

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU**



**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU**

**THE HANSARD**

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**Wednesday, 03<sup>rd</sup> September, 2025**

**House met in the Main Chamber at 9:00 a.m.**

**(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu) in the Chairperson)**

**PRAYERS**

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable members, pursuant to the dictates 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. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, Deputy Whip, could you please confirm if we have quorum.

**The Deputy Whip** (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu): Thank you Mr. Speaker, there is Quorum.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you Whip. Clerk, can you take us through the order of the day.

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

**PAPERS LAID**

THE PROPOSED KISUMU COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE  
FINANCIAL YEAR, 2026-2027

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA TEACHING AND  
REFERRAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2025

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE KISUMU URBAN PROJECT, ADVANCED  
ACCOUNT AND CASH EXPENDITURE FUND FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE,  
2025

BY

HON. KENNEDY OUKO, MCA, AHERO

CHAIRPERSONPERSON, PUBLIC INVESTMENTS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

FESTIVAL OF BLACK AND AFRICAN ARTS AND CULTURE (FESTAC) EXPENDITURE

BY

HON. NANCY MATARA, NOMINATED MEMBER

[CHAIRPERSON, SPORTS, CULTURE, GENDER, AND YOUTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE]

*(Report laid by Hon. James Were on behalf of Hon. Nancy Matara)*

DILAPIDATED STATE OF NKRUMAH ROAD AND THE NEED FOR INTERVENTION  
BY KURA

BY

HON. REUBEN RAKWACH, MCA, EAST KOLWA

[CHAIRPERSONPERSON, INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY, AND PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE]

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON LUMUMBA,  
KOMBEWA, AND MUHORONI COUNTY HOSPITALS

BY

HON. JAMES OMOLLO, MCA, WEST NYAKACH

[CHAIRPERSONPERSON, IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE]

*(Report laid by Hon. Tom Nyaoke on behalf of Hon. James Omollo)*

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

**Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you very much, Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I rise to table the following papers.

1. Pursuant to the provision of Section 126 (3) of the Public Finance and Management Act 2012. I wish to table today, Wednesday, 03rd September, 2025, the proposed Kisumu County Annual Development Plan Financial Year 2026-2027.
2. Pursuant to the provision of Section 164 (1) of the Public Finance and Management Act 2012. I wish to table today, Wednesday, 03rd September, 2025, Annual Financial Statements for Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital for the period ended 30th June, 2025.
3. Kisumu County Climate Change for the period ended 30th June, 2025.
4. City of Kisumu Urban Project,( Project Advanced Account) and (Cash Expenditure Fund), CKE 1032 OG for the year ended 30th June, 2025. Thank you very much, Honourable Speaker.

*(Leader of Majority lays the reports before the House for consideration)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you. Honourable members, please allow me to acknowledge the receipt of the following Papers.

The Proposed Kisumu County Annual Development Plan for the financial year 2026-2027. Consequently, I commit this report to the Select committee on County Budget and Appropriation for processing. Further, I give this House Committee 21 (Twenty-one) days to report back to the House.

Honourable members, the next paper that I can acknowledge the receipt of the Financial Statements for the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital for the period ended 30th June, 2025. I commit this report to the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT. I equally give this House Committee the 21 (Twenty-one) days to bring the report before the House.

Similarly, I've equally received financial statements of the Kisumu Urban Project, (Advanced Account and Cash Expenditure Fund), CKE 1035.01 OG for the year ended 30th June, 2025. I commit this report to the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT. Likewise, I accord this House Committee 21 (Twenty-one) days to report back to the House.

Again, I've also received Annual Report on Financial Statements for the City of Kisumu, Project Grant Credit Number, AFD Agreement Number, CKE 1035(01) OG for the financial year ended 30th June, 2025. This report also goes to the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT. I give this House Committee 21 (Twenty-one) days to bring the report back to the House.

Finally, I equally acknowledge receipt of Annual Financial Report for Kisumu County Climate Change Fund for the period ended 30th June, 2025. I commit this report to the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT. Again, I give this House 21 (Twenty-one) days to report back to the House.

The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT, we request that you.... what is it, Honourable Chairperson, Committee on Finance? We request that you work with speed to process these documents and bring these reports to the House. You have 21 (Twenty-one) days to bring 4 (four) reports back to this House. So be notified.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, Honourable James Were.

**Hon. Were** (MCA, Nyalenda "B"): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Orders No. 182 (6), of the Kisumu County Standing Orders, I wish to table today, Wednesday, 03rd September, 2025, report from the Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture, Gender, and Youth Affairs on Festival of Black and African Arts and Culture (FESTAC) expenditure. Thank you.

*(Hon. James Were tables the report before the House for consideration)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, East Seme): Yes, Honourable Ouko.

**Hon. Ouko** (MCA, West Kisumu): Thank you Honorable Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Order No. 182 (6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today, Wednesday, 03rd September, 2025, the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts on the Examination of the report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Kisumu County Executive Financial Year 2023-2024 and Receiver of Revenue for the year ended 30th June, 2024. Thank you.

*(Hon. Ouko tables the report before the House for consideration)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, Honourable Reuben Rakwach.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, East Kolwa): Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Order No. 182 (6) of Standing Orders, I wish to table today, Wednesday, 03rd September, 2025, Report of the Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy, and Public

Works on the matter of Dilapidated State of Nkrumah Road and the need for intervention by KURA. Thank you.

*(Hon. Rakwach lays the report before the House for consideration)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honourable James Omollo. What is it, Honourable Nyaoke?

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek leave to stand in for Honourable James Omollo to present the Paper on behalf of the Select Committee on Implementation.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable Nyaoke, you know the procedures of the House. We have not received any communication from Honourable Omollo. So next time he does that, he should give communication to the Office of the Speaker, however, today I will allow you to proceed.

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach): Much obliged, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Orders No. 182 (6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today, Wednesday, 03<sup>rd</sup> September, 2025, report of the Select Committee on Implementation on the Implementation Status of the House Resolutions on the report by Medical Services, Public Health, and Sanitation on the Status of Lumumba, Kombewa, and Muhoroni County Hospitals. Thank you.

*(Hon. Nyaoke lays the report before the House for consideration)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Next is the Honourable K'Omudho. Order!! Honourable members. Order!! Honourable Tom Onditi. The Honourable Omollo, why did you allow the Honourable Tom Nyaoke to table your Paper in your presence in the House?

**Hon. Omollo** (MCA, West Nyakach): Mr. Speaker, I just arrived when the member was on the floor, so I couldn't stop the member from doing so.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you Honourable members. Honourable members, allow me to acknowledge the receipt of the following Papers.

1. Report on the Examination of the Auditor General's report on the Financial Statements of Kisumu County Executive for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
2. Report on the examination of the report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the receiver of revenue for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

3. Report from the Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy, and Public Works on the matter of Dilapidated state of Nkrumah Road on the need for intervention by KURA.
4. Report by the Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture, Gender, and Youth Affairs on FESTRAC Expenditure.
5. Report by the Select Committee on Implementation on the Implementation Status of House Resolutions on the report by the Committee on Medical Services, Public Health, and Sanitation on the status of Lumumba, Kombewa, and Muhoroni County Hospitals.

Honourable member, I commit these reports to the Select Committee on House Business for scheduling for discussion in the House.

Honourable members, I've been notified that two Members that could not table their Papers, and that is the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing and the Chairperson, Select committee on Ward Development. It is my opinion that, the two mentioned Chairpersons will have to seek the approval of the House Business Committee so that they can table those documents in the next schedules of the House.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Next order, Madam Clerk.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

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HON. NANCY MATARA, NOMINATED MEMBER

[CHAIRPERSON, SPORTS, CULTURE, GENDER, AND YOUTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE]

*(Notice of Motion by Hon. Were on behalf of Hon. Matara)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, Honourable Ken Ouko, Chairperson, Public Investments and Accounts Committee.

**Hon. Ouko** (MCA, West Kisumu): Thank you, Honorable Speaker. THAT, Pursuant to the provisions of Order 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 Public Investments and Accounts on the Examination of the report of the General on the Financial Statement of Kisumu County Executive Financial Year 2023-2024 and Receiver of Revenue for the year ended 30th June, 2024. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable Rakwach.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, East Kolwa): Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I wish to give a Notice of Motion. Pursuant to the provision of Orders No. 45 (1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders. THAT, this House adopts the report of the Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works Committee on the matter of the Dilapidated State of Nkrumah Road and the need for Intervention by KURA. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable members, before the Honourable James Were continues, in our Order Paper, I have Honourable James Omollo. Please proceed.

**Hon. Omollo** (MCA, West Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of Orders No. 45 (1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I give notice of motion THAT, the House adopts the report of the Select Committee on Implementation on the Implementation Status of the House Resolutions on the report of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation on the status of Lumumba, Kombewa and Muhoroni County Hospitals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): What is it, Honourable James Were?

**Hon. Were** (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Honourable Nancy Matara, I want to give a Notice of Motion. THAT, pursuant to the provision of Standing Orders 45 (1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders THAT, this House adopts the reports of Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs Committee on the FESTAC Expenditure. Thank you.

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

*(Hon. Rakwach rises on his feet)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, East Seme): What is it Honourable Rakwach? Honourable member, we are now on the orders of giving Notices of Motion. We had passed the orders for laying of Papers. So, I had given direction over the same. So, what is it, the Honourable member for Kolwa East?

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East): He's requesting I just allow him to give a notice of motion that he will table to order. Order!! Honorable member, Order!!

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

## MOTION

SEEKING APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU - SHORT TERM  
BORROWING BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU

BY

HON. KENNEDY OOKO, MCA, AHERO

[LEADER OF MAJORITY]

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

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you very much, Honourable Speaker. I rise to move a motion on the Approval of Short Term Borrowing by the County Government of Kisumu.

AWARE that, Article 212 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, read together with the Section 140 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, empowers the County Government to borrow only if the National Government guarantees the loan and with approval of the County Assembly.

FURTHER aware that, Section 107 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, requires that a County Government shall ensure that its expenditure on wages and benefits for its public officers

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shall not exceed a percentage of the County Government's total revenue as prescribed by the regulations and that no borrowing shall exceed 5% of the most recent audited county revenue as approved by the county assembly.

COGNIZANT that, the most recent Audited Revenue for the County Government of Kisumu stands at Kenya Shillings 14 billion, thereby allowing a borrowing ceiling of Kenya Shillings 700 million in line with the prescribed threshold of 5%.

NOTING that, the county government is currently experiencing recurrent cash flow shortfalls occasioned by delays in the disbursement of the equitable share from the National Treasury, leading to adverse effects on its capacity to meet statutory obligations, including the timely payment of staff salaries in the financial year 2025-2026.

DEEPLY CONCERNED that, failure to mitigate these cash flow gaps may occasion industrial unrest, weaken service delivery, and undermine public confidence in the devolved system of governance.

NOW, therefore, I wish to pray that this County Assembly resolves that the County Government of Kisumu be and is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of Kenya Shillings 700 million, being 5% of the most recent Unaudited Revenue of the County Government from the following financial institutions.

1. Kenya Commercial Bank.
2. Cooperative Bank of Kenya.
3. Equity Bank Limited.
4. State Bank of Mauritius.
5. Sydian Bank.
6. National Bank of Kenya.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, and that the said borrowing be utilized strictly for the purpose of mitigating cash flow shortfalls and ensuring the timely payment of staff salaries in the financial year 2025-2026, whenever disbursements from the national treasury are delayed. I would like to ask the Deputy Whip, to second.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you. Yes, Honourable Jennifer Obonyo.

**The Deputy Whip** (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second the motion. THAT, the County Assembly of Kisumu approves the request by the County Government of Kisumu for Short-term borrowing to mitigating cash flow shortfalls and ensure the timely payment of staff salaries in the Financial Year 2025-2026 as moved by the Leader of Majority.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you, Honourable members. A motion has been moved for consideration of the request for Approval for Short-term Borrowing by the County Executive. A motion moved by the Honourable Majority Leader and seconded by the Deputy Whip. And now it's time to put a question that we open this motion for debate.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable Ken Ouko.

**Hon. Ouko** (MCA, West Kisumu): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support the motion. Mr. Speaker, we have workers in the County Government of Kisumu. And as you know very clear, Mr. Speaker, we have two arms of government. We have the legislature, and the executive. Mr. Speaker, it is quite unfortunate that due to delay of funds from the national government, so far up to this moment, employees in the County Executive and the County Assembly have never received any disbursements for the past two months.

Mr. Speaker, this thing has failed at a time when we were taking back children back to school. Mr. Speaker, it is advisable that we exploit what is entailed in our Constitution. The framers of this constitution knew very clearly that we will be getting this kind of thresholds. That is why, it is clearly spelt out and guided on how this exploit must be done.

So, Mr. Speaker, I support the motion the grants the County Executive to borrow on short-term so that we can equally get our salaries and even to the other staff working in the county. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, Honourable James Were.

**Hon. Were** (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to add my voice on the motion. Mr. Speaker, it is just proper when worker have rendered their service, it is just proper that their dues be paid. Mr. Speaker, this can only be corrected if we adopt this motion.

Mr. Speaker, we want a situation where our workers are paid promptly regardless of whether the money from the Exchequer delays or not. Mr. Speaker, considering the Health sector, where we need maximum intervention. Some may be even reluctant to render their service owing to the fact that their salary has delayed for a month or two. Mr. Speaker, if this county assembly can be in order to adopt this motion, then, it is my belief that, we are going to correct all the future undertakings and ensure that the county is balanced to ensure that our employees are motivated so that wherever the department that they will be working from, there's value, there's energy, there is motivation. I therefore support this motion.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable Anne Ochola.

**Hon. Ochola** (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion because we are the eyes of the workers in this county. If we allow the County Executive to borrow the money to pay the workers, I stand to support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Honorable James Omollo.

**Hon. Omollo** (MCA, West Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support. We have to be human enough, even us at the assembly level. Sometimes it forces the County Assembly Service Board to borrow on our behalf when we do not have salaries. So, it is a normal procedure. The PFM Act is very clear that this assembly must approve and give them authority to now go and approach the various financial institutions mentioned in order for our people to get their salaries. Please remember that, these are people with families. They are people who have obligations like us. It cannot be that on our side in the assembly, we are able to access such facilities and we deny them the same on the other side. So, let us just be humane and allow them to go ahead. Thank you. I support.

*(Hon. Odari rises on a Point of Order) .*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable members, what is your Point of Order? Which orders are you making reference to?

**Hon. Odari** (MCA, Chemelil /Tamu): Mr. Speaker, on a Point of information.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Whom do you want to inform?

**Hon. Odari** (MCA, Chemelil - Tamu): The House.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Then, I will allow you to inform the House later so that members can contribute.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honorable Tom Nyaoke.

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must appreciate this opportunity granted. Mr. Speaker, the motion that has been read before us is quite procedural. Mr. Speaker, this is something talking about Short-term Loan. The short-term loan, as requested by the County Executive, is to assist fill certain gaps that are really necessary. We must appreciate that as an assembly, we can testify that we have never gone without salary for any month. Mr. Speaker, and then the County Executive staff do have a lot of problems. Particularly even right now, there must be some delays occasioned by lack of disbursement of funds, this is

as a result of the late disbursements of funds that we already know. Mr. Speaker, it is only important that we support this motion to help us move forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honorable Member for Kajulu ward.

**Hon. Adegga** (MCA, Kajulu): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to give my sentiments on the same motion. Mr. Speaker, it is in good time to assist the employees of the County Executive to get the salary in good time. Remember, salary is the motivation for the workers to do their work diligently. In addition, Mr. Speaker, for them to deliver, they must be paid on time. It is just last two weeks when I found two of the employees from the County Executive crying for not having paid their rent for two months, which is not in good light for them. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I support the motion. I implore members of this House to approve this motion. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honorable Ruben Rakwach.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also rise to support the motion which is before the House. Honorable Speaker, remember... I need your protection from Honorable Okoyo. I do not know what the problem with him is.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Order!! Honorable Okoyo.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East): Honorable Speaker, it is my belief that we need to do a lot of induction.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Order!! Please proceed, Honorable Member.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East): Honorable Speaker, remember, every year, our staff from the County Executive side, they always have problems with the payment of their salaries in the months of July and August. Up to now, we can attest that these staffs have not been paid their salaries for the last two months. Remember, even in our Budget Implementation, we rely on the same staff. Honorable Speaker, they cannot deliver without salaries. I believe that, this motion would have even been brought here earlier and be passed so that these staff get their salaries on time. Honorable Speaker, these are Kenyans who have obligations, and some of whom are

servicing loans. If their loans go without being serviced for two months, we know the repercussions.

Mr. Speaker, there are some of the staff who also are paying insurances so that they can secure for their children good education. Honorable Speaker, if there is a delay, sometimes these insurance companies fail to pay fees for their children. So, it is my opinion that, it is prudent enough that we passed this motion in record time to enable them get their salaries promptly and not run into these unnecessary problems. Otherwise, I support. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honorable Member for Central Seme, the Honorable Mildred Ajumbo.

**Hon. Ajumbo** (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for seeing that I am the most senior most among the two Honorable members.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Honorable Member. Proceed.

**Hon. Ajumbo** (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to support the motion to allow the County Executive to borrow money to pay salaries of the employees. It is true that when you are not paid salaries, you are demoralized. For the last two months, even if you look at the employees, they are so demoralized.

Mr. Speaker, most of these employees, some work in hospitals, some are revenue officers collecting our revenues so that the county is able to run their services. It is in order that their salaries are paid on time so that the revenue collection of the county can go up. I am sure if the revenue officers are collecting money; imagine you collecting money and your salary is delayed. So, it demoralizes the worker. So, I support the motion that we allow the County Executive to borrow money. Most of these employees have children, they have families, they have houses to pay rent and they have bills to pay. So, it is just in order that we support as a County Assembly of Kisumu to enable them to borrow money. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Honorable member representing Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo Ward.

**Hon. Carren** (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Thank you, Honorable Speaker, for granting me this opportunity to contribute to this motion. Honorable Speaker, I also rise to support the motion before us. The employees are also human beings. They have families to take care of; bills to pay and they need to be motivated. If you can stay for two months without your salary, it will be chaotic even in your own house. You will borrow and maybe some of your daily needs will not

be catered for. So, I therefore support this motion that we allow the County Executive to borrow so that they can get their salaries. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Honorable member representing Kobura Ward.

**Hon. Oliver** (MCA, Kobura): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to concur with the motion. I want to thank members for doing this fast enough to help the County Executive to at least pay salaries. However, in my support on this, I want to ask the County Executive, especially the Department of Finance that, we the Assembly and the Executive, work hand in hand for the betterment and for the growth of Kisumu County. As you see, members today are going to pass this. It should be an example to the County Executive and to the Department of Finance that, in working together, they should also at least show the Committee's respect whenever they are called to respond to some of the questions. It is not that we want to maybe do anything, as House Committees, whenever we invite them to appear before respective House Committees, it is because it is our role to oversight, to represent our people and to do our legislative role as an Assembly. So, whenever we invite these departments, in equal measure, they should also respond swiftly so that we do our work as members of the Assembly. Thank you. I support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East): Yes, the Honorable Fredrick Odari.

**Hon. Odari** (MCA, Chemelil/Tamu): Thank you very much, Honorable Speaker. I have just read your mood. It is like you are supporting this motion. This is because, when I wanted to inform the House, you denied me the opportunity to do so. Honorable Speaker, I have realized one thing that...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Order!! Honorable member. You know it is not right to cast aspersions on the office of the Speaker. You rose on a Point of Order. We asked you the orders in which you are referring to. You could not mention, and the Speaker could not allow you to raise a Point of Order on an order that does not exist. So, for now, the Speaker has given you an opportunity to debate on the motion and not to castigate the Chairperson. I believe you stand guided. Please proceed, Honorable member.

**Hon. Odari** (MCA, Chemelil/Tamu): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Today, we are discussing the request for the approval by the County Assembly of borrowing of short-term loan by the County Executive, which is more important than a bursary for our students.

Honorable Speaker, I want to bring to your attention and the attention of the House that there is a letter which was written by the County Secretary informing the workers when they will get their

salary. The letter reads, that further to our letter reference, CGK/CS /AD /63 Vol.1/ 64, dated on 6th August 2025, concerning the above subject matter. The above subject matter is reference July and August salary payment.

And it says, ‘This is to update the staff that, we have concluded all budget clearance procedure with Controller of Budget (OCoB), and National Treasury. We have already made requisition to the Controller of Budget for payment of July and August 2025 salary, which has been approved. Underline the word approved. The purpose of this letter is to inform our staff that the July and August 2025 salary will reflect in your accounts effective Thursday, 04th September 2025. We appreciate the endurance and understanding accorded to the management.

Mr. Speaker, on that note again, yesterday, the County Secretary was on social media, on TV, and he said in Dholuo language, that; “The leadership of Kisumu County, has managed to secure money from the OCoB to help sort the July and August pending salaries. This will happen from Thursday 04th, September, 2025, which is this week.” This was already finalized and yet we are busy here discussing what is not even in our portal. Honorable Leader of Majority just stood and read it to us, and members also just stood just supporting salaries and the motion itself is nowhere to be seen in our WhatsApp group, according to the procedure. Are we doing the right thing?

Honorable Speaker and Honorable members, my last point, we are in this House, and it goes more especially to the County Treasury. Normally, we call them here, we invite the County Executive Committee Member for Finance, Economic Planning and ICT but they do not honour our invites. When it comes to theirs, they bring it here for us to approve for them, and when they are called upon to come and give evidence, they do not appear before these House Committees. It means that these County Executive Committee Members abhor these House Committees. Now, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance, Economic Planning and ICT is using the other way to come and divert our attention. So, it will be very important for me, if one day, a doctor needs to be brought to this assembly, to check on our mental health. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honorable Member representing Railways Ward.

**Hon. Onyango** (MCA, Railways): Thank you, thank you. I rise to support this motion. However, we have to agree, that the integrity of this House is in question. There is no way you can bring a motion, which you want its approval, or to seek the approval of the assembly to allow you borrow a loan to pay the workers, and the same time, you are assuring the workers that they are going to be paid. This means that, they are sure that we are going to pass it. So, as Honorable

Odari said, do not be surprised, this is a House of passing motions. They knew there is nothing we cannot pass. So, they knew, if they said Thursday, we will come here on Wednesday to pass it, and indeed we are going to pass it.

Mr. Speaker, I am also worried, this is because, members were called upon here on a special sitting regarding the Scholarship. We came and passed it. The other time I heard the Speaker put on the members' WhatsApp group, that the Controller of Budget has passed Ksh. 65 million for Scholarships. Up until today, they have not paid. So, we are in a situation where we do as per the need of the County Executive. If they want to borrow money to pay the workers, which is also right, we do as per their wish. However, Mr. Speaker, you should also know that Scholarship is the only obligation of the county...

*(The Deputy Leader of Majority interjects with a Point of Order)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Deputy Leader of Majority, I can see you on your feet, what is your Point of Order?

**The Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the House that the Honorable member is misleading this House. The member is insinuating that these members are just mere rubber stamps. It defeats the purpose of this debate, for this House to debate and pass. The member is insinuating that whatever the County Executive brings in this House, we just pass blindly. Kindly, let the member apologize and withdraw those remarks.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Order!! Honorable member. I know you have not contributed. You have all the rights to contribute later. For now, I want to allow the Honorable Member representing Railways Ward to proceed with his submission.

**Hon. Onyango** (MCA, Railways): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is obvious. I do not know why the Deputy Leader of Majority is worried. There is nothing that we have never passed here that has come from the County Executive. This is my third year, unless you are new in this House. Mr. Speaker, what I was saying is that, the same way salaries are important, is the same way the funds for Scholarship is important. So, Mr. Speaker, I will also request that when they get money to pay salary, which is Ksh. 700 million, let the County Executive equally take some Kshs. 65 million, to also pay for Scholarships.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, I also want to agree with the Honorable Odari, that whenever we call, for example, the County Executive Committee Member, Finance, Economic Planning and ICT to appear before a certain House Committee to respond to some of the questions raised, the CECM,

Finance and Economic Planning and ICT has deliberately declined to appear before respective House Committees like six times. Mr. Speaker, now that the CECM, Finance and Economic Planning and ICT wants to seek the approval of assembly to take loan from the bank, we are now here full House. Mr. Speaker, maybe the CECM, Finance and Economic Planning and ICT knows how to press certain the button. So, I was just saying, Mr. Speaker, if we can change the manifesto of Governor Nyongó to manifesto of CECM, Finance and Economic Planning and ICT, I think we will get it right, Mr. Speaker. This is because, whatever we are implementing here is the manifesto of the CECM, Finance and Economic Planning and ICT.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I want to disagree again that the reason as to why they are seeking the approval of the House so that they can take money from banks to pay salary is because of the delayed disbursement by the Exchequer. Mr. Speaker, I believe that, one week ago, I heard the Minister, National Treasury, Honorable Mbadi, state that, they had disbursed money even for the month July. So, the Leader of Majority should have just informed us of the challenges as to why they cannot access money, instead of being deceitful that it is because of delayed disbursement. Mr. Speaker, we know there is money in the Treasury, and there is a problem with the office of Controller of Budget regarding our budget. So, let us be clear why we are seeking to get the money from the bank, rather than being dishonest that it is as a result of delayed disbursement. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, whether I was going to support or not support, it was going to pass, so I support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honourable Oiko Pete.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Thank you Honorable Speaker. I also want to give my little contribution on this matter. When I read the mood of the House, the House is sympathetic to the staff of Kisumu County, which is very much in order. Our people need to get salary, and the picture being highlighted is that the July and August salaries have not been paid. What I know, our staff depends on salaries. Now that this is a time when children are going back to school, it is very unfair if they have not gotten their salaries. However, that may be so, Mr. Speaker, the motion moved by the Leader of Majority is not posted to the members on the portal of the Assembly. Why that was intentional, the Leader of Majority knows best because that is how the leaders of government business behave in the House.

Mr. Speaker, that aside, there are matters I want to address. The Leader of Majority has moved the motion that the latest audited report that they are relying on was Ksh.14 billion. The Leader of Majority has not mentioned the financial year of this Ksh.14 billion. He has also said the County Executive wants to borrow not more than 5% of the Ksh.14 billion. He has said that, the County Executive is going to borrow the Kshs. 700 million. The Leader of Majority has equally mentioned a number of banks that I will interpret. These are the banks where our staff draw their

salaries from, which I believe is very much in order, However, there is critical information we need to know. The proposed Kshs.700 million, is it for Gross Salary or Net Salary? The Ksh.700 million is it also going to cater for other Cash Flow problems.

Which are these other cash flow problems? That this proposed Kshs.700 million is going to cater for? Mr. Speaker, when we pass this, the assumption is that, they will be serviced when the county gets its allocation from the Treasury. The short-term loan is not given the period it is going to last. That needs to be specific. The term short-term may be long-term if the date is not specific on the borrowing.

So, with those, Mr. Speaker, as I know the Assembly will be painted badly if we do not pass this. However, we need the County Executive to be specific to us. When they want us to approve borrowing for them, the communication that has been there between the County Executive and the staff and that this matter was read last week in this House and today it is brought for approval. One could say that the County Executive was relying on that because the matter had been brought to this Assembly. But one thing also, Honorable members, it is common knowledge that the National Government starts releasing funds in September. Why is Kisumu County Government now hell bent on borrowing in September? A time when money should start flowing from the National Government? With those few remarks, Mr. Speaker, I so contribute.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, Honourable member representing Nyalenda “A”.

**Hon. Boiton** (Nyalenda “A”): Asante sana Mstahiki Spika. Mstahiki Spika, niruhusu nizungumze kwa lugha ya Kiswahili siku ya leo. Hoja iliyoletwa na kiongozi wa waliowengi ni ya umuhimu kwa kuwa tunataka kuangazia masilahi ya wafanyikazi katika serikali ya ugatuzi. Mstahiki Spika, ningependa kusema kuwa kipindi ambacho wafanyikazi walikosa mshahara yao kwa wakati ufaao ulipitwa na wakati. Ni jambo la busara kulipa mshahara kwa wakati ufaao. Utendakazi hauwezi kuwa bora iwapo wafanyikazi hawalipwi mshahara kwa wakati unaofaa. Kwa hivyo, Mstahiki Spika, mimi naunga mkono huu mjadala. Njia ya kupata mkopo umewasilishwa vyema kwenye Katiba ya nchi ya Kenya. Katika sehemu ya 212 ya Katiba ya Kenya, inasema kuwa serikali ya ugatuzi inaweza kupata mkopo kwa kuidhinishwa na serikali kuu, kisha iweze kuidhinishwa na bunge la kaunti. Hili ndilo linafanywa siku ya leo. Mstahiki Spika, kiongozi wa waliowengi amesema kwamba, hela ambazo zinawezakubalika kwenye mkopo ni asilimia tano 5% ya bajeti ambayo ni shilingi bilioni kumi nne. Ikiwa shilingi milioni mia saba itashugulikia mshahara na mambo mengi, ambayo pia hajatueleza, basi hatuna budi ila kuunga mkono hoja hii. Halikadhalika, kile kitu ambacho hakijadhihirika wazi ambacho nataka kieleweke ni kwamba, shilingi milioni mia saba ambayo inapaswa kukopwa, itakapoidhinishwa na bunge, itahitaji muda gani kulipishwa? Pia, pesa itakapotoka kwa serikali kuu, kulipa ule

mkopo, halitakuna na riba kwasababu tunafahamu ya kwamba kila benki kitatoza riba kwa deni lile la shilingi milioni mia saba.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Taarifa, Mheshimiwa Boiton. Naomba Mheshimiwa Okoyo aweze kuketi kando ya Mheshimiwa Ochele ili amtafsirie kinachoelezwa na Mheshimiwa mwakilishi wa wadi ya Nyalenda A. Asante sana. Endeleza mjadala Mheshimiwa Boiton.

**Hon. Boiton** (Nyalenda “A”): Nashukuru sana Mstahiki Spika. Sehemu hiyo ndio ilikuwa ininitia utata kidogo kwani benki zinafanya biashara kwani kutoa shilingi milioni mia saba kupatia Kaunti, ile riba itatoka wapi? Hilo tu ndilo lilileta tashwishi kidogo na tumai kiongozi wa waliowengi ataweza kutafsiri na kutueleza kwa kina. Ama kweli Mstahiki Spika nashukuru kwa mud awa kujadili. Asante sana.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Mheshimiwa Boitone Ratib mwakilishi wadi wa eneo la Nyalenda “A”. Sasa, wacha nimpe Mheshimiwa Moses Ochele nafasi ili aweze kuzungumza.

**Hon. Ochele** (MCA, East Kano/Wawidhi): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was keenly listening at the Member representing Nyalenda “A” as he was deliberating in *Kiswahili*. *Kiswahili* is my neighbor. We are not enemies. So, I believe that, I got everything the member said only that I cannot say as much as the member does. So, by identifying my personality to be backward in Kiswahili speaking it is my belief that, it is not good for the people of East Kano Wawidhi Ward because I do not just come here as Hon. Ochele but as a representative of people of that ward, some of whom are even better speakers than most of us. So, when they speak Kiswahili more so *sanifu* they do it and I am the one representing them. So, I am a better speaker of Kiswahili. That one should go on the record.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme): Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa.

**Hon. Ochele** (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi Ward): On the same note, Mr. Speaker, I want to say that members of Kisumu County Assembly, in terms of spoken languages, Kiswahili and English, I want to say that going by the records in the county and even at the Senate, I believe that we are above par. We speak good Kiswahili and good English which is attributed to us being first learners and our self-confidence. Mr. Speaker, I did not want to contribute because the motion seems to have been passed but since I was too silent, you had to provoke me to say something. Now I have to.

Mr. Speaker, it is not a good practice in the modern world for people to go without salary, not even for one month. For those who wake up in the morning, come to work and more so doing work which are instrumental to the running of the County Government, I believe that, it is very much demoralizing to find staff of the county to go without salary for more than two months.

First, as it has been said by most Honourable members, these are parents who need to pay fees plus other financial obligations just like us. For them also to work by giving maximum output, they have to be motivated. The number one motivation for staff is getting their salary on time. So, Mr. Speaker, the motion put forth by the Leader of the Majority is very much in order and I agree with most Hon. Members that we approve it.

Otherwise, it should also go in record that when such a motion is brought before the House, before it is tabled, I want to beseech the Leader of Majority to itemize the core areas these monies are to tackle. As the Chairperson in charge of a House Committee in charge of overseeing the payroll, I want to believe that if it is a matter of salary payment, then Kshs 700 million requested is way too much. This is because; the main thing is about salary. Our salary per month for the staff of this county is about Kshs 400 million which is sufficient enough to take care of all Statutory Deductions and even the pending loans for those members.

Now when we talk of Kshs700 million, it is way too much above the Kshs 400,000,000. So I believe that, the leadership or the Leader of the Majority should have indicated that above payment of salary, these are the monies could be doing this and doing that. This is because, when we just pass it as blanket Kshs700 million, then we are giving blank check, which will the Committee in which Honourable Ouko, the Chairperson Public Investments and Accounts give us hard time to explain the very things approved by this House, much later. This is because, it will come back to this House that, it is you who approved the Kshs700 million. What did the Kshs 300 Million do? We will have to oversight. Why can't we just be doing this in a timely manner before we approve such? if we had enough time, then I believe that, this kind of request should have been done to the County Executive to itemize the key areas they want the money for.

Secondly, which is of concern to Honourable Odari? Mr. Speaker, when you have debt and the person who lent money to you comes to your house and you believe that you are about to get some money, it is my considered opinion that, the best way of cooling the temperature is by giving promise based on expectation. Like right now, I believe the motion is going to be passed. The next step is for the County Executive is to approach the bank, which I believe they have done. So, by indicating that the money will be paid on Thursday, 04<sup>th</sup> September, 2025, I do not believe that, it is wrong because the Assembly and Executive works together. The people whose salary have been delayed are majorly from this county. So, it is money going to serve the people of Kisumu County and also will promote their performance. To add to that, we also expect money to be raised by these same workers especially from revenue department.

Our budget in terms of own source revenue is very low. Now, if the morale goes down, it will even deepen. So, it is my belief that, we should just be one, assume the County Executive is the husband and we are the wife so that we be able to feed our children. Whatever the husband

proposes, so long as it is the interest of the children, as the mothers, we need to support. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I support the motion with the advice for the future lending. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): Yes, the Honourable Okoyo.

**Hon. Okoyo** (MCA, Central Kisumu): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support the motion. The staffs of Kisumu County Government are; our brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers and we do feel for them if indeed they have not received their salary like I heard for two months.

Mr. Speaker, it is very sad that we are discussing this at a time when I cannot just understand when the County Executive realizes that the staff of Kisumu County Government have gone without salary. We understand that it is true that it is a time for the students to go back to school and other bills to be paid, Mr. Speaker. However, allow me to wonder the synergy I am seeing on this matter. I do not know why it cannot be seen in other areas. Mr. Speaker, it is true besides the staff of Kisumu County Government going without salary or any other allowances. But, Mr. Speaker, we need to sympathize with our students who are supposed to be getting their bursaries and allow them to sit in classes. We are not happy as representatives of the people. We were elected and maybe these officers who are in the executive do not feel what we feel because as I always say, many people do not know these officers. We are the only people who can be stopped or asked to answer questions regarding the bursary. So, I would also want the same spirit and energy which is seen in this should also be seen in other areas which are of importance to us. Like any other member who has stood up to support, but I want to say, I wonder and we need to be told categorical, step by step, how this loan which we are going to pass is going to be given to the executive and how it is going to be paid. But, are we also going to be told how every shilling spent so that we also wash our hands because definitely the back will stop with us when the public will be asking; you are the people who approved this and we may even explain how the money was spent. So, I support but we need more questions to be answered. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**The Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion and I also thank the Honourable members who have already contributed positively. However, we must realize that this motion is here to cure the shortfall or the problems that is affecting our staff at the County Government and by extension, our people. 80% of the workers in this county are from various wards here. These people elected us to represent them in this House so that whenever they have any pressing issues, we represent their views here and it has come timely for us to play our representative part. Mr. Speaker, it is very sad for a person to work for a certain period having made some budget or borrowed money expecting to be paid, then he/she is not paid in time. Making his borrowing or interest goes up, that again affects the family budget.

Mr. Speaker, again, untimely payment encourages corruption among our staff. For example, the revenue staff. There is no way you would be collecting money and submitting it to the authority and yet you are going home hungry. Even if you are caught, it will be very stupid of the authority to prosecute you, yet it is a person who has failed to pay you in time. So I think what has been brought here is to cure this menace. The borrowing here, Mr. Speaker, it is not for this period. Already what Odari was trying to read has already been sorted out because they have written and have borrowed. What we are curing is future repeat of such things, so that whenever there is delay, we are giving them authority to borrow and cure the payment delay. What I would caution the executive is to lift the spirit of most of the staff.

I know that quite a number of the staff are very dedicated and working tirelessly to achieve what they are supposed to achieve but, there are some staff who are not actually doing what is expected of them therefore demoralizing the ones who are doing the right thing. I therefore support this timely intervention. It is for future borrowing.

However, the concern of the Honourable Chairperson and Okoyo is very valid because if you give a blank check, you may not know. Therefore, we should know or we should ensure that this information is given to us; either as leadership or as a House. How, when and why the borrowing is being done as well as how much. That is because as Hon. Chairperson has said Kshs 700 million is way ahead of what the salary requirement is. We as leadership, we will follow up and know exactly item by item by what is supposed to be. It is not casted on stone. In case we realize that it is not Kshs700 million but it 300 or 400 or even 500, we will ensure that they do not go beyond what is required. It is your role and it is also our role as well. If you listen carefully, the paragraph that the Leader of Majority read, that borrowing be utilized strictly for the purpose of mitigating the cash flow. It is you to ensure that that borrowing is utilized appropriately. We should not leave that responsibility to the executive. It is where you come in as overseeing authority. In a case whereby it is not properly utilized move in very fast and point out what is wrong and what is right, these things are not cast on stone. Mr. Speaker, I rest my case and once again, I support the motion. Thank you.

*Hon. Ochele stood on his feet*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Ochele, you have just contributed.

**Hon. Ochele** (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi Ward): I am standing on a point of information.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): Whom do you want to inform the Hon. Member? Is it so burning?

**Hon. Ochele** (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi Ward): Yes.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): Proceed, Hon. Member and be brief.

**Hon. Ochele** (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to inform the House based on the reference I have just made through the records I have. Mr. Speaker, if the arrears are for two months, then I want to believe that 700 is very much in order.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I so well remember that you are very good at Mathematics, more than Kiswahili.

*Hon. Oiko stood at his place*

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): First, allow me to make a ruling on this one. Hon. Member, I knew you just like I was saying, you are very good in Mathematics, more than Kiswahili. I was wondering too because the delay is for two months and you mentioned Kshs 400Million having been enough for one month and for two months, I think 400 times two is 700 is even less. But I think that clarification is so clear. So, what is it, the Honorable Member for Kabonyo Kanyagwal?

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Hon. Speaker, for points of fact, the Leader of Majority who happens to be the owner of this report has not given us optimized figures and other Hon. Members are now coming up with their figures, Hon. Speaker. We shall get more confused. That is why I referred in my statement, is it for net salary or gross salary? And what are these other cash flow problems they are going to address?

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Member, you would have allowed the Hon. Leader of Majority to reply. Because I think the only reason you are raising those concerns is so that when he will be replying, then he can capture some of those. That is when you now make a decision when it comes to voting. But when you want that information before he replies, then sometimes it beats the logic why you are asking them. I believe you stand guided, Hon. Member for Kabonyo Kanyagwal. It seems all members have exhausted the debate and I want to request a member to call the mover to reply. A member who had not contributed, not the Hon. Anne Ochola. A member who had not contributed to call the mover to reply.

**Hon. Onditi** (MCA, Ombeyi Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been asked to call the mover to reply. Judging from the mood of the House, may I call the Speaker to reply, Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): Honorable Member!

**Hon. Onditi** (MCA, Ombeyi Ward): May I call the mover to reply? Thank you.

*Laughter*

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

**Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members. I want to thank the Members for supporting this motion and from my observation, all members are supporting this motion except a few with reservations that I want to start to address. Hon. Bill Oliver, Hon. Odari, Honourable. Samuel Onyango and Honourable Oiko Pete mentioned something touching on the behavior of the employees from the Executive. That some of the officers, when they are invited to our committees, they fail to attend. On this, I want to remind members that in your Standing Orders you have the procedure. If a member of the Executive or any staff or any officer fails to attend, you have the procedures including summoning the members. So the opportunity is with you, unless we are not aware of our duties including reprimanding these officers when they fail to attend. So let us go back to our Standing Orders and follow the procedure on making sure that any officer that is invited to attend do so.

Honourable Samuel Onyango, this borrowing is to address very clearly some recurrent cash flow problems so it cannot address the bursary. I also want to request that just in any case, members approve this motion. When we have committees concerned, we have the finance committee because this is touching on finance. We also have the Implementation committee in the House. The Chairperson is here. So it is upon them to take up this matter when we finish with it. Hon. Chairperson, I listened to Honourable Ratib speaking fluent Kiswahili and I agree with him that this motion is procedural according to Article 212 of the Constitution read together with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act. It gives a county government an opportunity to borrow if the national government guarantees the loan with the approval of the assembly of which we are doing. So it is something that is procedural.

Honourable Oiko Pete, I agree with you. Those other words that you are talking about. You are just decorating your statement, but from the bottom of your heart you support the motion and I thank you so much.

Honourable Ajumbo, talked about prompt payment of salaries. It is necessary. That is when employees get motivated for them to work. Just like in this Assembly, It is not different, I am aware that we have been paid our salaries. And remember, the disbursement that comes from the National Treasury is for both the Assembly and the Executive. But we are also on the same process.

We also approved for the County Assembly Service Board to borrow money when there are delays. And I want to remind members that, it is not that we do not have money as a county. We have money lying in the coffers of the County Treasury. But we are talking about to cure the delay. Like now we have the delay because of the system changes occasioned by the National Treasury and the Central Bank, which is causing the delay. So we might have such cases in the future. That is what we are trying to address as a House. So that, when in any month we have delays, we express delay as a county, the County Executive is capable of borrowing to address salary issues.

Mr. Speaker, it is not only the salary. If you look at my statement, it clearly states that, to meet Statutory Obligations that includes the timely Payment of Salaries. And I know, Honourable Pete Oiko, is very good in that area. We know these obligations. So when we talk about salary, we talk about our salary as a county which is standing at between Kshs 430,000,000 (Four hundred thirty million) to Kshs 440,000,000 (Four hundred forty million) every month. But we have other obligations, like insurance, Wi-Fi, KRA and others. Therefore, this payment will not only address the issue of Net Salary, but equally, other obligations.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with the sentiments of Honourable Nyaoke and Honourable Anne, stating that what we are doing is very procedural. We have followed the procedure according to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act that allows us to do this.

Mr. Speaker, to Honourable Were, Honourable James Omollo, Honourable Atega, Honourable Rakwach and Honourable Ajumbo talked about prompt payment of salaries as a motivation to work as in any institution.

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Ochele talked about the Kiswahili being his neighbour was speaking, but as a good friend of Honourable Ochele, I want to confirm to this House that Kiswahili is not Ochele's neighbor, Kiswahili is Ochele's enemy. Otherwise, Honourable Speaker, I want to say that I do reply. Thank you very much.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you, Honourable members. A motion was moved for consideration of the Request for Approval for Short-term Borrowing by the County Executive, a motion moved by the Leader of Majority and seconded by the Deputy Whip, debated by the Honourable members, and it is time to propose to put a question for the adoption.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable members, the Motion for consideration of the Request for Approval for Short-term Borrowing by the County

Executive has been adopted today, Wednesday, 03<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2025, at 10:36 hours. Honourable members, I direct that the Vellum for this motion, together with the Hansard Report be prepared forthwith and be forwarded to the County Executive for necessary action. Thank you.

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

## MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF FINANCE AND ICT COMMITTEE SEEKING HOUSE APPROVAL TO DISCONTINUE FURTHER SCRUTINY AND INTERROGATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ALREADY REVIEWED BY THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL AND AUDIT OPINIONS ISSUED.

BY

HONORABLE CARREN OJWANG

[CHAIRPERSON, FINANCE AND ICT]

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, Honourable Carren Ajwang, Chairperson, Finance and ICT.

**Hon. Ajwang'** (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Thank you, Honourable Speaker, for the opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, pursuant to Sections 163(4), 164(4), and 166 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the County Treasury is obligated to prepare and submit Annual and Quarterly Financial Statements for the County Executive and the County Revenue Fund within the prescribed statutory timelines.

Consequently, in compliance with Section 167 & 168 of the PFM Act, 2012, the administrators of Public Funds equally prepared and submitted various Quarterly and Annual Financial Statements to the Assembly for consideration.

In adherence to this legal framework, the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Finance, Economic Planning, and ICT and the administrators of public funds submitted various Quarterly & Annual financial reports to the County Assembly for consideration. Accordingly, these reports were duly tabled and committed to the Sectoral Committee on Finance and ICT for scrutiny, in line with Standing Order No. 193(5) and the Second Schedule.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the Committee has undertaken detailed analysis of the Financial Reports. However, it was observed that some of the annual financial statements have already been reviewed by the Office of the Auditor-General, audit opinions issued and the audited reports subsequently Committed to the County Assembly Select Committee responsible for reviewing audited accounts.

In light of this, and to avoid redundancy and duplication of oversight responsibilities, the Committee now seeks the House's approval to allow it cease further scrutiny of the financial statements already interrogated and audited by the OAG and have since been committed to the PIC/PAC Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to your office and the Office of the Clerk for the logistical support provided throughout the Committee's work. I also extend gratitude to all Committee Members for their commitment and invaluable contributions during our engagements. Special thanks go to the Office of the Fiscal Analyst and the technical staff for their diligent work in interpreting and synthesizing the financial information, offering deeper insights into the statements. Additionally, I acknowledge the Secretariat for their meticulous coordination and production of this comprehensive report.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, it is now my privilege to present this report for the House's consideration and approval

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, this report is prepared by the Finance and ICT Committee of the Kisumu County Assembly in accordance with its mandate.

#### Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the Sectoral Committee on Finance and ICT is established under Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 193 and is required to;

- i. Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operation and estimates of the assigned departments;
- ii. Study the Program and policy objectives of departments and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- iii. Study and review all the County legislation referred to it;
- iv. Study, access and analyze the relative success of the departments as measures by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- v. Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;

- i. To vet and report all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order No. 187 (Committee on Appointments).
- ii. Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

#### Mandate of the Committee

In accordance with the second schedule of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider;

All matters relating to Finance, Financial Statements, all matters of Tax Estimates, monitor the spread and enhanced use of ICT in the County Government to Increase transparency and accountability.

#### Committee Membership

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the sectoral committee on Finance and ICT is composed of the following members and Secretariat;

#### Committee Members

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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. Benson Adega    | - | Member           |
| 6. Hon. Gard Olima      | - | Member           |
| 7. Hon. George Abaja    | - | Member           |
| 8. Pete Oiko            | - | Member           |
| 9. Ratib Boitone        | - | Member           |

#### Committee Secretariat

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| 1. Edwin Omollo     | - | Committee Clerk         |
| 2. Kephias Onoka    | - | Fiscal Analyst          |
| 3. Mollen Achayo    | - | Fiscal Analyst          |
| 4. Zablon Otiende   | - | Senior Hansard Reporter |
| 5. Abraham Odegi    | - | Sergeant-at-Arm         |
| 6. Calvins Odhiambo | - | Secretariat             |

### Committee Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the Committee dedicated significant time and effort towards the review of these Annual Reports and Financial Statements. A total of five (5) meetings were held where members deliberated, interrogated, and scrutinized the Accounts.

### Terms of Reference by the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, to critically review these Financial Statements, the Committee derived the following terms of references;

- i. Assessed the extent of compliance to various legal frameworks underpinning the preparation and submission of the Financial Statements.
- ii. Establish the Status of the report before the OAG & PIC/PAC to avoid duplication of roles.
- iii. Identify any significant details or information in the reports that may be of material importance to this Honorable House.

### Background & Rationale

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the constitutional and statutory mandate to audit and issue opinions on County Government Financial Statements lies with the Office of the Auditor-General (Article 229 of the Constitution and Section 107(2)(c) of the PFM Act, 2012).

Once audit reports are submitted to the County Assembly, it becomes the responsibility of the Public Investments Committee (PIC) & Public Accounts Committee (PAC) & to review and report on the findings, observations, and recommendations as stipulated in our standing orders and other relevant legislations.

As such continued interrogation of the financial statements by the Finance Committee yet they have already been reviewed by the OAG and consequently committed to the PIC/PAC Committee would therefore result in;

- a) Duplication of oversight efforts;
- b) Inefficient use of legislative time and resources;
- c) Potential conflict in oversight roles between Monitoring and Evaluation as discharged by the Sectoral committee and the Watchdog committee respectively.

### Committee Observations, Findings & Recommendations

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the County Assembly had previously committed several Annual Financial Statements submitted by the County Treasury and other County Government entities to the Sectoral Committee of Finance and ICT for various financial years for purposes of scrutiny and interrogation.

However, the Committee has established that the OAG has reviewed these Financial Statements pursuant to its mandate and issued audit opinions. Consequently, the audited accounts have been tabled in this Assembly and committed to the Select Committee responsible for interrogating audited accounts.

It is in this regard; that the Committee has prepared this report to seek the House's approval to allow it cease further scrutiny of these financial statements to avoid redundancy and duplication of oversight responsibility. A detailed matrix of the affected reports, dates of committal, OAG status, Committee observations, and recommended is presented below;

**LIST OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ALREADY REVIEWED BY THE OAG AND QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS**

S/N	ANNUAL REPORTS	DATE OF COMMITAL	STATUS BEFORE OAG	COMMITTEE OBSERVATION & FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATIONS
1	Report on consideration of the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Jaramogi Oginga Odinda Teaching and Referral Hospital (Level 5) for the year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023	15/11/2023	Reviewed and audit opinion issued	The Financial Statement was committed to the Committee when the entity had already forwarded the reports to the office of the OAG for review pursuant to Section 167 (4) of the PFM ACT, 2012 mandating accounting officers to submit their Financial Statements to OAG within 3 months after the end of each Financial Year	-PIC/PAC Committee has reviewed and considered the Audited Report of the entity for this period and caused a report to the House in line with its mandate
2.	Report on Consideration of the Kisumu County Education Fund Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024	2/10/2024	Reviewed and audit opinion issued	The Financial Statement was committed to the Committee when the Administrator of the Fund had already forwarded the reports to the office of the OAG for review pursuant to Section 167 (4) of the PFM	-PIC/PAC Committee has reviewed and considered the Audited Report of the Fund for this period and caused a report to the House in line with its mandate

				ACT, 2012 mandating administrators of public funds to submit their Financial Statements to OAG within 3 months after the end of each Financial Year	
3.	Report on consideration of Kisumu City – Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024 for Kisumu Urban Project (KUP) – AFD Credit No. CKE 1035 OLG	9/10/2024	Reviewed and audit opinion issued	The Financial Statement was committed to the Committee when the entity had already forwarded the reports to the office of the OAG for review pursuant to Section 164 (4) of the PFM ACT, 2012 mandating accounting officers to submit their Financial Statements to OAG within 3 months after the end of each Financial Year	PIC/PAC Committee has reviewed and considered the Audited Report of the Fund for this period and caused a report to the House in line with its mandate
4.	Report on the consideration of the Kisumu County Emergency Fund Account - Annual Report and Financial Statements for the FY 2023/2024	9/10/2024	Reviewed and audit opinion issued	The Financial Statement was committed to the Committee when the Administrator of the Fund had already forwarded the reports to the office of the OAG for review pursuant to Section 167 (4) of the PFM ACT, 2012 mandating administrators of public funds to submit their Financial Statements to OAG within 3 months after the end of each Financial Year	-PIC/PAC Committee has reviewed and considered the Audited Report of the fund for this period and caused a report to the House in line with its mandate
5.	Report on the	9/10/2024	Reviewed	The Financial	-PIC/PAC Committee

	consideration of the Kisumu County Revenue Fund - Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024		and audit opinion issued	Statement was committed to the Committee when the Administrator of the fund had already forwarded the reports to the office of the OAG for review pursuant to Section 167 (4) of the PFM ACT, 2012 mandating administrators of public funds to submit their Financial Statements to OAG within 3 months after the end of each Financial Year	to review and consider the Audited Report of the fund for this period and cause a report to the House in line with its mandate
6.	Report on the consideration of the Kisumu County Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme- Annual Report and Financial Statements for the FY 2023/2024	9/10/2024	Reviewed and audit opinion issued	The Financial Statement was committed to the Committee when the administrator of the fund had already forwarded the reports to the office of the OAG for review pursuant to Section 167 (4) of the PFM ACT, 2012 mandating administrators of public funds to submit their Financial Statements to OAG within 3 months after the end of each Financial Year	- PIC/PAC Committee has reviewed and considered the Audited Report of the fund for this period and caused a report to the House in line with its mandate
7.	Report on the consideration of the Kisumu County Executive Annual Report and Financial Statements for	9/10/2024	Reviewed and audit opinion issued	The Financial Statement was committed to the Committee when the entity had already forwarded the reports to the office of the OAG for review	-PIC/PAC Committee to review and consider the Audited Reports of the entity for this period and cause a report to the House pursuant to its

	the FY 2023/2024			pursuant to Section 164 (4) of the PFM ACT, 2012 mandating accounting officers to submit their Financial Statements to OAG within 3 months after the end of each Financial Year	mandate
8.	Report on the consideration of the City of Kisumu Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024	9/10/2024	Reviewed and audit opinion issued	The Financial Statement was committed to the Committee when the entity had already forwarded the reports to the office of the OAG for review pursuant to Section 164 (4) of the PFM ACT, 2012 mandating accounting officers to submit their Financial Statements to OAG within 3 months after the end of each Financial Year	- PIC/PAC Committee has reviewed and considered the Audited Report of the entity for this period and caused a report to the House in line with its mandate
9.	Report on the consideration of the Kisumu County Climate Change Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024	9/10/2024	Reviewed and audit opinion issued	The Financial Statement was committed to the Committee when the administrator of the fund had already forwarded the reports to the office of the OAG for review pursuant to Section 167 (4) of the PFM ACT, 2012 mandating administrators of public funds to submit their Financial Statements to OAG within 3 months after the end of each Financial Year	- PIC/PAC Committee has reviewed and considered the Audited Report of the Fund for this period and caused a report to the House in line with its mandate

10.	Report on consideration of Kisumu County Education Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2023	24/4/2024	OAG has reviewed and given an audit opinion on annual Financial Statements for the fund	Review of the midterm Report and Financial Statements to monitor the fund's performance would add no value since the Fund's Annual Accounts have already been evaluated by OAG	- PIC/PAC Committee to review and consider the Audited Report of the Fund for this period and cause a report to the House pursuant to its mandate
11.	Report on the consideration of the Kisumu County Revenue Board's (CRB) Annual Financial Statements and receiver of revenue report for the period ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024	6/11/2024	Reviewed and audit opinion issued	The Financial Statement was committed to the Committee when the entity had already forwarded the reports to the office of the OAG for review pursuant to Section 164 (4) & 165 (3) of the PFM ACT, 2012 mandating accounting officers to submit their Financial Statements to OAG within 3 months after the end of each Financial Year	-PIC/PAC Committee to review and consider the Audited Reports of the entity for this period and cause a report to the House pursuant to its mandate
12.	Report on the consideration of the Revenue statements for the County Government of Kisumu's Receiver of revenue for the financial year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024	6/11/2024	Reviewed and audit opinion issued	The Financial Statement was committed to the Committee when the entity had already forwarded the reports to the office of the OAG for review pursuant to Section 165 (3) of the PFM ACT, 2012 mandating receiver of revenue to submit their Financial Statements of the revenues collected, received or recovered	-PIC/PAC Committee to review and consider the Audited Reports of the County Receiver of Revenue for the period and cause a report to the House pursuant to its mandate

				to OAG within 3 months after the end of each Financial Year	
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### Recommendation

The Committee therefore recommends:

THAT, this Honorable House resolves to allow the Committee on Finance and ICT to cease further scrutiny and interrogation of the above listed Annual Financial Statements, which were committed to it but have since been reviewed by the Office of the Auditor-General, audit opinions issued, and reports tabled in this House and committed to PIC/PAC Committee.

### Conclusion

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the Committee remains committed to discharging its oversight mandate effectively and efficiently within the framework of the law and the Standing Orders of the County Assembly. I hereby urge the Hon. Members to adopt this report with the recommendations contained herein. May I call upon Honourable Ratib Boitone to second.

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

**Hon. Ratib** (MCA, Nyalenda “A”): Thank you Mr. Speaker, this is a very straightforward report that has been brought to the floor of this House. It is quite evident that the 12 financial statements that were committed to this House Committee had already been reviewed by the Auditor General, committed to the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts (PIC PAC).

Mr. Speaker, the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts did interrogate these reports and brought them to House, which of course were adopted and forwarded to the relevant authorities. It means that the Departmental Committee of Finance and ICT now need not to duplicate the work that had already been done by the Auditor General and committed to the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts. So, Mr. Speaker, it is quite in order that the House adopt this report and this House Committee be further barred from working on the report that had already been worked on by the mentioned authorities. Mr. Speaker, thank you and I second.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you. Honourable members, the Motion on the report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT seeking the

approval of this House to discontinue further scrutiny and interrogation of Annual Financial Statements already reviewed by the office of the Auditor General and Audit Opinions issued.

A Motion moved by the Honourable Chairperson Carren Odhiambo and seconded by the Honourable member representing Nyalenda “A”, the Honourable Boitone. And I propose to put a question that we open this motion for debate.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honourable Reuben Rakwach.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East): Thank you Mr. Speaker for recognizing me and giving me the first opportunity to talk about this report. Honourable Speaker, may I make it clear that I want to oppose this report. And I am going to give reasons. Honourable Speaker, these committees have their mandates and we are supposed to discharge our mandates on a timely basis. Honourable Speaker, if you look at the table, you will realize that the report number one is for the year ended 30th of June, 2023 and the report was committed to this House Committee on 15th of November.

Honourable Speaker, the second report is a report for the year ended 30th of June, 2024. And it was equally committed to this House Committee on 02<sup>nd</sup> of October. That is three months after the expiry of that financial year. And according to the Public Finance Management Act, the Auditor General Office should be finished with this report within three years of the expiry of the financial year. Within three months, I mean, of the expiry of the financial, if it is an Annual Financial Statement, which I believe all these that are tabulated here are annual financial statements.

So, this implies that, by the time they came to the Assembly that is when the Auditor General Office was finished with the same. And that same PFM Act states that the Office of the Auditor General should submit the same to the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts within six months. And if the financial year ends on 30th of June, then six months after 30th of June should be 30th of December. By then, Mr. Speaker, this House is on recess. So, there is no report which can be tabled here, Honourable Speaker since we resumes normally in February.

Therefore, this implies that, these reports that were committed to the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts in the month of February the following year. And while they had been committed to this Committee on Finance in October, what were the Members of this House Committee doing with these reports or these statements? Between October until the following year, February, when they were being committed to the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts. They are reporting that

the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts has already reviewed the reports and read them in this Assembly, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, for the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts to get these reports, work on them and bring them here, it also takes time, maybe a month, two or three months. Honourable Speaker, this House Committee has not even decried lack of support to their committee, which may hinder their performance.

Honourable Speaker, in their own statement, they have said, I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the Office of the Clerk for the logistical support provided throughout the committee's work, and I also extend gratitude to all committee members for their commitment and invaluable contributions during our engagements. Note: Invaluable contributions. What do they have to show for their invaluable contributions, Honourable Speaker? Only to come here and inform this House that, we should now do what? Approve that they cease to work on these reports. That is the invaluable contribution by the members. And these are people who have even appreciated the Office of the Clerk for the tremendous support.

Honourable Speaker, they have even gone further to say that special thanks, very special thanks, Honourable Speaker, not just ordinary thanks, which goes to the Office of the Fiscal Analyst and the technical staff. The staff were very technical in their diligent work in interpreting and synthesizing the financial information, Honourable Speaker, offering insights into the statements, Honourable Speaker.

Honourable Speaker, this is the time we should take our work in our committees very seriously, Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, the committee Chairperson should not implore members to approve the seizure of this committee in considering this statement.

You should just request this Honourable House to dissolve this committee, Honourable Speaker. Reason being, this assembly can't exist without this committee. This is what is being reported here and it is manifested well because the PIC PAC committee is enough with the Office of Auditor General to review everything, Honourable Speaker. This is what is being reported in this house today, Honourable Speaker.

Honourable Speaker, even the functions or the roles of this House Committee, they have gone ahead to put them here in black and white. And the contributions or the work of a House Committee can only be measured by the reports that it brings to the what? To the assembly. Now you see the kind of report which is being given here and the role of this House Committee, Honourable Speaker. Is it discharging its role to investigate? Those are the roles that I see here. What have they investigated? They have only investigated to find out that the Auditor General

had already done what? Reviewed and given an opinion and Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts had already worked on the report and brought it before the Assembly.

What were they doing? If the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts was given these reports around six months after the Departmental Committee of Finance and Ict had been given the report and the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts has brought theirs, then what do they have to show today? It is this motion that is being read, Honourable Speaker.

Honourable Speaker, I implore all the members to reject this report and possibly dissolve this House Committee so that we give new membership to this House Committee who can discharge the duties and roles that are bestowed upon this House Committee so that we proceed with our oversight role, Honourable Speaker. I thank you and I oppose this report. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, Honourable Tom Nyaoke.

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must appreciate my former able Chairperson. Mr. Speaker, it should be on record that I also was once a member of the said House Committee, so I may be privy to some the information. Mr. Speaker, the report which has just been read by the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT is a very important report.

Mr. Speaker, the gist of this report is found in Chapter 2. Mr. Speaker, I want to actually draw the attention of my fellow members to the very Chapter 2 of the report, which is self-explanatory. Mr. Speaker, the constitutional and statutory mandate to audit and issue opinions on county government financial statements lies with the Office of the Auditor General, which is found in Article 229 of the Constitution and Section 107(2) (c) of the PFM Act. Mr. Speaker, it is not that they cannot... There is a vast of issues that the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT can deal with profoundly, not necessarily on audit issues, Mr. Speaker.

This is the information and this is the report that they are requesting us to adopt so that they exempt themselves from repeating what has been done by the two bodies as stipulated in the Constitution and the PFM Act, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there is no need to concentrate that same House Committee with issues of audit and so on and so forth, and yet they still also have a vast of issues that they are supposed to deal with in this House, Mr. Speaker. Ideally, we have got the Select committee on Public Investments and Accounts and the office of the Auditor General. These two bodies are sufficient enough to have

or to hold queries that can be from any other department, Mr. Speaker, satisfactorily. And that is what has taken place.

Mr. Speaker, the short time I also was in the very House Committee, I did see that practically, that we were trying to handle things and issues that had already been exhausted by Auditor General subsequently and the House Committee on Public Investments and Accounts.

Mr. Speaker, it is the only way to come out of this. In fact, we must agree with this House Committee that, they have examined themselves, they have gone through exactly what they are supposed to do, they have gone through their objectives and mandate as given in the relevant sections, be it the Standing Orders and other relevant legal statues, Mr. Speaker. This House Committee has realized that, there is no need to cause a lot of costs to this particular House and indeed to the entire Kisumu County by dwelling on issues that are supposed to be dealt with, some other bodies as have been indicated here.

So, Mr. Speaker, I support the adoption of this report as an appropriate and with AN. It is an appropriate report that I will request my fellow members to support. Indeed, I have also listened carefully to the submission of my able friend, Chairperson, for Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works

Mr. Speaker, it is my opinion that the member missed the point as to why this report was being tabled in this House, Mr. Speaker. It is in uttermost good faith that this House Committee simply does not want to dwell on other issues that have already been executed by other arms and other committees, Mr. Speaker. I beg to support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honourable Member for Central Seme. The Honourable Mildred Ajumbo.

**Hon. Ajumbo** (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Bill is thinking that you have favored me because we come from the same Sub-county. Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT on seeking the approval of the House to discontinue the scrutiny of the financial statements. Mr. Speaker, I just want to read the mandate of this House Committee.

Mr. Speaker, in summary, the mandate of this House Committee is to;

- (a) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;

- (b) study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- (c) study and review all County legislation referred to it;
- (d) study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- (e) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
- (f) to vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 185 (*Committee on Appointments*) ; and
- (g) make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

In line with what Honourable Rakwach said, Mr. Speaker, it's not that this House Committee is running away from the responsibility that their work is to scrutinize the financial statement. But, Mr. Speaker, if I can take you back to some time in last year, this Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT had a lot of issues and a lot of problems in the composition of members.

Mr. Speaker, in most times when they called for meetings, the Chairperson would be alone in the meeting. And that is the time that several reports were committed and this House Committee would not sit because the membership were actually lazy or they were not reporting to work.

Mr. Speaker, in that period, this House Committee had 12 reports that were committed and they were supposed to have brought to this Assembly. However, because of the issues they had as a House Committee, Mr. Speaker, they were not able to bring the reports and it was overtaken by time. The Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts decided to sit day and night to do the reports. And that is how this House Committee ended up with these 12 reports that were unprocessed.

So, this House Committee is not saying they are not going to do their work. The committee is requesting this House that they should not scrutinize these 12 reports that they have brought to this House. But the way Honourable Rakwach is putting it, that this House Committee has decided to give their work to the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts and should be dissolved, Mr. Speaker, that's misleading this House. This committee is only asking...

*(Hon. Rakwach interjects with a Point of Order)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): What is your Point of Order Honourable member?

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East): Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the House.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable member, then please allow the Honourable member to conclude, then, I will give you time to inform the House.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East): Honourable Speaker, it is urgent. Kindly. This is because my name is being mentioned adversely.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): So you want to inform the House that your name is being mentioned adversely?

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East): Yeah, Honourable Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Then just wait. The Honourable member will finish the submission, then you inform the House. Proceed, Honourable Member, for Central Seme.

**Hon. Ajumbo** (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you. Mr. Speaker, my attention is brought to the discontinuing of further scrutiny. We, as the House Committee, did not say that this House Committee should stop interrogating financial statements. What this House Committee meant, they highlighted the 12 reports that were brought, and because of the composition of the numbers and the issues they have, they were not able to have done those reports. That's why the House Committee on Public Investments and Accounts went ahead, brought the reports to the House seeking approval to discontinue interrogating them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the Members to support this report so that this House Committee should not continue scrutinizing the 12 reports that have already been done by the House Committee on Public Investments and Accounts. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Honourable Rakwach, I promise to give you the chance so that you can inform the House.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East): Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I see Honourable members are referring to my submissions about this. It is not in bad faith, but to me, I feel as if at all, even if these statements are not reviewed by this House Committee, life can still continue.

Then there is no need of committing these financial statements to this House Committee, Honourable Speaker. This is because now, they are requesting so that they are allowed not to work on them, and nothing has gone wrong. So, it means that, this House Committee, even if it is in its absence here, life can still go on and the House Committee on Public Investments and Accounts can just do its work with the assistance of the Office of the Auditor General.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Thank you.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East): Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, at the same time, the time is...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you, Honourable Member. Order !! Honourable member. I will not allow you to contribute using another channel or point of information. Let me just provide some clarification regarding why financial statements are brought before the Assembly — and I believe you already have a good understanding of this. Honourable members, these financial statements are prepared on a quarterly basis, and then at the end of the financial year, a comprehensive annual statement is presented. It is our collective responsibility to review these statements to assess how various accounts are performing in terms of expenditure. They are not brought here merely as a formality.

The Auditor General later evaluates the performance and highlights any irregularities or questionable issues within these statements. However, the purpose of reviewing quarterly statements is to help us improve financial management and expenditure practices throughout the year, minimizing the risk of errors. That's why it's important for the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT to thoroughly examine them. As for this particular case, I believe it's up to the members to make that decision.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, Honourable Bill Odhiambo.

**Hon. Bill** (MCA, Kobura): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the submission made by the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT, though I do so with some reservations.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that the Chairperson read the report thoroughly, allowing all members the opportunity to engage meaningfully with its contents. However, from the report presented, it is evident that the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT needs to improve its performance. It does not make economic sense for this House Committee to delay their work, only for another House Committee to step in and do it instead. This kind of duplication wastes time and resources.

While I support the report — and I emphasize this support despite my reservations — I do so because we must be mindful of the limited resources available not just in this county, but across the country. When we identify areas where responsibilities are overlapping or duplicated, it becomes our duty, as members, to act wisely and avoid unnecessary expenditure.

Mr. Speaker, we already have reports from Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts and that of the Auditor General. It does not make financial or logical sense to go back and commission similar reports through the House Committee on Finance and ICT. That said and done, this situation should serve as an eye-opener. House Committees that work closely together need to coordinate better. There must be clarity on which steps to take and when, to avoid presenting reports to this House that have already been addressed.

Mr. Speaker, this situation highlights the need for urgent reforms within the House Committee on Finance and ICT. If the workload is overwhelming, they should consider dividing themselves into smaller working groups to handle reports more efficiently and on time. While we recognize the critical role played by the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts, the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT is equally important. We cannot afford for it to lag behind.

So, as I support this report, I also urge the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT to step up and improve. We must be conscious of what is captured in the Hansard, because that is what reaches the public — and currently, it does not reflect well on this House. I therefore encourage greater collaboration between the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT and the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts, so that House Committee on Finance can produce and table their reports in a timely manner — ideally even before the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts. I support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Honourable Ouko.

**Hon. Ouko Kennedy** (MCA, West Kisumu): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to speak — both as a member of the County Assembly representing West Kisumu Ward, and in my capacity as the Chairperson, Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts.

Mr. Speaker, I rise not to criticize or undermine any House Committee, but rather to offer constructive remarks that I hope will be taken positively, so that we can collectively improve the way we function. We in the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts do not claim to be superior to any other House Committee. Like others, we are doing our best and facing our

own challenges. In fact, if we were to be objectively assessed, we might find ourselves falling short compared to counties like Busia, particularly in terms of our oversight responsibilities. There is still much we can learn from them.

Mr. Speaker, the Quarterly Financial Reports are extremely important. They provide valuable insights and allow for early identification and correction of issues before the next quarter begins. These reports form a crucial part of the oversight role of the House Committee on Finance and ICT. If this House Committee fails to properly handle the First Quarter, it becomes even more difficult to manage the Second and Third Quarters effectively.

From where I stand, I see the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts as somewhat of a subsidiary to the House Committee on Finance and ICT. Everything begins with the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT — they handle the initial reports, which are then forwarded to the Auditor General, and subsequently, they come to the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts for scrutiny. So it's clear that each House Committee has a distinct and critical role and responsibility in the oversight process.

Mr. Speaker, if a House Committee feels overwhelmed by its workload, that's understandable — but it must also be addressed. The Assembly allocated operational resources to each House Committee with the expectation that they would fulfil their mandate. If, as has been stated today, the House Committee on Finance and ICT is indeed overwhelmed and is now depending on another House Committee's report to justify its position, I believe this House needs to intervene.

Mr. Speaker, with this in mind, I respectfully request your consideration: that part of the budget apportioned to the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT be redirected to the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts, since it is now taking on a heavier role. It is only fair and logical, given the circumstances.

Additionally, I wish to point out that some of the challenges the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT faces may stem not from the Chairperson, but from issues within the Secretariat. Having previously served in that House Committee, I understand that the responsibility of drafting reports doesn't rest with the Chairperson alone. If the Secretariat is not functioning efficiently, it impedes the work of the entire House Committee.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, if the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT has openly acknowledged being overwhelmed, then let us take that into account seriously. Let us find ways to strengthen both these House Committees so we can better serve the people of this county. I trust that the House will provide the necessary guidance and support moving forward. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, Honourable Oiko Pete.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, it is encouraging to hear our fellow members contributing with facts and thoughtful insights. For instance, when the Chairperson, Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts referenced Busia County as an example worth emulating, that was a constructive contribution — and I hope it is taken seriously.

Mr. Speaker, benchmarking with other counties that are performing well, such as Busia, is something we should actively pursue. Let us aim not only to meet their standards but to surpass them. It is also important that our clerks are present and attentive during such sessions so that they can capture and act upon some of these valuable recommendations made on the floor — like the suggestion to benchmark with Busia County. Let us not take such proposals lightly; we have much to learn.

Mr. Speaker, we are aware that sometimes political sentiments may influence our discussions — and that is something we have learned to navigate. However, let me emphasize a critical distinction: the roles of the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT with that of Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts are clearly defined.

Mr. Speaker, the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT reviews raw financial reports from the Executive. While, the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts deals with audited, professional reports from the Office of the Auditor General.

Mr. Speaker, these roles should not be confused. According to the Constitution — and specifically what is outlined in Chapter Two — once a professional, audited report has been brought before this Assembly and considered by the plenary, we are no longer obligated to go back to the raw reports from the County Executive. The Constitution is clear on this matter.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT is not necessarily in the wrong. Their actions are guided by constitutional provisions. However, we do acknowledge issues around timing and membership — and these are administrative challenges. I trust that your office will take note of the concerns raised, particularly on delays and committee participation, and act accordingly.

Mr. Speaker, I also appreciate your efforts in appointing the current Chairperson. Now, it's upon the members of this House Committee to change their attitude and take their roles more seriously. They must rise to the occasion and pull their socks.

Mr. Speaker, as far as the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT is concerned, they have come before this House not to cover up their shortcomings, but to explain. They have admitted that due to time constraints, they were not able to consider the Executive's raw reports before the Auditor General's audited reports were tabled, discussed, and approved by this Assembly.

In fact, the Office of the Auditor General has become more efficient in recent years — delivering reports promptly. This has shifted the pace of accountability, and House Committees must now adapt to this improved timeliness. So, Mr. Speaker, our message today is simple: the Assembly has already done its job. The reports were received, reviewed by plenary, and resolutions passed. The Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT cannot revisit what has already been conclusively dealt with by this House. Our current role is simply to acknowledge that the oversight process has worked.

Mr. Speaker, as we move forward, let us follow due process. There is no need to revisit raw reports that have already been overtaken by events. What we now ask from this House is the formal endorsement to proceed accordingly.

Today, four new reports were presented and committed to the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT. Let that be the starting point for a fresh chapter — one where we will monitor the Committee's performance closely and consistently. Mr. Speaker, I also appreciate that you have called out specific issues and pointed out areas for improvement — please continue in that direction. The Chairperson, too, must be firm with the committee membership.

With those few remarks, Mr. Speaker, I submit my contribution — and from the tone and substance of today's debate, I believe members are fully aware of the direction this matter should take. I so submit.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you Honourable Pete but I have had a challenge with your contribution since you neither support nor oppose and that has been a concern to me as the Speaker. That is basic debate principle right from the primary level. As you stand, it is my belief that, this House needs to know, as we are going forward, where is my friend Honourable Pete. So, just make it a practice to let others know that you are not just contributing. Thank you so much, Honourable Member. Thank you so much.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, Honourable James Were.

**Hon. Were** (MCA, Nyalenda B): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to call the mover to reply.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honourable Carren Ajwang', Chairperson, Finance and ICT

**Hon. Carren** (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Thank you Honourable Speaker, for granting me this opportunity. Honourable Speaker, I wish to sincerely thank all the members who have contributed to this debate in support of the report before us. Honourable Rakwach, however, opposed the report, arguing that our committee is not serious and should be disbanded.

Honourable Speaker, I want to state categorically that sometimes we should not wash our dirty linen in public. This House Committee indeed experienced challenges at a certain point when these reports were referred to us. We lacked fully committed members, and our secretariat was not adequately effective. I raised this matter with the Office of the Clerk, the Office of the Speaker, and the House Committee on Liaison, and I am grateful that action was taken.

Honourable Speaker, the members of the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT you see debating today and those who signed the reports are new members, appointed after realignment. I thank the Honourable Ooko, Chairperson, Selection Committee, for ensuring we now have competent members as well as a capable Secretariat. Unfortunately, by the time this restructuring was done, much time had already lapsed, and the timelines had been overtaken.

Honourable Speaker, when the new team came in, we had a lot of work to handle. In consultation with the Liaison Committee, under the guidance of our able Chairperson, Honourable Okombo, I was advised to concentrate on new reports and let go of those that were already time-barred. As members may recall, when the Speaker mentioned the pending reports, I responded that they were already time-barred. The Speaker further advised us to formally indicate this in writing so that they could be cleared from the Liaison Committee's list.

Honourable Speaker, I want to assure my colleague, Honourable Rakwach, that as attested by fellow committee members such as Honourable Kennedy Ouko, the committee now has the right capacity. The previous shortcomings were not as a result of the Chairperson but rather, necessitated by the composition of the committee and secretariat at that time. With the new members and secretariat, we are fully ready to execute our mandate.

Honourable members, it is important to clarify that when we say we cannot work on Annual Financial Statements that have already been reviewed by the Auditor General and an Opinion issued, it does not mean we shall abandon quarterly statements. These quarterly reports—first quarter ending September, second quarter ending December, third quarter ending March, and fourth quarter ending June—remain within our scope. However, if reports are submitted late, as has happened before, I humbly request this House to allow us not to deliberate on them, since doing so would waste time, resources, and energy.

Honourable Speaker, our responsibility is to enrich reports before they are submitted to the Auditor General, not after. Otherwise, we risk failing the people of Kisumu County.

I also thank Honourable Bill, who supported the report but advised that monitoring and evaluation should be well-coordinated. I agree with him entirely, and going forward, we shall ensure that delays from departments are countered by preparing progress reports, which will then be tabled here.

Honourable Speaker, I also wish to appreciate Honourable Ajumbo and Honourable Nyaoke for supporting this report. Honourable Nyaoke, having served in this House Committee before, is well aware of the challenges we faced, and I am glad you acknowledged them here. Honourable Ajumbo, together with the other members brought in after realignment, I sincerely thank you for your commitment and teamwork. With this renewed strength, I believe that this house Committee on Finance and ICT will diligently deliver on its mandate and contribute positively to the growth of our great county. Thank you, Honourable Members and Honourable Speaker. I beg to reply.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you, Honourable members. A motion on adopting of the report by the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT Seeking the Approval of the House to Discontinue further Scrutiny and Interrogation of Annual Financial Statements already reviewed by the Office of the Auditor General and Audit Opinion issued. A motion moved by the Chairperson, Honourable Carren, seconded by the Honourable Ratib, debated by the Honourable members and I want to propose to put a question for adoption.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable members, the report by the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT Seeking the Approval of the House to Discontinue further Scrutiny and Interrogation of Annual Financial Statements already reviewed by the Office of the Auditor General and Audit Opinion issued has been adopted today Wednesday 03<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2025 at 11:35 hours. This means that any financial statement that the office of the Auditor General has submitted before this House shall no longer be handled by the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT until we recommend otherwise as a House.

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

## ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable members, please be upstanding. There being no other business to transact, the House stands adjourned until today, Wednesday, 03<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2025 at 02.30 p.m.

*(House rose at 11.37 a.m.)*

*Addendum*

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