

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



### COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

#### **THE HANSARD**

#### *Official Report*

#### **THIRD ASSEMBLY – FIFTH SESSION**

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

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

**(The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro) in the Chair)**

#### **PRAYER**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, as per the provisions of our Standing Orders, I direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the quorum bell for the first five minutes. In the meantime, I am not able to spot the Whip, neither am I able to spot the Leader of Majority. I want to ask Honourable Eunice Alando to whip the Members in the Chamber.

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

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Deputy Whip, kindly confirm if you have quorum.

**The Deputy Chief Whip** (Hon. Obonyo. MCA, South West Kisumu): Thank you Mr. Speaker. We have quorum.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Clerk, take us through the Order Paper of today.

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

#### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, I have a few communications to make. One, I have received a communication from the office of the Cabinet Secretary Treasury, Honourable

John Mbadi that there shall be an Economic Empowerment for the youths on 26th February 2027 that will be held at Tom Mboya Labour College. You are invited to attend and even to mobilize more youths to attend.

Secondly, we held a meeting of the Select Committee on Liaison today, during which serious concerns were raised regarding pending businesses. There were House Committees that had an opportunity to sit during the recess. However, there are others that still have pending work from the last Session, that is, the Fourth Session. It was resolved that by Monday or Tuesday next week at 10.00 a.m., all pending businesses must be submitted to the Committee on House Business.

#### VISTING DELEGATION FROM OMBAKA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Finally, Honourable members, we are privileged to be joined this afternoon in the Public Gallery by teachers and pupils from Ombaka Primary School, Ahero Ward, Nyando Sub-County, Kisumu County. The school is located in the Ward of the Leader of the Majority. I have received an official request from the Leader of the Majority, who is away on official duty today and tomorrow, to convey his apologies. I believe we also have Honourable members from the neighbouring wards within Nyando Sub-County present. The following teachers have accompanied the pupils. I request each member of the delegation to stand when called out, so that they may acknowledged in the Assembly tradition.

1. Mr. Jacob Odhiambo Okulo
2. Ms. Dorcas Odhiambo
3. Mr. Samuel Odingo
4. Mr. George Okulo

On behalf of the County Assembly of Kisumu, I take this opportunity to warmly welcome you to this August House, the heart of democracy and governance in Kisumu County. Your visit today is a testament to your curiosity, commitment to learning, and desire to understand how the laws and policies that shape our County are made.

To the pupils, I encourage you to dream big, work hard, and remain focused on your education. The fact that you are here today means you are already on the right path to becoming leaders, innovators, and change-makers of tomorrow. Remember, great leaders once sat in classrooms just like you. This experience should remind you that the future of Kisumu County, and indeed Kenya at large, rests in your hands. Once again, I welcome you to the County Assembly. Feel free to draw inspiration from this Sitting as part of your learning journey. I believe the Serjeant-at-arm has taken you through the procedures of the Assembly and will continue to guide you on how the Assembly conducts its Business.

Honourable members, in our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to the Assembly, I would like to invite a few members to say a word or two of encouragement to the pupils. In the absence of the Leader of the Majority, I will invite a few members to do so. I will start with the Honourable Bill Oliver, Member for Kobura Ward. I will also invite Honourable James Omollo. Then I will need one lady Honourable member to do the same. Maybe Honourable Eunice Alando. And then the Leader of the Majority. The Deputy Leader of the Majority you will finalize. I am seeing the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Education is looking at me, you need to say something. Then the Leader of the Majority will finalize. So Honourable Bill, on behalf of the Nyando MCAs and strictly two minutes.

**Hon. Bill** (MCA, Kobura): Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of Majority and people from Nyando, we welcome you to this Assembly. We are really glad with your visit because at least we know this is where the future of Kenya is. So, feel most welcomed. And I want to urge you that work hard in your studies because this country really needs you.

This is where we make the laws for this County. This is where we ensure that we make improvements on the lives of people of Kisumu County. So, feel most welcomed. And as you go back home, ensure that you work hard so that you be the change that we want for this country. My name is Bill Odhiambo, MCA for Kobura. Kobura is just next to Ahero. Welcome. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Omollo representing West Nyakach.

**Hon. Omolo** (MCA, West Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I similarly want to join my colleague Honourable Bill to welcome the Ombaka Primary School or Comprehensive School as nowadays we call them to this August House. Mr. Speaker, it's good to inform the learners that even us, we were once learners like you and nowadays now we make laws for the betterment of this county. When you grow up, you will require Bursaries and Scholarships.

Those laws are made in this House for the County Government of Kisumu so that when a needy child wants sponsorship from the county, we are the one to pass that law and even the one working now, we did it sometime back. Mr. Speaker, of importance is that one of the teachers come from my Ward, Mr. Odingo. I can see you. It is a great honour. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Alando.

**Hon. Alando** (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. May I also join my fellow colleagues to welcome the students and teachers from Ombaka Secondary School. It is equally important that I inform the House that one of the teachers from Ombaka High School who has accompanied the students comes from Nyakach, just as the way Honourable James has just commented.

And again, he's my church leader. So, if they have come to witness whatever is happening in the Assembly, feel most welcome. It is also important even to the girl-child to know that this House is not only a preserve for men but also women as well. Here we have sixteen women MCAs in number. That is six re-elected while ten are nominated and so your coming here today should not be taken for granted. However, you need to learn, focused and have ambition so that one day one time you become a leader of this community and more so this great County of Kisumu. Otherwise, feel most welcome, thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Deputy Leader of Majority.

**The Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I thought you were going to call upon the Chairperson of Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services Committee. But, all the same, I will take this opportunity to welcome the learners from Ombaka Comprehensive School. I am called Honourable Lumumba Owade, I am the Deputy Leader of Majority and I represent South East Nyakach Ward. On behalf of the Leader of Majority whom I am standing in for, I convey his grateful welcome to all the learners and the teachers from Ombaka Comprehensive school.

What is happening is very encouraging tour to the learners as well as rational tour. When I was young, I did aspire to be something else. I wanted to be a soldier and indeed I became one. My second choice was to be a lawyer but now I find myself here as a legislature of the County Assembly. These normally start at this tender age where you people are now and I can tell without contradiction that nearly half of you would want to be politicians and if you are here, you are in the right place. You start leaning and knowing how the Assembly looks like, how Honourable members deliberate to motions in the House, and again, how the members present themselves the way have presented myself in not very cheap suit. That is because, if you are a Member of the County Assembly, the dress code is also very important.

So, as you grow up, know that when you become a Member of the County Assembly, you will look presentable. You also have to be eloquent and shake the House when you stand to speak like I am about to do. So, students of Ombaka Comprehensive school, we appreciate and acknowledge you and we thank you. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Thank you for those words of wisdom, and once again we welcome you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!!

## STATEMENTS

STATEMENT INFORMING THE HOUSE OF THE BUSINESSES SCHEDULED FOR THE  
WEEK COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY 2026 TO TUESDAY, 3RD  
MARCH 2026.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, it is Statement time.

Yes, Honourable Lumumba Owade, the Deputy leader of Majority.

**The Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, South East Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise pursuant to Standing Order No. 41(2), on behalf of the County Assembly Majority Leader, to present and lay on the Table of the County Assembly a statement informing the House of the business scheduled for the week commencing Wednesday, 25th February 2026 to Tuesday, 3rd March 2026.

Honourable Speaker, this is to notify members of the House that the Select Committee on Assembly Business, at its last meeting, approved the following tentative business to appear on the Order Paper:

Wednesday, 25th February 2026 at 09.00 a.m.

#### REPORTS TO BE LAID

1. The Leader of the Majority, Honourable Kennedy Ooko, shall table the Report of the Auditor-General on the Kisumu Proposed County Supplementary Budget for the Financial Year 2025–2026.
2. The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT, Honourable Carren Odhiambo, shall table the Committee Report on the consideration of the Annual Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Urban Project (Project Advance Account and Cash Expenditure Account).

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT, Hon. Carren Odhiambo, shall give Notice of Motion for the adoption of the Committee Report on the consideration of the Annual Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Urban Project (Project Advance Account and Cash Expenditure Account).

Thursday, 26th February 2026 at 02.30 p.m.

#### SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS

The Chairperson of the Finance and ICT Committee, Hon. Carren Odhiambo, shall move a Motion for the adoption of the Report of the Finance and ICT Committee on the consideration of the Annual Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Urban Project (Project Advance Account and Cash Expenditure Account).

Tuesday, 03rd March 2026 at 02.30 p.m.

### STATEMENTS

1. The Leader of the Majority shall issue a Statement pursuant to Standing Order No. 41(2)(c) regarding the business coming before the County Assembly for the week commencing Wednesday, 4th March 2026.

Honourable Speaker, again, I rise to express my profound concern regarding the Order Paper and the Legislative Schedule that I have just read before this August House. It is deeply concerning to note that the Order Paper appears conspicuously light, creating the impression that there is little substantive business before this House, yet the situation within our committees paints a completely different picture.

Honourable Speaker, a significant volume of business remains pending before various House Committees. We are now well into the 2026 legislative calendar and I recall that in the report you delivered on 04th December 2025, this House was informed of a staggering backlog of pending businesses. It is unacceptable that critical reports and inquiries dating as far back as the 2023–2024 Session are still lying at various House Committee level without being tabled for consideration.

This stagnation not only hampers the progress of the County but also undermines the very essence of our oversight mandate. Honourable Speaker, an Order Paper that appears empty inevitably raises questions about our productivity and our commitment to the responsibilities entrusted to us by the electorate.

Furthermore, resources are allocated to House Committees to facilitate inquiries, meetings, and report writing. When such reports are not tabled and processed by the House, it amounts to inefficient utilization of public funds.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore respectfully urge the House Leadership, and in particular the Chairperson, Select Committee on Liaison, to intervene with urgency. We must establish a clear, structured, and time-bound framework to track, prioritise, and ensure the tabling of all pending matters for debate and resolution.

Honourable Speaker, if we continue to preside over an Order Paper devoid of business while House Committees convene on critical reports, we risk reducing this August House into a mere talking shop. We owe it to the people we represent to ensure that the legislative conveyor belt remains active, transparent, and effective. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, we are still at the statement hour.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

### ADJOURNMENT

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, you can be upstanding. I go by the statement by the Honourable Deputy Leader of the Majority and I want to advise that Honourable members, you go back to your respective House Committees and conclude all the pending businesses as I did communicate earlier. There being no other business in the Order Paper, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday the 25th of February 2026 at 9.00 a.m.

*(House rose at 03.14 p.m.)*

*Addendum*

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