

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



### COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

### **THE HANSARD**

#### *Official Report*

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

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

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

**(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nereah Okombo) in the Chair)**

#### **PRAYER**

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, as per the provisions of Orders 32 (2) of the Kisumu county Assembly Standing Orders, I direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the quorum bell for the first five minutes.

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

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, as per the Standing Orders, I again direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the quorum bell for further five minutes.

*(Quorum bell rung for further five minutes)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Adeg, please confirm if we have quorum.

**Hon. Adeg** (MCA, Kajulu): Thank you Madam Speaker. We have quorum

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Clerk, take us through Order Paper of today.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Next order!!

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, we have a guest in the House, and as you can see at the public gallery, we have one Rebecca Adhiambo Owino, who is a student at the University of Nairobi. She's here to conduct academic research for a Political Science PhD program on the effect of everyday political performance on accountability management and electoral support. The research is being carried out amongst us, so anyone of us willing to participate in the research is free to meet her after the session. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Next order!!

### STATEMENTS HOUR

STATEMENT INFORMING THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THE BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE HOUSE W.E.F. 18TH MARCH 2026 TO TUESDAY 24TH MARCH 2006

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Leader of Majority.

**Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ooko. MCA, Ahero): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I respond to Orders No. 41(2) (c) to present and lay on the table the County Assembly statement informing the County Assembly of the business coming before the House in the following week.

This is therefore to bring to the attention of members and the County Assembly that for the week commencing on when is the 18th March 2026 to Tuesday 24th March 2006, the Select Committee on Assembly House Business at its last meeting approved the following tentative businesses to appear in the order papers as follow.

Wednesday 18th March, 2026 at 09:00 a.m.

#### PAPERS TO BE LAID

The Chairperson, Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts (PIC/PAC), Honourable Kennedy Ouko will table the House Committee report on the Examination that it has Auditor General’s Report on Financial Statements of Kisumu County Executive for the financial year 2024-2025.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

The Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts (PIC/PAC), Honourable Kennedy Ouko will give Notices of Motion on the House Committee report on the Examination of the

Auditor General's report on Financial Statements of Kisumu County Executive for the financial year 2024-2025.

#### SUSTANTIVE BUSINESS

The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee Honourable Eunice Alando will move a motion for the Adoption of the Committee the report of the Joint Committees of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation and Finance and ICT on the Privatization of Muhoroni, Chameleon and Miwani sugar companies.

Wednesday 18th March, 2026 at 02.30 p.m.

#### SUSTANTIVE BUSINESS

The Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts (PIC/PAC), Honorable Kennedy Okwu will move a motion for the Adoption of the Joint Committee Report of PICPAC Committee on the Examination of the report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Kisumu County Receiver of Revenue for the financial year 2024-2025.

Thursday 19th of March, 2026 at 02.30 p.m.

#### SUSTANTIVE BUSINESS

The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change committee Honourable Samuel Dede will move a motion for the Adoption of the Committee the Report of Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Committee on the matter of Pollution of River Oroba and Nyakoko stream by Keda Ceramics.

Tuesday 24th March, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

By Honourable Regina Kizito for the Approval of the Call for Inclusion of Techno-facilitated Gender-Based Violence in the review of the Kisumu County SGBV policy.

#### STATEMENT

The Leader of the Majority, Pursuant to Orders Number 41 (2) (c) of the Standing Orders that is business coming before the County Assembly for the week commencing on Wednesday 25th March 2026.

Honourable Regina Kizito will issue a statement pursuant to the provisions of Orders No. 41 (2) (b) on the Status of Implementation of the Kisumu County Cess Act 2024.

## SUSTANTIVE BUSINESS

The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT Honourable Caren Ajwang' will move a motion for the Adoption of the House Committee Report of Finance and ICT Committee consideration in consideration of Annual reports and Financial Statements of Kisumu County Executive for the period ended 30th June 2025. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Next order!!

**MOTION**

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF KISUMU COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE FOR THE  
PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

BY

HONOURABLE CAREN AJWANG', MCA, KALOLENI/SHAURIMOYO

[CHAIRPERSON, FINANCE AND ICT COMMITTEE]

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo): Yes, Honourable Caren Ajwang'.

**Hon. Carren Ajwang'** (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Thank you Madam Speaker for the opportunity. Madam Speaker and Honourable members, this is a progress report on the review and examination of the Kisumu County Climate Change Annual report and Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June 2025. The annual financial statements for the Kisumu County Climate Change Fund (FLLOCA) are required to be submitted to the County Assembly within three months after the end of each financial year. In compliance with this provision, the Chief Officer for Water, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources submitted the annual report and financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025. (You can refer to Annexure 1)

Madam Speaker, these reports were tabled in this Assembly by the Majority Leader, Hon. Kennedy Ooko, on Wednesday, 2nd September, 2025 and were subsequently committed to the Sectoral Committee on Finance and ICT for consideration. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 193(5) and the Second Schedule, the Committee critically analyzed and scrutinized the annual financial statements. These reports and financial statements present the budget execution status covering the period from 1st July, 2024 to 30th June, 2025 providing a comparative analysis of actual achievements against budgeted amounts for the Financial Year 2024/2025.

Madam Speaker, I wish to extend our gratitude to your office and that of the Clerk for the logistical support provided throughout the Committee's sittings. I also commend the Members of

the Committee for their active engagement and invaluable contributions during deliberations. Special appreciation goes to the Office of the Fiscal Analyst and the technical staff for their diligence in interpreting and synthesizing financial information, and for their role in the coordination, planning, and preparation of this comprehensive report.

Madam Speaker and Honourable members, the Committee conducted a comprehensive examination of the Kisumu County Climate Change Fund (FLLoCA) Annual Report and Financial Statements, made key observations and findings, and provided recommendations for consideration and adoption by this House.

It is now my privilege and honour to present the progress Report on the consideration of the Kisumu County Climate Change Fund Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025, for approval by this Assembly.

#### Processing of the Annual Financial Statements

Madam Speaker and Honourable members, this is available at page 6 & 7 of the main document already shared on our official platform. Madam Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee dedicated considerable time and effort towards the review of FLLoCA Annual Report and Financial Statements. In executing this mandate, the Committee held a total of eight sittings, during which Members deliberated, interrogated and scrutinized the accounts in detail. Arising from these deliberations, several concerns were identified and formally communicated to the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Water, Environment, Climate Change, and Natural Resources through a letter dated 8th September, 2025 (Annex II).

Subsequently, an addendum dated 16th September, 2025 (Annex III) was issued highlighting additional concerns identified during further review.

#### Departmental Response;

Madam Speaker and Honourable members, following the Committee's submissions, the Department responded through a letter dated 22nd September, 2025 (Annex IV), indicating that the financial statements were already under review by the Office of the Auditor-General and requesting the Committee to suspend its review process. However, the Committee, through a letter dated 29th September, 2025 (Annex V), rejected this position and reiterated that the existence of a parallel review by another oversight body does not exempt any County Executive entity from its constitutional and statutory obligation to respond to queries raised by the County Assembly.

Accordingly, the Committee directed the Department to:

- a) Submit comprehensive responses to all queries raised without further delay; and
- b) Appear before the Committee on Monday, 6th October, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., accompanied by relevant technical officers, to provide clarifications and justification on outstanding issues.

#### Consultative Engagement Outcome;

Madam Speaker and Honourable members, during the consultative meeting, the responses presented by the CECM were found to be unsatisfactory. Consequently, the Committee directed the Department to:

- a) Undertake a comprehensive review of the financial statements; and
- b) Submit revised statements addressing all concerns raised.

To date, the revised financial statements and promised responses, which were to be submitted within one week, have not been provided to the Committee.

#### Committee Observations, Findings and Recommendations;

Madam Speaker and Honourable members, following a comprehensive review and an interrogation of the statements, the Committee identified and flagged several critical issues which were consequently forwarded to the department of Water, Environment, Climate Change, and Natural Resource for response and clarification. Additionally, the department appeared before the committee to elaborate on their responses. The below matrix outlines the committee's observations, findings and recommendations concerning the specific issues raised:

##### 1. Reporting Period Inconsistency

###### Observation:

The reporting period for the prior-year comparative column spans 1st April, 2023 to 30th June, 2024 (one year and three months), while the current reporting period covers 1st July, 2024 to 30th June, 2025 (one year).

This inconsistency violates IPSAS 1, which requires consistent period disclosure.

###### Response:

Nil.

###### Recommendation:

The Fund Administrator should provide correct the reporting periods and make necessary amendments on the financial statements.

## 2. Liabilities Presentation

### Observation:

Trade and other payables from exchange transactions are reported as Ksh 102, 871, 487 under current liabilities; however, the totals for current liabilities and overall liabilities are missing.

Madam Speaker and Honourable members, this is what we recommend the administrator to complete the totals and correct the topographical errors. Statement of financial performance contribution and donation. Under this we observed that the statement of the financial performance reports public contribution and donations totalling to Sixty-Six Million Four Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand this one can check page one under note one and again page nineteen.

However, note one indicates donations from development partners amounting to Kenya shillings One Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand One hundred and seventy-three million three hundred and thirty-five thousand six hundred and sixty-six and zero for public contribution. Under their response we have also indicated nil which means they have not responded and then we recommended as a committee that clarification of this material in consistence between the main statement and its supporting notes.

Under cash flow statement versus accrual accounting. While the fund reports project cost of Kenya shillings two hundred and fourteen million six hundred and ninety-five thousand three hundred and twenty-six as actual payment the cash flow statement the existence of trade payable of Kenya shillings one hundred and two million eight hundred and seventy-one thousand four hundred and eighty-seven could contradict this.

Under accrual accounting, the actual cash payment should be adjusted to reflect only Kenya shillings one hundred and eleven million eight hundred and twenty-three thousand eight thirty-nine i.e. Kenya shillings two hundred and fourteen million six hundred and ninety-five thousand three hundred and twenty-six less Kenya shillings one hundred and two million eight hundred and seventy-one thousand four hundred and eighty-seven.

This overstatement in the cash flow statement undermines the integrity of cash reporting and result in non-compliance with the IPSAS. And under this we have also indicated name as they didn't respond and as a committee, we recommended that the fund administrator to provide a detailed PPE schedule and apply depreciation in accordance with IPSAS 17 to ensure accurate financial reporting and compliance with accounting standards. Number five cash flow statement you can check page 5 and page 1.

Receipts are shown as transfers from county government amounting to Kenya shillings two hundred and six nine million two hundred and ninety-eight thousand four hundred and eighty-

seven. However, the statement of the financial performance shows country transfers of one hundred million and public contribution donation of Kenya shillings 66 million four hundred and twenty-seven thousand. And we recommend that the fund administrator to reconcile and clarify the discrepancy between the cash flow statement and the statement of the financial performance.

Number six we have related party disclosures. This is and you can check page 37 in the main report. Under this the note 26 indicates nil related party transactions despite a transfer of Kenya shillings 100 million from the county government which constitutes a related party transaction under IPSAS 20.

We recommend as a committee that the fund administrator to revise and update the related party disclosure not to reflect the county government transfer and any other related party transactions. Number seven is under cash and cash equivalents. The reported cash and cash equivalents balance as at 30th June 2025 is Kenya shillings one hundred and twenty-three million six hundred and seventy-three thousand seven eighty-four.

However, no bank reconciliation statement or bank balance certificates was provided to support this figure. Therefore, we recommend as a committee that the management to provide a bank reconciliation statement or a bank balance certificate to support the reported balance. Number eight property plant and equipment.

The fund reports the acquisition of PPPE worth Kenya shillings thirty-one million nine hundred and sixty-eight thousand nine forty-six. Resulting in a closer balance of Kenya shillings thirty-four million one hundred and eighteen thousand nine sixteen. Under this we recommend as a committee that we have told them to provide a detailed PPE, schedule showing items purchased, their location, commissioning status and linkage to find projects.

Additionally, they are supposed to explain why depreciation was not charged and ensure compliance with IPSAS 17. Number nine project cost of Kenya shillings two hundred and fourteen million six hundred and ninety-five thousand three twenty-six. This you can check page one and note six again you can check also page 20 for comparison.

The total project cost reported in the statement of financial performance is Kenya shillings two hundred and fourteen million six nine five thousand three twenty-six as explained under note six which is in page 20. However, note 20 classifies the projects as follows completed and unpaid Kenya shillings fifteen million five seventy-nine thousand five hundred. Awarded and incomplete Kenya shillings one hundred and six million eight seventy-seven thousand two fifty-six.

Awarded and paid Kenya shillings ninety-two million two thirty-eight thousand five seventy. We recommend as a committee that the fund administrator to provide a clarification and reconciliation of the project classifications with the reported trade payables. Under budget actual performance the budget reflects a surplus of Kenya shillings nineteen million eight hundred and

thirty-seven thousand four seventy whereas the accrual based financial statement indicate a deficit of Kenya shillings sixty-seven million three twenty-two thousand seven hundred and five.

IPSAF 24 requires a reconciliation and explanatory disclosure of such variance and we recommend as a committee that management provides a reconciliation between the budget and actual figures together with an explanatory analysis of the variance. Under trade payables we have Kenya shillings one hundred and two million eight seventy-one thousand four hundred and eighty-seven. Here the statement of financial positions trade payables of Kenya shillings one hundred and two million eight seventy-one thousand four hundred and eighty-seven.

However, there is no disclosure of one the identity of the creditors, two the nature of the liabilities, three the specific projects or awards to which they relate. And therefore, as a committee we recommend that management to provide detailed disclosures on the creditors, the nature of liabilities and the related projects or awards in compliance with IPSAF 30 and PSASB disclosure guidelines. 12 we have fiduciary oversight arrangements.

There is a mismatch in the designation or title for the position held by Honourable Elisa Jack Oraro and therefore we recommend as a committee that management to correct and amend the designation appropriately for the accuracy and consistency. And under general recommendations Madam Speaker and Honourable Members, the committee submits following additional recommendations for consideration by this esteemed house. One that this Honorable House grants the committee additional two weeks to all consultative engagement with the county executive committee member for water, environment, climate change and natural resources in order to adequately address and conclude on the issues raised in the report.

In conclusion Madam Speaker, I hereby ask the members to adopt this report with the recommendations contained herein. May I call upon Honourable Mildred Ajumbo to second. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Honourable Ajumbo.

**Hon. Ajumbo** (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to second the motion. Madam Speaker, I wish to make a few remarks regarding the Progress Report on the Kisumu County Climate Change Fund (FLOCCA) for the period ended 30th June, 2025. From the presentation by the Chairperson, it is evident that there has been extensive correspondence between the Committee and the County Executive Committee Member for Water, Environment, Climate Change, and Natural Resources. This House Committee held approximately eight meetings in an effort to interrogate the Financial Statements.

Despite these efforts, this House Committee has not been able to reach a conclusion. This is the reason that this House Committee has presented a progress report, seeking additional time from

the House to support the progress report so that the committee can finalize its work. Madam Speaker, the Committee identified numerous concerns. Allow me to highlight a few:

That the Reporting Period of the Department was starting from 01st April, 2023 to June, 2024, which is inconsistent and required correction. However, no response was provided by the Department.

Madam Speaker, on another case whereby quite a number of items here are serious. I have just picked on the area of concern No. 7 Cash and Cash Equivalents; The House Committee has observed that the reported cash as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 was Ksh 123,673,784, yet there were:

- a) No Supporting Bank Statements;
- b) No Reconciliations;
- c) No Bank Balance Confirmations; and
- d) No response from the Department by the CEC Member Madam Speaker.

This House Committee is still wondering if there will ever be a response and that is a very serious concerns.

Madam Speaker, you come to No. 9 of the Project Costs project it was at Ksh 214,695,320, that was explained under Note 6 but the project completed but unpaid: Ksh 15 million; Awarded was Ksh 106 million; Awarded unpaid was Ksh 92 million. So this House Committee under the observation, there is no accuracy in those figures. When you try to add them, they are not adding up. Yet the response from the County Executive Committee Member of the Department is still nil.

Madam Speaker, on Item 12, there is the oversight arrangement. This House Committee has observed that there was a mismatch in the designation/title of Honourable Jack Elisha Oraro, which requires correction.

Madam Speaker, across all 12 issues raised, the Department failed to provide adequate responses. This demonstrates a lack of seriousness in addressing the Committee's concerns. I therefore urge Honourable members to support this Progress Report and allow this House Committee additional time to complete its work. I rest my case.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Thank you, Honourable Ajumbo. Honourable members, the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT has presented a Progress Report on the Annual Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Climate Change Fund for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025. The Motion has been moved and seconded.

However, before I propose the question, allow me to remind Honourable members that, this report was committed to this House Committee on 03rd September, 2025 for a period of 21 days, with a due date of 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2025. Six months later, the Committee is presenting a Progress Report and requesting an extension of two weeks to finalize the report. It is now upon

this House to deliberate and determine whether the requested period is sufficient, given the time already taken.

Further, Honourable members are reminded of the House resolution Limiting Debate on Committee Reports as follows: Mover; 20 minutes, Right of Reply; 10 minutes, Other Members: Maximum of 5 minutes each, Leader of Majority; Maximum of 15 minutes and priority shall be accorded as guided by the Leader of the Majority Party in that order. With those remarks, I now propose the Question and open the Motion for debate.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, Manyatta” “B): Yes Honourable Nyaoke.

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Madam Speaker for granting me this opportunity to contribute to this important Progress Report that is presented before us. Madam Speaker, having reviewed this report in depth, I wish to commend the Committee on Finance for the thorough analysis presented. Although they have not reached a conclusive position, the effort and detail reflected in the report are commendable.

Madam Speaker, the Chairperson’s foreword clearly outlines the Committee’s mandate, including reference to Section 107 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

It is evident that there were serious violations of the PFM Act, which I tend to believe have contributed to the inability to finalize this Report. These violations have resulted in gaps and omissions that must be addressed before a conclusive report can be presented. The need for this Progress Report, therefore, arises from the necessity to obtain responses to the outstanding issues and to fill the gaps identified in the financial statements.

Madam Speaker, upon reviewing the report, particularly the matrix, I wish to highlight matrix number one concerning reporting period inconsistencies. Madam Speaker, the law provides clear guidelines on how financial reports should be prepared. The Fund Manager is expected to be fully aware of these requirements and responsibilities.

Madam Speaker, this House Committee observed that the reporting period for the prior year and the comparative column spans from 1st April 2023 to 30th June 2024, which translates to one year and three months, whereas the succeeding comparative period runs from 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025, covering one year. These inconsistencies violate IPSAS 1, which requires uniformity and consistency in reporting periods. Madam Speaker, it is justified that this House Committee seeks responses from the County Executive Committee Member and the department concerned. It is concerning that such significant observations received a nil response.

Further, in matrix six on related party Disclosures, note 26 indicates nil related party transactions, yet there was a transfer of Ksh 100 million from the County Government, which clearly qualifies as a related party transaction under IPSAS 20. Madam Speaker, such omissions cannot be justified under financial reporting standards.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Nyaoke you have less than a minute to conclude because you have already concluded the five minutes required.

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach): Madam Speaker, I wish the Leader of Majority could grant me his 2 minutes to conclude. In conclusion, I urge Members to support the adoption of this report so that the necessary responses can be obtained and appropriate action taken. I also request that, in the final report, clear recommendations be provided to guide the Fund Manager. I beg to support.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, we are discussing the progress report, and this House Committee has requested an additional two weeks to submit a complete report.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes Honourable Henrietta.

**Hon. Bodo** (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the motion. Madam Speaker, delays in reports are not always the fault of the respective House Committees. Often, County Executive Committee Members fail to respond to correspondence in good time.

In such situations, this House Committees are left with no option but to present the report as it is and continue pursuing responses. I therefore support that this House Committee be accorded more time and concur that the report is being handled as best as possible under the circumstances.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Member, the report is overdue, not within timelines. This House Committee is requesting two additional weeks to complete it.

**Hon. Bodo** (Nominated Member): Madam Speaker that is precisely my point. It is not the Committee’s intention to present an incomplete report. I support granting the additional time requested.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Honourable Onditi.

**Hon. Onditi** (MCA, Ombeyi): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I commend the Committee for its honesty in presenting the challenges faced during the preparation of this report. It is evident they encountered significant obstacles.

Madam Speaker, we are left with limited options: either reject the request or grant them the additional time. Despite the delay of nearly six months, I believe we should give them the benefit of doubt and allow the requested two weeks to finalize the report. I therefore support the request.

**Hon. Okumu** (MCA, East Seme): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support granting the Committee additional time. However, Madam Speaker, this is being done under difficult circumstances. Financial statements should be reviewed promptly before audit reports are released. Discussing financial statements after audit reports are already out defeats the purpose, which is to identify and correct issues in good time. Ideally, financial statements should be presented quarterly to ensure timely oversight and corrective action. I support the extension but urge better timeliness in future.

If we allow a period of six months, as earlier suggested by my brother, Honourable Tom Onditi, for the submission of the report, it will mean that by the time reports from the Third Quarter are brought before this House, we shall already be dealing with Audit Reports. This would render our deliberations overtaken by events.

In that regard, Madam Speaker, while I support the proposal to grant this House Committee additional time, I must emphasize that even the two weeks we are proposing is not an easy concession. We are therefore granting them two weeks, and it should be clearly understood that it may not be possible to extend this period any further, particularly where financial statements risk being discussed after the release of audit reports.

Madam Speaker, we urge this House Committee to act with speed. The essence of bringing reports before this House—whether final or progress reports lies in the recommendations made. Where a House Committee has written to a Chief Officer, a County Executive Committee Member, or a Director and failed to receive a response, it is their responsibility to report back to this House, clearly stating that they sought responses from specific officers who failed to comply, and to table appropriate recommendations for the House to consider and adopt.

However, if a House Committees continue to indulge such officers by persistently following up, accommodating delays, and granting additional time, then we risk creating a culture where accountability is undermined and officers evade their responsibilities without consequence.

Therefore, as we grant the two weeks, this House Committee should also be reminded that it has full authority to table reports and make specific recommendations against individual officers who fail to respond, rather than generalizing issues. Otherwise, Madam Speaker, I support the proposal to grant them two weeks.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Honourable Adeg.

**Hon. Adeg** (MCA, Kajulu): Thank you, Madam Speaker, I wish to call the mover to reply.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, Honourable Adeg is attempting to gauge the mood of the House, and from his assessment, the member

believes that members are satisfied with the debate so far, and with what has been presented and discussed. In that regard, the mover is now required to reply. Is there any objection? If there is none.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Carren.

**Hon. Caren** (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for this opportunity to reply. Madam Speaker, I wish to sincerely appreciate all Honourable members who rose to debate in support of this report. Honourable Ajumbo not only seconded the report but also expressed support for the Committee’s recommendations. Honourable Nyaoke raised concern regarding the length of time the report has taken, particularly the delay by the Department in submitting responses. Honourable Bodo also supported the report and rightly observed that the delay does not lie with the Committee, but with the Department.

Honourable Onditi equally supported the report and agreed with the proposal that this House Committee be granted two weeks to finalize its work. Lastly, Honourable Okumu emphasized the importance of ensuring that this report is considered before Audit Reports are tabled in this Honourable House, which is indeed the proper procedure.

Madam Speaker, one major challenge that cuts across all these concerns is the persistent delay by Departments in responding to Committee queries. Allow me to illustrate: once a report is committed to a House Committee, this House Committee promptly convenes, deliberates, and forwards its concerns to the relevant Department. The Department is typically given one week to respond, but often fails to do so. A first reminder is issued no response. A second reminder follows still no response. This House Committee then proceeds to invite the Department formally, yet there is still no compliance. Eventually, this House Committee is left with no option but to summon the officials, a process that already exceeds one month.

Madam Speaker, under such circumstances, even a 21-day timeline becomes impractical unless the Department demonstrates commitment and cooperation. Without this, the completion of reports is inevitably delayed, sometimes stretching into months, and in certain cases, even years. Indeed, some reports have taken over two years due to these recurring challenges.

It is therefore imperative that, as an Assembly, we address this issue decisively to enhance accountability and efficiency in our oversight role. With those remarks, Madam Speaker, I beg to reply. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, Manyatta B): Thank you. Honourable members. The Motion on the Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Climate Change Fund for the period ending 30th June 2025 has been duly moved, seconded, and debated. I now proceed to put the Question for adoption.

Honourable Members, allow me to remind you of our Standing Orders. That, House Committees are required to operate within the timelines provided 21 days for reports and 14 days for statements. Where there is no response from the respective Departments or Sectors within these timelines, House Committees are expected to report back to the House on their progress.

This enables the House to intervene and support you, because House Committees act on behalf of the entire House. Therefore, do not struggle in isolation as a Chairperson or as a House Committee. Share your progress with the House in good time so that necessary support and guidance can be provided.

Otherwise, Honourable members, I want to appreciate your discussion on this report and granting of additional two weeks for this House Committee to conclude their reports. I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, the motion on the Progress Reports of the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT on their consideration of the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Kisumu County Climate Change for the period ended 30th of June, 2025 has been adopted today, 17th of March, 2026 at 15:39 hours. Honourable members, this means that this House Committee has been granted two weeks to report back to the House. Otherwise, the report stands adopted.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Next order!

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, please be up standing. There being no any other business to transact, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday 18th, March 2026 at 09.00 a.m.

*(House rose at 3.40 p.m.)*

*Addendum*

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