

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

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THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

Tuesday, 11th November, 2025

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

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

PRAYERS

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

(Quorum bell was rung for the first five minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, East Seme): Sergeant-at-arm, please ring the bell for a further five minutes.

(Quorum bell was rung for a further five minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, East Seme): Honourable members, is there a member to occupy the seat of the Leader of Majority?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, East Seme): Yes Honourable Benson Adegga, do we have the requisite quorum to transact the business of today?

Hon. Adegga (MCA, Kajulu): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I can confirm that we have the quorum.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, East Seme): Thank you, Honourable member. Mr. Clerk, please take us through the orders of today.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you, members. To the Members of Orange Democratic Party, we are having ODM at 20 Celebrations in Mombasa with traveling happening on the 13th, activities starting on the 14th, 15th, and 16th, and traveling back is on the 17th. So, members of the party, you are kindly advised that you make plans to travel to Mombasa for the ODM at 20 celebrations. Thank you.

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

STATEMENT HOUR

STATEMENT INFORMING THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY of BUSINESS COMING BEFORE
THE HOUSE W.E.F WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2025 TO TUESDAY 18TH
NOVEMBER 2025

BY

HON. BENSON ADEGA, MCA, KAJULU

[ACTING LEADER OF MAJORITY]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, East Seme): Yes Honourable Benson Adega, Acting Leader of Majority

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I seek you indulgence and rise to present the following statements behalf of the Leader of Majority.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, East Seme): Please proceed.

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Order No. 41(2)(c) of the Kisumu county assembly Standing Orders, I want to present and lay on the table of the County Assembly statement informing the County Assembly business coming on the following week.

Mr. Speaker this is to bring the attention of Honourable members and the County Assembly that for the week commencing on Wednesday 11th November 2025 to Tuesday 18th November 2025 the Select Committee on Assembly House Business at its last meeting approved the following to appear in the Order Paper as follows.

Wednesday, 11th November 2025, at 09:00 a.m.

PAPERS TO BE LAID

The Leader of Majority will table the following papers.

1. Report of the Auditor General on Kisumu Urban Project, Cash Expenditure Fund, CKE No. 1035.01G for the year ended 30th of June, 2025 County Government of Kisumu.
2. Report of the Auditor General on Kisumu Urban Project Advance Account CKE number 1035.01G for the year ended 30th June. 2025, County Government of Kisumu.
3. Report of the Auditor General on the Kisumu Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Executive Fund for the year ended 30th June 2025, County Government of Kisumu.
4. Kisumu County Budget Review and Outlook Paper, financial year 2024-2025.

Mr. Speaker, the Chairperson, Select Committee on Liaison Committee Honourable Nereah Okombo will table the committee report on consideration of Yearly Progress Report of House Committees for the period ended 31st June 2025.

Similarly, the Chairperson, Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriation honorable Joachim Okech will table the following committee report;

1. The Kisumu County Finance Bill 2025.
2. The proposed Kisumu County Annual Development Plan Financial Year 2026-2027.

Mr. Speaker, the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT Honourable Karen Odhiambo will table the committee report on consideration of the Annual Reports and Financial Statement of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital Level 6 for the period ended 30th June 2025.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr. Speaker, the Chairperson, Select Committee on Liaison Committee Honourable Nereah Okombo will give a Notice of Motions the committee report on consideration of Yearly Progress Report of House Committees for the period ended 31st June 2025.

The Chairperson, Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriation Honourable Joachim Okech give a Notice of Motion for the adoption of the committee reports on consideration of the following committee reports;

1. The Proposed Kisumu County Finance Bill 2025.
2. The Proposed Kisumu County Annual Development Plan Financial Year 2026-2027.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT Honourable Karen Odhiambo will give a Notice of Motion for the adoption of the

committee report on consideration of Annual Reports and Financial Statement of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Lobster Level 6 for the period ended 30th June.

SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS

The Leader of Majority Kennedy Ooko will move a motion for the Adjournment of the County Assembly sitting until Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 02.30 p.m.

Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 02.30 p.m.

STATEMENTS

The Majority, the Leader of Majority will issue a statement pursuant to Order No. 41 (C) of the Standing Orders Business coming before the County Assembly for a week commencing on Wednesday 19th, November 2025.

SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS

The Chairperson, Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriation Honourable Joachim Okech will move a motion for the adoption of the report on consideration of the Kisumu County Financial Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Oginga interjects with a Point t of Order)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, what is it Honourable Emily?

Hon. Oginga: (Nominated Member): Mr. Speaker, sir, I would like to request to make a personal statement on gratitude for the support during the demise of the right Honorable Raila Odinga.

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

Hon. Oginga: (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the women of Kisumu County who I am elected to represent. Mine is just to appreciate this Honourable House for standing with us. On behalf of the larger Jaramogi Oginga Odinga family, I would like to appreciate each one of you.

All your prayers, your support, both moral, financial were really, really, really appreciated by the family because it was not a very easy time for us. And, it was not a very easy time for everyone else because I know Baba was a Baba to everyone, not just a Baba to us. So Honourable Speaker, please allow me to read my tribute on behalf of the family as we mourn together with the women of Kisumu County.

Honourable Speaker, on 15th of October, 2025, a heart stopped beating. The nation went silent. The world lost.

Kenya lost. The Luo Nation lost. But women lost more.

I say this because with the passing on of the right Honourable Raila Odinga, Kenya lost a statesperson, but women lost a steadfast ally. For decades, the late carried an unshakable belief that the progress of our nation would never be measured by the achievements of men alone. He saw women not as beneficiaries of benevolence, but as a heartbeat of justice, inclusion, and democracy itself.

To Raila, gender equality was not an act of charity. It was an act of justice. He often reminded the nation that a Country cannot develop if its half people are left behind.

He drew a clear line between women's inclusion and the broader marginalization of regions and communities, seeing empowerment and devolution as two sides of the same coin, both meant to restore dignity, fairness, and participation to those long left out of the national story. Raila believed women belong not to the periphery of politics, but at its core. He defended their right to lead, calling out derogatory attitudes and societal barriers that stood in their way.

Within the Orange Democratic Movement, he championed women candidates not as tokens, but as trailblazers capable of reshaping Kenya's political and moral fabric. His convictions were not confined to speeches. He was among the earliest voices to fight for the two-thirds gender rule enshrined in the 2010 constitution, a milestone that opened doors for thousands of women to serve.

He spoke against femicide, demanded women's safety in their homes, and constantly pushed for Kenya where women could live, lead, and dream without fear. Raila had a rare humility for power. He once said that your wife is your partner, not your property, a simple sentence that carried revolutionary weight in a culture still wrestling with patriarchy.

He believed men must celebrate, not compete with, successful women for progress. And in his view, he shared it. He shared or it was nothing at all.

Honourable Raila's belief in women's leadership was not abstract. It was lived through milestones that shifted Kenya's trajectory. That is, in 2010, he played a central role in constitutional reform that guaranteed gender equality and evolved governance.

And in 2018, at the Devolution Conference, he publicly celebrated Kenya's first women governors recognizing their historic achievements. In 2019, in Kisumu, he called for more women in elective positions, challenging deep-seated cultural and clan biases. And in 2022, he defended women's candidatures in Nyanza, urging the region to embrace female leadership with pride.

In 2022, his nomination of Martha Karua as his running mate marked a bold statement that Kenya was ready for women at the highest levels of power. And in 2024 to 2025, even in his

later years, he condemned gender-based violence and stood firmly with single mothers, echoing his belief that society must protect and empower the most vulnerable. Raila's belief in women was not political theater, it was moral conviction.

He imagined a Kenya where leadership had a mother's heart, a sister's resilience, and a daughter's dream. When Raila died, Kenya lost a giant of democracy. But we women, the ones whose voices he lifted, whose dignity he defended, and whose potential he believed in, lost much more.

They lost a champion who never doubted that their place was at the table, not on the menu. And perhaps this will be his quietest yet most enduring legacy, that the arc of Kenya's justice bends, in part because he believed women should hold it. Back in the village, Mr. Speaker, sir, countless of old women were on his payroll. He would send them stipend every month, not for work done, but for the love and compassion. Baba, your presence has made the darkness of the nights longer and darker, and the days empty and meaningless. We pray to grant all of us the grace to overcome this loss. Rest in peace, Baba.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable members, I refer you to Order No. 42 of the Kisumu County assembly Standing Orders under the Personal Statement that it reads, During Personal Statement Hour, a member may, by indulgence of the House, explain matters of personal nature, although there is no question before the House, but such matter may not be debated. On the Member, we acknowledge your statements, and it will form part of the Hansard Report of the Assembly.

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

MOTION

THE PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A STATUE IN HONOR OF THE RIGHT,
HONOURABLE RAILA AMOLLO ODINGA AT THE KCB ROUNDABOUT

BY

HON. NANCY MATARA, NOMINATED MEMBER

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

Hon. Matara (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to take the opportunity so that I can read the motion. The motion on the Proposal to Construct a Statute in honour of the late Right Honourable Raila Amollo Odinga at the Kisumu Boys' Roundabout.

AWARE THAT, the Fourth Schedule of Article (186) (1)(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, together with the provision of the National Museum Heritage Act, confers powers upon the County Government to initiate and promote heritage conservation, cultural monuments, and the related County heritage projects.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, the late Honourable Amollo Odinga, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya, is globally acclaimed as a father of democracy, defender of human rights, and champion of devolution and gender equality.

COGNIZANT, of his immense services and monumental contribution of Kenya's democratic transformation, constitutional reforms, and socio-economic development, which have shaped the political and the governance landscape of the nation.

NOTING THAT, Kenya has in the past honored other national heroes and heroines, such as Fidel Marshall, Dedan Kimathi, Tom Mboya, and Jomo Kenyatta, through statues and memorial monuments, yet there exists no monument recognizing the right Honourable Raila Amollo Odinga's towering legacy. Despite his pivotal role in championing multi-party democracy, constitutional reform, and national unity.

FURTHER NOTING THAT, internationally, many nations honor their distinguished leaders and reforms with monumental symbols. For instance, the Lincoln Memorial in the United States of America, and the Winston Churchill statue in the United Kingdom. Serving as enduring symbols of patriotism, freedom, and leadership.

CONVINCED THAT, the erection of such monuments should serve as national symbols of the democratic struggle and reforms, inspire future generations, and remind leaders and citizens alike of the values and principles enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

NOW THEREFORE, I pray that this Honourable Assembly resolves to request the County Government of Kisumu through department responsible for the cultural heritage to;

1. Erect a statue of the late right Honourable Raila Amollo Odinga at the Kisumu Boys Roundabout, Kisumu City.
2. Design and implement the project in consultation with the National Museum of Kenya and other relevant stakeholders to ensure historical accuracy, artistic quality, and cultural significance.
3. Preserve the site as a public heritage space dedicated to civic education, democracy, and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon Honourable Kelvin Oraro to second. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu , East Seme): Before Kelvin Oraro seconds the motion, Honourable Nancy Matara, I just want to confirm. The motion before me reads, Erecting of Honorable Raila Amollo Odinga statue at the KCB Roundabout.

But if I listen to your last statement, you have changed it to Kisumu Boys Roundabout. And that changes the content of the motion, and so will be the debate. So, who is having the right motion?

Hon. Matara (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Initially, when I brought the motion, it was to construct a statute around Kisumu Boys Roundabout. But when it went to House Business, the House Business advised that it be done around the KCB Round-about.

But, Mr. Speaker, I want to say this. That is the focal point. That is the reason I changed it.

That is the focal point where all I remember, you know, when motions are brought before the House, you do not change the content of the motion that was passed at the House Business unless an amendment motion which can be brought before the House. And if you needed an amendment different from the motion that was passed at the House Business, you would have just talked to one of the Members to bring that amendment.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable member, I am having a motion reading something different with what you are moving, then what I meant, the House is unprocedural processing motion because your motion is different from the motion that was passed at the House business. So, you must decide.

Otherwise, I will guide that we kill the debate on this motion and we wait until you decide on what your motion needs to look like.

Hon. Matara (Nominated Member): I stand guided and I will go with the KCB Roundabout. So, the amendment can come later. Thank you.

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

Hon. Oraro Kelvin (MCA, Kolwa Central): Mr. Speaker, even though the Honourable Member has just withdrawn from the original intention in our own motion, I believe that, and most importantly, you gagged her and the House business tried gagged her.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu (East Seme): Order!! Honourable member. Order!! Honourable Member. Honourable Member, I want to rule you out of order.

I have a motion before me that was presented to the House Business, discussed by the Honourable members, and she agreed before it was passed and brought before the House. So, you, who is seconding the motion, insinuating that a member has been gagged, again, just makes me feel that we need to kill the debate on this motion until the member decides on what she wants to bring, takes back to the House Business, so that we don't bring a motion here that the person who is seconding feels that the person who is bringing it has been gagged, the person who is bringing it has changed the content of the motion, and you want members to discuss.

Honourable Member, as the Speaker on the floor, please resume your seat. Honourable member, so that I finish. As a member on the floor, I think it will be unfair; could you please resume your seat? It will be unfair to have a motion being discussed where the member feels that we need to

change the content of the motion, the seconder feels that they are being gagged, and here the motion members need to discuss. That is the situation you are putting me in.

Hon. Oraro Kelvin (MCA, Kolwa Central): Mr. Speaker, I rise to second this special motion brought by Honourable Matara, I want to say that I am not a member of the House Business Committee, but we shared the same concerns, and at least I have agreed with the House Business Committee because they can just change things the way they want, and we will abide with that. Mr. Speaker, as I continue...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Order!! Order!! Honourable Member. Order!! Order!! Honourable Member. Allow me give a ruling on that matter...

Hon. Oraro Kelvin (Kolwa Central): Mr. Speaker, I am in the process of seconding the motion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable members, we have the reputation of this House to protect. Honourable members, we have the reputation of this House to protect, and going by the submission of both the mover of the motion and the member who is seconding, Honourable members, it is just fair that we protect the image of this House.

The two Honourable members feel that the motion before the House is not as per their wish, going by their submission, Honourable members, and you can feel it. So, it is just fair that we give them time to go and generate another motion they take to the House business so that we do not force them into discussing what they do not want. And Honourable Members, that will be my guidance on this motion as from now.

We cannot proceed with discussing a motion where the mover feels it should be otherwise, and the seconder feels that they are being gagged.

So, Honourable members, I want to put a question on that matter so that we bring this matter to rest.

(Question was put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you, Honourable members, from that, allow me to humbly defer debate on this motion and allow the member who brought this motion to go back and draft another motion, bring to the House business, so that we discuss something that the mover of the motion agrees with and the seconder equally concurs with. This will give Members who are ready to contribute time to contribute to a motion that does not have conflicting information. Thank you so much, Honourable members.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable members. Please be up standing. There being no any other business to transact, this House stands adjourned until Wednesday, 12th November, 2025 at 09:00 a.m.

(House rose at 03:30 p.m.)

Addendum

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