is constituted as follows;

Table 1: Committee Members

1.	Hon Nereah Okombo	Chairperson
2.	Hon Vincent Jagongo	Vice Chairperson
3.	Hon Elisha Jack Oraro	Member
4.	Hon Kennedy Ooko	Member
5.	Hon Reuben Rakwach	Member
6.	Hon Boitone Ratib	Member
7.	Hon Moses Ochele	Member
8.	Hon Alice Wajewa	Member
9.	Hon Seth Kanga	Member
10.	Hon Lumumba Owade	Member

11.	Hon Jennifer Obonyo	Member
12.	Hon Emily Oginga	Member
13.	Hon George Abaja	Member
14.	Hon Pamela Oyoo	Member
15.	Hon Samuel Dedeh	Member
16.	Hon Kennedy Ouko	Member
17.	Hon Zacharia Okoyo	Member
18.	Hon Carren Odhiambo	Member
19.	Hon Seth Okumu	Member
20.	Hon Eunice Alandoh	Member
21.	Hon Mariam Abeid	Member
22.	Hon James Omollo	Member
23.	Hon Nancy Matara	Member
24.	Hon Vitalis Komudho	Member
25.	Hon Joachim Oketch	Member
26.	Hon Mildred Ajumbo	Member

Table 2: Committee Secretariat

#	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Nashon Kusina	Deputy Clerk
2.	Ms. Obonyo Angelyne	Clerk Assistant
3.	Mr. Fanuel Okode	Hansard reporter
4.	Miss. Risper Wayua	Sergeant-at-arm
5.	Mr. Abraham Odegi	Sergeant-at-arm

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the Committee while carrying out this exercise was guided by the following statutory instruments;

Section 14 of the of the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012

Procedure and Committees of the county assembly

(1) A county assembly –

- (a) may make standing orders consistent with the Constitution and this Act regulating the procedure of the county assembly including, in particular, orders for the proper conduct of proceedings, and
- (b) subject to standing orders made under paragraph (a), may establish committees in such manner and for such general or special purposes as it considers fit, and regulate the procedure of any Committee so established

Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 194(2) (b), (c) and (d)

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PERFORMANCE IN THE FY 2023/2024

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, this chapter compares the number of sittings held against the number of reports tabled each Committee in the entire FY 2024/2025

Table 3: Number of sittings held vis-à-vis output

SRL NO.	COMMITTEE	REPORTS TABLED FY 2024/2025
1.	Liaison	8
2.	Budget and Appropriations	5
3.	Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation	8
4.	Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services	2
5.	PIC/PAC	27
6.	Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security	4
7.	Labour and Social Welfare Services	3
8.	Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation	3
9.	Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate	1

	Change	
10.	Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing	1
11.	Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs	4
12.	Procedure and Rules	1
13.	Selection	3
14.	Delegated County Legislation	1
15.	Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development	2
16.	House Business	1
17.	Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works	5
18.	Finance and ICT	3
19.	Implementation	6
20.	Powers and Privileges	0
21.	Welfare and Equal Opportunities	0
22.	Appointments	8
23.	Ward Development	0

Source: Table Office Motion Tracker

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED WORK PLANS FY 2025/2026

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PRESENTATION OF WORKPLANS BY CHAIRPERSONS

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, each Chairpersons was required to present their Workplans for the FY 2025-26. This initiative was geared towards:

1. Enhanced transparency in the allocation of resources. It allowed the liaison committee to understand how each committee intends to use its budget and resources to achieve its goals. This transparency ensures that the allocation process is fair, based on needs, and aligned with the overall objectives of the county.
2. Provided an opportunity for alignment discussions. This ensured that the proposed activities and projects in each committee's workplan are consistent with the county's strategic objectives.
3. Gave Chairpersons the chance to justify their estimates and resource allocation requested for their committee by explaining how the proposed activities contribute to the county's development which played a key role to the liaison committee in making informed decisions about budget allocation.
4. Allowed for a critical assessment of the proposed activities and room for feedback, suggestions for improvement, or even potential redundancies. This ensures that the resources allocated are used efficiently and effectively to achieve the desired outcomes.
5. Facilitated coordination and ensured zero duplication of efforts. The liaison committee had the chance to identify areas of potential for streamlined operations.
6. Enabled the liaison committee to make informed choices when prioritizing different committees' needs and activities. This ensured that the available resources are allocated to the most impactful and important initiatives.
7. The liaison committee's review of workplans establishes a framework for ongoing oversight throughout the year. The liaison committee can periodically assess whether committees are staying on track, meeting their goals, and effectively utilizing their allocated resources.

8. It provided a platform for dialogue and engagement between committees, leading to better-informed decisions and a stronger sense of ownership among all Chairpersons.

The Chairpersons subsequently presented and defended their respective workplans for the FY 2025/2026. The total budget estimates submitted across all Committees amounted to Kshs. 205,204,000.

PROPOSED BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR COMMITTEES

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, the table below illustrates the estimates budgets as was submitted by various sectoral and select Committees;

Table 4: Proposed Committees' budget estimates

S/NO	Committee	Proposed Budget Estimates (Kshs.)
1.	Liaison	12,500,000
2.	Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation	4,500,000
3.	House Business	3,080,000
4.	Public Accounts and Investments	12,000,000
5.	Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security	7,700,000
6.	Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services	7,800,000
7.	Finance and ICT	18,000,000
8.	Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing	6,600,000
9.	Implementation	7,500,000
10.	Labour and Social Welfare	3,950,000
11.	Welfare and Equal Opportunities	4,500,000
12.	Delegated County Legislation	9,800,000
13.	Ward Development Committee	4,100,000
14.	General Oversight	
15.	Powers and Privileges Committee	9,100,000
16.	Procedure and Rules Committee	6,900,000
17.	Selection	8,700,000
18.	Budget and Appropriations	36,000,000
19.	Appointment	5,800,000
20.	Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation	7,174,000
21.	Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development	6,000,000
22.	Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works	7,500,000

23.	Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change	8,500,000
24.	Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs	7,500,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET		205,204,000

APPORTIONMENT OF BUDGET

Criteria on apportionment of Committees' budgets

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, in determining the criteria for budget apportionment, the Committee took into account the following considerations:

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3. The number of pending businesses before each Committee (*See appendix 2*);
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For this current financial year 2025/2026, the total budget allocation sharable amongst Committees is Kshs. 80 Million.

APPROVED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS FY 2025/2026

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, having considered all factors, the Committee approved budgets of Committees as shown in the table below;

Table 6: Approved budget for Committees' operations

S/NO	Committee	Approved Budget
1.	Budget and Appropriations	8,000,000
2.	Liaison	11,000,000
3.	Public Accounts and Investments	6,000,000
4.	Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation	4,000,000
5.	Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security	3,000,000
6.	Appointments	1,000,000
7.	Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation	3,000,000
8.	Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development	3,000,000
9.	Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works	3,000,000
10.	Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change	3,000,000
11.	Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs	3,000,000

12.	Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services	3,000,000
13.	Finance and ICT	5,000,000
14.	Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing	3,000,000
15.	House Business	2,000,000
16.	Implementation	3,000,000
17.	Labour and Social Welfare	2,500,000
18.	Welfare and Equal Opportunities	2,000,000
19.	Delegated County Legislation	2,000,000
20.	Selection	2,000,000
21.	Ward Development Committee	2,000,000
22.	Powers and Privileges Committee	2,000,000
23.	Procedure and Rules Committee	2,000,000
24.	Speaker's Panel	1,500,000
TOTAL BUDGET		80,000,000

RECOMMENDATIONS

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, all said and done and upon deliberation and agreement of its Members, the Committee therefore recommends;

1. THAT, the County Assembly should enhance its budget planning and prioritization frameworks by adopting a results-based budgeting approach that aligns financial allocations with clearly defined outputs and outcomes.
2. THAT, House Committees should be empowered to justify their budgetary needs through well-documented annual workplans and performance reports that demonstrate the impact of their activities.
3. THAT, House Committees, and by extension the County Assembly, should explore partnerships with development partners, NGOs, and other stakeholders to support specific oversight or legislative functions to help augment limited internal resources without compromising the Assembly's independence.
4. THAT, to mitigate low Member turnout at Committee meetings, a multifaceted strategy should be adopted that includes enforcement of attendance policies, incentives for participation, periodic reporting of attendance records to the House leadership, and linking performance to leadership roles or external opportunities as this can promote accountability.
5. THAT, the County Assembly should foster a culture of ownership through continuous capacity building and internal advocacy on the critical role of Committees in legislative

processes to enhance Member commitment and improve quorum rates, thereby reducing delays in adoption of reports.

6. THAT, to resolve the persistent unresponsiveness from the Executive, strengthening intergovernmental relations through regular consultative forums between the Legislature and the Executive can also help in building mutual respect, trust, and cooperation.
7. THAT, Committees should leverage the Assembly's constitutional oversight powers, including issuing summonses and invoking sanctions where necessary, to reinforce compliance and ensure that the Executive is held accountable to the issues raised by the Committees.
8. THAT, the Assembly should set a clear budgetary allocation for vehicle maintenance and fuel procurement to ensure seamless Committee operations. Timely maintenance and accountability for vehicle use should be embedded within the operational protocols to minimize downtime and ensure Committees are well-facilitated for site visits and field engagements.
9. THAT, House Committees must prioritize transparency and accountability in their budget management, and regularly report on budget expenditures and balances. Before any retreat is scheduled, Committees should confirm that sufficient funds are available to cover the costs.

Conclusion

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, it is now a pleasure for me to move on behalf of the Members of Liaison Committee to move;

THAT, this House adopts this report of the Liaison Committee on the apportionment of Committees' annual operating budgets for the FY 2025/2026 in accordance with the County Assembly Standing Orders. May I call upon Honourable Boitone Ratib to second.

(The Temporary Speaker, Hon. Carren Ajwang in the Chair)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes, Honourable Boitone.

(Honourable Boitone seconded by bowing)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, now that a motion on adoption of the Report of the Select Committee of Liaison on the Apportionment of House Committees' Annual Operating Budget for the Financial Year 2025-2026 has been presented and seconded, I want to propose a question and I propose that the motion is open for debate.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Seth Kanga.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga (MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I call upon the mover to reply.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Okombo, kindly reply.

Hon. Okombo (MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I can see that the Honourable Members are very much satisfied with the apportionment, that they have nothing further to add on the report. Madam Speaker, I just want to remind this Honourable House that we only had Kshs 80 million to apportion against a request of Kshs 205 million requested by various House Committees to sufficiently carry out their mandates.

Madam Speaker, we have advised Honourable Members and the House Committee Chairpersons that, we as the Chairpersons and members of different House Committees, Madam Speaker, Madam Commissioner and the Chief Whip are consulting loudly that they are interfering with my reply. Kindly protect me.

Let us not depend entirely on what has been apportioned by this House Committee. Let us go out, we have our senior members here, like Honourable Were, Honourable Omollo, who are partners who can help us carry out our oversight and legislative roles.

Madam Speaker, we also have the Chief, I want the attention of the Speaker. Madam Speaker, we also have the Chief, and I quote, “the Chief Cowist” of the Broad-Based Government, otherwise known as the Bread-Based Chairman, Honourable Seth Kanga, who can also help us get some resources from other quarters. You are all aware that, the member only makes three calls in a day and his pocket is full.

So instead of just sharing it outside there and getting it finished, Madam Speaker, the member can also help us undertake our mandates. So Honourable Chief Whip, next time you also consider our House Committees when you go out there to, you know, pick some bread from our Bread-Based friends. Honourable Chairpersons and Members, this House Committee also noticed that until now, there are House Committees that are still prioritizing benchmarking in their work plans.

Honourable members, we resolved as a House Committee that various House Committees need to realign their work plans with their mandates as spelled out in our Standing Orders, so that your works and activities are aligned to your mandates as House Committees. So, this is to all House Committees, that prioritize benchmarks kindly realign and forward those work plans to the Clerk of the Liaison Committee. Otherwise, Honourable Madam Speaker, it is just wise to remind us

that this is our third budget. We are only remaining with one more budget to go. The last one, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 will be executed by the Fourth Assembly. So we only have one more budget to go.

Honourable members, kindly ensure that you make full use of this year because this year will either make or break the reputation or the legacy of this Assembly. Next year, most of us will be busy campaigning. You can already see that some of us, like the Honourable Chief Whip, are out there. Come next year, most of us may not be here. However, I urge you to ensure that our mandates as House Committee Chairpersons and Members are not compromised in favor of the ongoing campaigns. Continue to perform your duties diligently so that your work leaves behind a legacy. Even if you do not return, and for those of us moving on to other Houses, we can still look back and proudly say that we served the Third Assembly with honor. Otherwise, Honourable Speaker and Honourable Members, I reply. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, now that a Motion on adoption of the Report of the Select Committee of Liaison, on the Apportionment of House Committee's Annual Operating Budget for the Financial Year 2025/2026 has been presented, seconded, and replied, I want put a question, and the adoption of the same report.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, the Motion on adoption of the report of the Select Committee of Liaison, on the Apportionment of the House Committee's Annual Operating Budget for the Financial Year 2025/2026 has been adopted today, Thursday, 07th August 2025 at 1520 hours. I further direct that, this report and that of the House debate be forwarded to the County Assembly Board for action. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Next order!!

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SITTINGS FOR THE DEFINITE
MATTER OF URGENT COUNTY IMPORTANCE - DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE, 2025
UNTIL TUESDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 2025 AT 02:30 P.M.

BY

HON. KENNEDY OOKO, MCA, AHERO

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

(Motion moved by Hon. Lumumba Owade on behalf of Ooko Kennedy)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes, Honourable Lumumba Owade, the Deputy Leader of Majority.

The Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Thank you, Madam Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 of the Kisumu County Assembly, Motion on Adjournment of the County Assembly Sittings on Matter of Definite County Importance.

AWARE THAT, the Devolution Conference is a biennial event that brings together stakeholders in the Devolution system of government, including County Governments, the National Government, Development Partners, Civil Society, and the Private Sector to deliberate on progress, challenges, and opportunities in implementing Devolution.

FURTHER, AWARE THAT, the 2025 Devolution Conference is scheduled to take place from 12th to 18th August 2025 with participation by all 47 County governments, including the County Assembly of Kisumu.

RECOGNIZING THAT, the conference provides a platform for County Assemblies to engage in policy dialogue, peer learning, knowledge sharing, and capacity building to enhance legislative performance and County oversight functions.

NOTING THAT, the effective participation of Members and staff of this County Assembly in the conference, will require a temporary suspension of normal plenary sittings, to allow for full attendance and engagement in conference activities.

Therefore, I wish to pray, that this Honourable House, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 25 (3), resolve and join its plenary sittings from today, the 07th August 2025, and resume on Tuesday, 19th August 2025, to facilitate the participation of Members and staff of the County Assembly in the 2025 Devolution Conference. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I therefore call upon the Majority Whip, Honourable Seth Ochieng Kanga to second.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes, the Honourable Majority Whip.

(Hon. Seth Kanga bowed to second)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, a Motion on Adjournment of the County Assembly Sittings for Definite Matter of Urgent County Importance, the Devolution Conference 2025 until Tuesday, 19th August 2025, has been presented and seconded. I want to propose a question, and I propose that the Motion is open for debate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes, madam Commissioner Pamela Oyoo.

Hon. Pamela (MCA, Migosi): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Going by the mood of the House, I call upon the Mover to reply.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, now that a Motion on Adjournment of the County Assembly Sitting, Sorry, Honourable Bill.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Yes, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni Shaurimoyo): Do you wish to say something on this matter?

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Yes, Madam Speaker, I was on my feet.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable member, you will debate. Therefore, we will not call upon the Mover to reply again. The Mover will reply after you are done, proceed.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I was on my feet before Madam Commissioner rose, and I am glad that you have finally seen me. We are truly happy, and that is why, Madam Speaker, the upcoming Devolution Conference is going to be very important. This is a critical moment where...Madam Speaker, kindly protect me from Honourable Rakwach.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni Shaurimoyo): Order!! Honourable Rakwach. Please proceed Honourable Bill.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): It is going to be very key, especially for the Assemblies in this Country. At least we are going to know where Devolution has reached at this particular time. Madam Speaker, you realize that Devolution... Madam Speaker, please protect me from the Honourable Chief Whip.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Just proceed, Honourable Bill. Do not listen to them.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Madam Speaker, I am very pleased that we are all attending this function, because it will give us a clear picture of the state of our Counties. We will also have the opportunity to engage with other Counties, understand the progress they have made, and exchange ideas. This way, we will return with valuable insights that can contribute meaningfully to the development of Kisumu County. Madam Speaker, you can see how active Honourable Members become when I am speaking. It is because they are eager to gather more facts and come back with ideas that will help improve this County.

Therefore, I am pleased—even when you see the Honourable Member, the Chairperson of the Implementation Committee, actively participating in this—I am hopeful that the member will learn from other Chairpersons so that, upon his return, we will have a much stronger Implementation Committee, along with all the other House Committees. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also want to strongly urge Members to ensure that we arrive early. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni Shaurimoyo): Yes, Honourable Mildred Ajumbo.

Hon. Ajumbo (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me a chance to contribute to the Motion on the floor of the House, of the Adjournment of the Assembly, so that we attend the Devolution Conference. The Devolution Conference begins on the 12th and ends on the 15th, and it is very important that we adjourn so that we attend the conference, make notes, and share our experiences and network during the conference. Therefore, I encourage Members that as we meet in Homa Bay, please ensure that your fellow Member is around, your Committee Member, especial members of the Implementation Committee, so that when we come back, we will be able to implement what we discussed in the conference. Thank you. Madam Speaker. The Mover replies.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni Shaurimoyo): Yes, the Honourable Deputy Majority Leader.

The Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to respond to the debate, I sincerely thank the members who have contributed to the Motion.

Madam Speaker, as Honourable Bill, has expressed himself with great excitement about the upcoming Devolution Conference; I want to thank him sincerely. I also wish that all members will share in the same joy and enthusiasm as Honourable Bill.

Madam Speaker, Honourable Ajumbo has reminded us—and let us take this seriously—that as various House Committee Members and as Honourable Members, we are going there to gain something. Let us learn, take notes, and when we return, apply what we have learned here. Allow me, Madam Speaker, to also urge our members to fully participate in the Devolution Conference—from the first day to the last. I know that our party leader will be given an opportunity, either to officially open or close the event, and he will be present. Let us ensure we show up throughout the conference. As usual, the President will also be in attendance. Above all, Madam Speaker, I humbly request that our members be good ambassadors of Kisumu County.

Let us carry the flag, *Ipepee Vizuri Sana*, Madam Speaker, so that our County is seen to be what it is. Finally, I appeal to members also to conduct themselves very decently. I urge you to be very keen on suspected characters, that may also be there to derail your activities. etc. *Michele*. And also, avoid too much *Koyo*. Yes, and then you will be very good. I rest my case. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Laughter)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): That is fair enough. I cannot see any other member on his or her feet, and the Mover has already been called upon to reply. Therefore, Deputy Speaker Honourable Nereah sorry, I mean Deputy Majority Leader. My apologies, Honourable members. Kindly note, the Mover has already replied. Okay. Attention, Members. Honourable members, now that the Motion on adjournment of the County Assembly sittings for the Definite Matter of Urgent County Importance, the Devolution Conference 2025 until Tuesday, 19 August 2025 has been presented, seconded, and debated. I want to put a question for the adoption of the same report.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, the Motion on adjournment of the County Assembly sittings for Definite Matter of Urgent County Importance, the Devolution conference 2025 until Tuesday, 19 August 2025 has been adopted today, Thursday, 07 August 2025 at 15:30 hours.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Therefore, Honourable members let us be upstanding, this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 19th August 2025 at 02.30 p.m.

(House rose at 03:33 p.m.)

Addendum

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