

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



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

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

PRAYER

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

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

NOTICE OF MOTION

**INCLUSION OF TECHNOLOGY FACILITATED GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN THE
REVIEW OF THE KISUMU COUNTY SGBV POLICY**

BY

HONOURABLE REGINA KIZITO, NOMINATED MEMBER

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Regina Kizito.

Hon. Kizito (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to give a Notice of Motion that this House approves Technology facilitated Gender based Violence for inclusion in the review of the Kisumu County SGBV Policy. Thank you.

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

STATEMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Regina Kizito.

Hon. Kizito (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise pursuant to Standing Order number 41 (2) (b) to seek a statement from the Chairperson, Joint Committee on Agriculture, Livestock Development, Fisheries and Irrigation and the Committee on Finance and ICT regarding the inordinate and unexplained delay in the implementation of the Kisumu County Cess Act 2024.

Honourable Speaker, the Kisumu County Cess Bill 2024 was duly considered, debated and passed by this Assembly more than one year ago. The Bill was subsequently assented to and became law. The enactment of this legislation was intended to;

1. Streamline Cess collection within the agriculture, livestock, fisheries and related value chains.
2. Harmonize Cess rates across sub-counties.
3. Seal revenue leakages and to enhance the county-owne source revenue.

However, more than 12 months since its enactment, the Act remains either partially implemented or wholly unimplemented, raising serious concerns regarding continued reliance on outdated Cess schedules, inconsistent charging mechanisms, affecting farmers, transporters and traders, weak enforcement structures at designated collection points and loss of potential revenue critical to agricultural support programmes and broader county development priorities.

Cess is a strategic revenue instrument directly linked to agricultural productivity, market access, fisheries management and livestock trade sectors that fall squarely within the devolved functions of county governments. Failure to operationalise the Cess Act, therefore, undermines the legislative authority of this Assembly, fiscal discipline and revenue optimisation efforts, predictability and fairness in the business environment of farmers and traders and the county's broader economic empowerment agenda.

Honourable Speaker, when laws enacted by this Assembly are not operationalised, it diminishes the authority of this House and risks reducing the legislative process to a mere ceremonial exercise. The doctrine of separation of powers requires that the Executive faithfully implement laws enacted by the Legislature. Effective oversight equally demands accountability not only in policy formulation but also in execution. It is therefore imperative that legislation passed by this

Assembly does not remain dormant but is fully implemented to achieve its intended policy and fiscal objectives.

In this regard, I request this Joint House Committee to enquire into and report to this Assembly on the following.

- a) Reasons for the failure to submit the regulation to the County Assembly despite the excess requirement in enabling law that it submitted within 60 days after assent.
- b) The current legal status of the Kisumu County Cess Act, including the dates of assent and gazettelement.
- c) Whether implementing regulations, operational guidelines or revised cess schedules have been developed and approved.
- d) The specific administrative, legal or institutional challenges that have occasioned the delay in implementation.
- e) The revenue projections anticipated under the Act compared to the actual cess collections realised since its passage.
- f) The extent of revenue loss, if any, attributable to the delayed implementation.
- g) Measures taken by the Departments of Agriculture and Finance and ICT to prepare for operationalisation of the Act, including stakeholder sensitisation and integration into county revenue management systems.
- h) The definitive timeline for the full implementation of the Act.

Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, I am persuaded to direct that the statement be committed to the Committee of Implementation and not the Joint Committee of Finance and Agriculture, based on the matters raised by Honourable Regina Kizito. So, the Committee of Implementation, in a timeline of two weeks, you need to report back to the House on the status of the Implementation of the cess statute.

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

MOTION

FINANCE AND ICT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL
REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE KISUMU COUNTY EXECUTIVE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

BY

HONOURABLE CAREEN AJWANG', MCA, KALOLENI/SHAURIMOYO

[CHAIRPERSON, FINANCE AND ICT COMMITTEE]

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Ratib Boitone.

Hon. Boitone (MCA, Nyalenda “A”): Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I stand to move the motion on behalf of Honourable Carren Ajwang’. I believe that it was communicated to the Office of the Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I will allow it, but we had agreed that if somebody is to move a motion on behalf of the other, there needs to be a communication, which I am yet to receive. But by leave of the House, you can proceed. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Hon. Boitone (MCA, Nyalenda A): Honourable Speaker, I want to use the moving notes to move a motion on the Progress Report on the Review and Examination of the County Executive Annual Financial Statement for the period that ended June 2025.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, Pursuant to Section 164(4) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the County Treasury is obligated to prepare and submit the County Executive Annual Financial Statements for the County Government to the County Assembly not later than 3 months after the end of each Financial Year.

In adherence to this legal framework, the County Executive Committee Member. Finance, Economic Planning and ICT submitted the County Executive Annual Financial Statements for the County Government for the FY 2024/2025 to the County Assembly for consideration (See Annex D). Accordingly, the report was duly tabled on the floor of the House on 10th September, 2025, 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, this report presents the County Budget execution status covering the period 1st July, 2024 to 30th June, 2025, with comparative actual achievements and budget amounts for the previous Financial Year. Also included in the report are the annual budgeted revenues and expenditures FY 2024/25

During the year ended 30th June, 2025, the County drew a total of Kshs. 9,476,895,181 from the County Revenue Fund against final revised budget of Kshs. 14,645,872,551.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, we have conducted a comprehensive examination of this Annual financial statements, made key observations and concerns which we have addressed to the County Treasury but responses have since not been provided to date.

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, 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.

It is now my distinct privilege and honor to present this progress report of the Committee on the consideration of County Executive Annual Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025 for careful consideration.

Preface

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;
- vi. 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).
- vii. 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. Pete Oiko | - | Member |
| 5. Hon. Gard Olima | - | Member |
| 6. Hon. George Abaja | - | Member |
| 7. Hon. Benson Adega | - | Member |
| 8. Hon. Ratib Boitone | - | Member |
| 9. Hon. Mildred Ajumbo | - | Member |

Committee Secretariat

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| 1. Edwin Omollo | - | Committee Clerk |
| 2. Kephaz Onoka | - | Fiscal Analyst |
| 3. Mollen Achayo | - | Fiscal Analyst |
| 4. Zablun Otiende | - | Senior Hansard Reporter |
| 5. Calvince Awuonda | - | Volunteer |
| 6. Abraham Odegi | - | Sergeant-at-Arm |

PROCESSING OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the Committee dedicated considerable time and effort towards the examination and review of the County Executive Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 2025. In undertaking this mandate, the Committee convened a total of five (5) meetings, during which Members deliberated, interrogated, and scrutinized the Accounts.

Arising from its deliberations, the Committee identified several material concerns and inconsistencies within the Financial Statements. These issues were formally communicated to the County Treasury vide letter Ref: CAK/FECP&ICT/VOL.06/10 dated 6th October, 2025, requesting clarification and submission of supporting documentation.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, regrettably, the County Treasury has not furnished substantive responses to date despite several correspondences from the Committee, including reminder and invitation letters as outlined below:

Ref: CAK/FECP & ICT/VOL.6/10 dated 6th October, 2025 – Forwarding of Concerns (See Annex II)

The County Treasury responded through letter Ref: KC/FIN/C.ASSEMBLY/VOL.IV/349 dated 29th October, 2025 (See Annex III), in which the CECM for Finance requested an extension of time for submission of responses from the initial deadline of 13th October, 2025 to 7th November, 2025. However, the County Treasury failed to honor its own revised deadline.

Ref: CAK/FECP & ICT/VOL.2/19 dated 19th February, 2026 (See Annex IV) – Invitation Letter

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, following the failure by the County Treasury to respond to the initial correspondence and to adhere to its self-set timeline, the Committee resolved to invite the County Treasury for a consultative engagement through the above-referenced letter.

Subsequently, the County Treasury responded vide a letter REF: KC/FIN/C.ASSEMBLY/VOL.IV/375 dated 25th February, 2026 (See Annex V), requesting an extension of five (5) working days from the scheduled meeting date of 26th February, 2026, proposing to appear before the Committee on 5th March, 2026.

However, the County Treasury failed to appear before the Committee as proposed. Instead, it submitted a new set of revised Financial Statements which are yet to be analyzed by the Committee and which did not address the original issues previously raised.

Scope and Methodology

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, To effectively interrogate these Financial Statements, the Committee derived the following terms of references;

- i. To examine the County Executive Annual Report and Financial Statements for compliance with the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and applicable accounting standards;
- ii. To assess the accuracy, completeness, and reliability of financial disclosures;
- iii. To identify inconsistencies, variances, and unsupported balances within the Statements;
- iv. To seek clarification from the County Treasury on identified anomalies; and
- v. To make appropriate recommendations to the Assembly.

Introduction

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, this Chapter presents the Committee's review of the County Executive Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 2025.

The review focused on assessing financial performance, financial position, compliance with statutory reporting requirements, and the credibility of disclosures contained in the Statements.

3.0 REVIEW OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST JUNE, 2025

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the Committee has critically reviewed and analyzed the following statements under the County Executive Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

- a) Statement of Financial Performance
- b) Statement of Financial Position
- c) Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the year ended 30th June, 2025
- d) Statement of Cash Flows
- e) Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts/Budget Utilization (Development and Recurrent)
- f) Notes to the financial Statements
- g) Bank Account Balances
- h) Supporting schedule to the financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2025

| Description | Notes | FY 2024 - 2025 |
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| | | KSHS. |
| Revenue from non-exchange transaction | | |
| Transfers from CRF | 6 | 9,265,998,957 |
| Total Revenue | | 9,265,998,957 |
| Expenses | | |
| Employee costs | 7 | 5,844,833,967 |
| Use of goods and services | 8 | 2,682,026,575 |
| Transfers to other Government Entities | 9 | 481,235,270 |

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| Depreciation and Amortization expense | 10 | 18,957,288 |
| Other grants and subsidies | 11 | 76,675,000 |
| Finance Costs | 12 | 4,485,795 |
| Social Benefits | | |
| Total Expenses | | 9,108,213,895 |
| Gain/(loss) on sale of assets | | - |
| Gain/(loss) on Foreign Exchange | | - |
| Gain/(loss) on fair value of investment | | - |
| Impairment loss | | - |
| Surplus/Deficit for the year | | 157,785,062 |
| Taxation | | |
| Net Surplus/Deficit | | 157,785,062 |

Observation

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the County Government realized total revenue amounting to Kshs. 9,265,998,957 against total expenditure of Kshs. 9,108,213,895, resulting in a reported surplus of Kshs. 157,785,062 for the financial year under review.

Committee Observations, Findings and Recommendations

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, following a comprehensive review and interrogation of the County Executive Annual Financial Statements for FY 2024/25, the Committee identified and flagged several critical issues, which were subsequently forwarded to the County Treasury for response and clarification.

However, the County treasury has failed to honor and respond to the queries raised by the Committee which has limited the Committee's ability to conclusively report on this document.

The matrix below outlines the Committee observations and findings;

| Area of Concern | Issue | Ref | Responses |
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| Cash and Cash Equivalents | Cash balances is reported under Cash flow statement at Kshs. 463,657,603 and at Kshs. 1,660,130,515 under the statement of Financial Position giving a variance of Kshs. 1,196,472,912. Explain this variance and amend the Financial Statements. | (Ref. Pg 2 & Pg. 6) | NIL |
| Trade and Payables | Legal Dues; It is observed as follows: Legal dues brought forward: Kshs. 2,682,735,076 Legal dues carried forward: Kshs. 1,870,363,993 Difference Kshs. 812,371,083 Provide a movement schedule showing: Opening balance, Payments made during the year and new obligations (if any) and the Closing balance. | (Ref. Pg. 2, Note. 17) | NIL |
| Pending Bills | It is observed as follows: Verified bills brought forward: Kshs. 2,846,885,847 Carried forward: Kshs. 4,597,593,790 Increase: Kshs. 1,750,707,943 | (Ref. Pg. 36, Note 17) | NIL |

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| | Provide a schedule of the new verified pending bills incurred in FY 2024/25 categorized into recurrent and development. | | |
| Property, Plant, and Equipment (PPE) | a) The value of County Land Asset is Reported at Kshs. 19,000,000. Provide valuer's report supporting the stated figure. | (Ref: Pg. 33, Note. 15) | NIL |
| | b) The figure for Office Equipment/Furniture and Fittings has not been provided in PPE schedule. Justify the omission and disclose the figure. | | NIL |
| | c. Motor Vehicles Only the value of additional motor vehicle of Kshs. 5,227,978 are listed in the PPP schedule with No opening balance disclosed. Explain the omission and provide the current value of all motor vehicle being owned by the County and supporting valuation reports. | | NIL |
| Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities | There is a variance on the reported figure for net cash flows from operating activities as reported on the statement of cash flows and notes to the FS. Cash Flow Statement: Kshs. 617,398,745 Figure as provided under note 23 Kshs. 1,142,915,533 Variance: Kshs. 525,516,788 | (Ref: Pg. 6 & Note 23, Pg. 42 & 43) | NIL |

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| | Justify the variance and reconcile the figures, further correctly label the Note to the FS. | | |
| Notes Arrangement | Explanatory Note 7 has been misclassified as Miscellaneous Revenue whereas it should be Employee Cost Amend and properly number the notes | (Ref: Pg. 28 Note 7) | NIL |
| Accumulated Surplus | You have reported accumulated surplus at Kshs. 11,471,734 in the Statement of Financial Position. Provide an illustration reconciling movements and adjustments leading to the reported accumulated surplus figure. | (Ref: Pg. 2) | NIL |
| Receivables from Exchange Transactions | Your disclosures indicate that receivables from non-exchange transactions have increased as follows: FY 2023/24: Kshs. 5,151,666 FY 2024/25: Kshs. 32,987,989 Increase: Kshs. 27,836,323 Provide annexures explaining the nature of the receivables, adjustments made, and collection status. | (Ref: Note 14, Pg. 32) | NIL |
| Statement of Changes in Net Assets | The Item “Adjusted Assets” of Kshs. 1,156,691,644 is included in the statement of Changes in Net Assets without reference to notes. Provide notes explaining its computation and describe the nature of the adjustments. | (Ref. Pg. 5) | NIL |

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| Employee Costs Variance | The figure for employee cost is reported as Kshs. 5,467,519,414 under the final budget whereas the same is reported at Kshs. 5,494,304,839 under the statement of Cash Flows giving a variance of Kshs. 26,785,425. Explain the variance and give the accurate figure for employee cost | (Ref. Pg. 6 & 8) | NIL |
| Finance Costs Variance | Provide adequate explanatory notes for the Kshs. 50,044,818 budget for Finance Costs and justify its low utilization rate of 0.1%. | (Ref: Pg. 8) | NIL |

Request for Extension of Time

In view of the outstanding responses, the Committee requests this Honorable House to grant an extension period of two (2) weeks to enable the Committee to:

- a) Conduct a consultative engagement with the CECM for Finance, Economic Planning and ICT; and
- b) Finalize investigations and submit a final report to the Assembly.

Conclusion

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, I therefore move the motion and humbly urge this House to consider this Progress Report and grants the Committee the requested extension of time. Therefore, Honourable Speaker, call upon Honourable Benson Adegga to second the report. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

(Honourable Adegga bowed)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, the motion on adoption of the Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT Committee on consideration of Annual Reports and Financial Statements of the County Executive for the period ended 30th June 2025 have been moved, seconded. As per our Standing Orders, I want to propose a question. And I propose that the motion is open for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Reverend Tom Nyaoke, North Nyakach Ward.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. Mr. Speaker, I have gone through the report. In fact, as my able Chairperson, Honorable Boitone, was reading the report, actually, I've made the effort to go through, too.

However, Mr. Speaker, there is one notable thing in this report. And that is, we are informed in this report that following the comprehensive review and interrogation of the county Annual Financial Statements for financial year 2024 and 2025, this House Committee did flag-out quite a number of issues, Mr. Speaker. If you look at the issues that were flagged out by this House Committee, Mr. Speaker, those ones should have formed the backbone of that particular statement, Mr. Speaker.

But then you find that they were either omitted to be included in that report, possibly by just omission or by intention, that such information were not included in that financial statement, Mr. Speaker. This House Committee has given us pieces of evidences in form of attachments, appendices, on their attempt to get responses from the County Executive, Mr. Speaker. But we are reliably informed in this report that no attempt was made to respond to these very important issues that were flagged out.

Mr. Speaker, it therefore informs us that, this particular statement for that given financial year fell completely short of the PFM Act with its Regulations. Mr. Speaker, we would not have had any reason to accept the request of this House Committee to give them two weeks extension of time. But I believe that what they are seeking is also in their Standing Orders, Mr. Speaker.

What we can give to this House Committee, because these responses we seriously need them and they must be responded to before this report comes to this house. Mr. Speaker, we cannot fail to give them that benefit of doubt. We have seen the struggle they have had with their respective department of not responding, but then that may not get us somewhere if we do not approve this particular report so that we give them the extension of time to make sure that that report and these responses are there.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore call upon my fellow colleagues that by even thinking not to support this motion is going to lead us to a very longer way of not getting these responses. I am assuming that the reason why they have even requested for these two weeks extension of time could be that the County Executive have assured them that within the two weeks' time they will have responded to these particular issues.

Mr. Speaker, with that few remarks I beg to support that we give this House Committee that two weeks extension of time so that we get these responses back to this house. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Obaso.

Hon. Obaso (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. I also rise to support the two-week extension that this House committee has requested considering the fact that important questions have been raised in this document more so considering the fact that as the custodians of oversight over the County Executive to ensure accountability these questions must be answered. So, I seek to implore with Honorable members to support this report so that these important questions that have been read to be answered within that time that has been asked. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The Deputy Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo. Manyatta “A”): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I strongly want to oppose the extension of time as requested by this House Committee on Finance and ICT. Mr. Speaker, this request is a joke and a mockery to the House. Mr. Speaker, this report was committed to this House Committee on the 10th of September 2025 with a 21-day working term to respond to the house.

Mr. Speaker, five months down the line after the due date, this House Committee is coming here and informing us to give them two more weeks to complete their report. What will they do in two weeks that they could not do within the 21 days or the five months after the due date of submission?

Mr. Speaker, financial statements are usually given to House Committee on Finance to work on and submit to the department of Finance to correct any errors, omissions or any other issues arising before the Auditor General works on such statements. Mr. Speaker, the report on the floor had been worked on by the Auditor General. The report is before the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts and I don't believe that this House will do us any favour by working on a report that the Auditor General has already worked on.

So, Mr. Speaker, it is my belief that, this report is overtaken by events and this House Committee just needs to get serious. Last week, they also came with a report five months late after the due date and asking for an extension of time. The same is happening today, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if this House Committee on Finance cannot work on financial statements in time before the Auditor General works on them, then, Mr. Speaker, I believe that, this House Committee needs to rethink or those reports be given to the Committee on General Oversight if the committee cannot work and sufficiently do their work as mandated by the House, Mr. Speaker.

So, Mr. Speaker, I heard my Honourable colleague, Honourable Nyaoke, giving assumptions on why this House Committee may be requesting for extension. Mr. Speaker, I believe that we just need to get serious. This progress report needed to have come within the 21 working days. If the department does not give you a response or does not respond to your request, your letters, then that is a report on itself, Mr. Speaker. We don't have to wait for reports to expire, to become

overdue, then come months later to ask for progress reports to continue working on something that is obsolete, Mr. Speaker.

So, Mr. Speaker, I want to oppose the granting of these two weeks because it has been overtaken by events. It is my belief that the Select committee on Public Investments and Accounts is almost presenting their report to the House. So, let them just leave it for this House Committee to work on it because they could not, Mr. Speaker, do their mandate as granted by the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I oppose.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Benny Oiko.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Mr. Speaker, at times we need to analyse the report as per its contents so that this House is seen to be serious. When you look at the content of this report, it is not a single quarterly report that was submitted to the Finance Committee. This was the Annual Financial Statement that was submitted to the Office of the Auditor for audit purposes. And to the Committee on Finance and ICT, this report was submitted in September.

That was way after the end of the financial year. So, it is upon the Finance Committee to pull up its socks and ensure that it gets the quarterly financial report in time. And, Mr. Speaker, this is a problem, I believe that, in this House. Where the County Executives are just invited, invited, invited, then we hear of progress report, then we shall now fail to understand the content of progress report. Just as has been echoed five months down the line, you talk of progress report. When the report has been audited...

(Hon. Nyaoke interjects on a Point of Order)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is the Point of Order, Honourable Tom Nyaoke?

Hon. Nyaoke (North Nyakach): Mr. Speaker. It is on the Statement of fact, Mr. Speaker, is it in order for Honourable Oiko to start lamenting before this House, and yet he is a serious member, and in fact a ranking Member of this House Committee, Mr. Speaker?

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Mr. Speaker, what members should know in this House, there is the divergent view. When a member stands to give his divergent view, listen to it. Like I have stated, this is not a Quarterly Financial Report. This is Annual Financial Report. A report that was submitted to the Office of Auditor General for auditing.

Mr. Speaker, as has been echoed by the Deputy Speaker, I was also in another meeting where the Audit Report for 2024-2025, 30th June, was read to us to back up an investigation we were carrying out. These are facts we cannot sweep under the table, Honourable member. So, in short, Mr. Speaker, this report has been overtaken by events as the facts are in this House. I am a member of this house Committee. In this is because, the audit report is out, now, however bad we may dig, however deep we may dig into this report, we cannot go against the findings of the

Auditor General. So, it would be a lesson to this House Committee on Finance and ICT where to start their work and end.

Mr. Speaker, to understand the content of the report, is very crucial, Mr. Speaker. That does not mean that this House Committee has terribly failed. Our technical team should have advised us on what we are handling and the level where this matter has reached. So that, instead of coming with a progress report, we should have given it the right term that it deserves. The report has been overtaken by events.

Mr. Speaker, the Audit Report is out. But the biggest issue that must be addressed is the response from the County Executive. The time frame for the County Executive to respond must be addressed. This idea of just inviting, inviting, and then hiding under the cover of progress report, Mr. Speaker, should be discussed in this House so that it comes to an end. When we see the County Executive not responding in good time, this House should be advised accordingly. That will help us in our work at the committee level.

Mr. Speaker, there was this time in the Senate when the Governors were becoming rogue. You saw the Senate Committee on PIC/PAC invited the Inspector General and an order was given that Governors who don't honor the invitation would be summoned and taken to Senate Committee on Public Accounts to answer the questions. If we go that way, the County Executive will see the sense of responding in good time to enable these House Committees not to be caught where the Finance Committee is now.

That is the truth, my colleagues. And with those few remarks, Mr. Speaker, I hope this is a learning lesson for this House and your office will take it seriously so that we are so directed. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Obonyo.

Hon. Obonyo (South West Kisumu): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I call the mover to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Boitone.

Hon. Boitone (MCA, Nyalenda "A"): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I start by thanking Honourable Nyaoke. Though, Mr. Speaker, you realize that Nyaoke, when the member started his statement, it was like opposing the report. But again, the member realized that he needed to rub somebody's ego and later on supported the report. What has come out, Honorable Speaker, is the request of only two weeks. Because, ideally, this House Committee did not get any response and still they are pushing the County Executive to give out the response. Extension of time has been supported by Honorable Obasso and I agree with my brother you've seen the sense of supporting it.

Honourable Speaker, a member opposed it citing that the report was committed to this House Committee on 10th of September 2025 and was given 21 days. Look at it, Honourable Speaker. September 10th, we did not get the response after starting working on the report. Thereafter, we proceeded for a Long Recess.

The only problem that appears here is that this House Committee did not ask the office of the Speaker to grant them sittings during the recess period. But again, Honorable Speaker, this should not stop members from granting this House Committee another two weeks to report back a full report. Actually, Honorable members, what do you expect this House Committee to do if the response is not given from the County Executive? Invitations are done. Summons are done. They have not appeared.

We have to report back to the House and our reporting we have only requested for two weeks. That doesn't break a bone. Grant us two weeks, we come back and now give recommendation as a committee.

A member mentioned something that the report has already been, should be left to the select committee on Public Investments and Accounts (PIC/PAC). However, it still appears in the radar of the Liaison Committee as one of the reports that has not been concluded by this House Committee. Honourable Speaker, irrespective of that, it must be brought procedurally to this House. And that is what the committee has done. I want to somehow thank Honourable Oiko Pete. Honorable Oiko Pete appears to be very knowledgeable.

And when the member executes his remarks, you will agree with all the statements that he gives. But again, Honourable Speaker, he calls it a divergent opinion. Why is the member bringing that divergent opinion in the floor of the House while he's sitting in the committee level earning public money and the member doesn't give this divergent opinion at the committee level?

Of course, as a House Committee, we would bring the divergent opinion from a member. But the member doesn't do that. He only comes here to appear as if he's the best of the best. This one should also be discouraged.

Otherwise, I believe that, if that goes on, the member should not be a member of that House Committee. Honorable Speaker, you remember that the members are paid per sittings in these House Committees. This is very key. When you are paid per sitting in a House Committee, you should produce in that House Committee. Otherwise, if you are not producing in that House Committee, then you are earning that money illegally.

Honourable Speaker, matters are taken by event. This is a language that is being used by anybody. Analyze what you want to say when a matter or a report has been taken by event. What event are you talking about here? This report was committed to the House, to this House

Committee by this Honourable House. So, it was due diligence for this House Committee to work on the report, get the feedback.

If it did not get the feedback, the way it has not gotten, it is to reports back that these matters were highlighted, were raised by this House Committee; however we did not get the report. And that is exactly what this House Committee has done. Honourable Speaker, I believe that the two weeks request will be granted so that by the end of the two weeks, we will bring the report back. Thank you so much, Honourable Speaker. I reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, I have a motion on adoption of the Report of the Finance and ICT Committee on consideration of the Annual Reports and Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Executive for the period ended 30 June 2025 have been moved, seconded, debated, reply made.

Honourable members, as per our Standing Orders, I want to put a question. That, has as many that are of the opinion that the motion on adoption of the Report of the Finance and ICT Committee on consideration of Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Executive for the period ended 30 June 2025.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, the motion on adoption of the report of the Finance and ICT Committee on consideration of the Annual Reports and Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Executive for the period ended 30 June 2025 have been adopted today, Tuesday, the 24th of March, 2026 at 1541 hours.

Honourable members, I direct that in two weeks' time; the Committee should bring back the report and the Committee of Implementation to help us follow up on the same. So, when you say two weeks, it must be two weeks. And all the members, like we agreed, a report is a report.

When you are given two weeks to bring a report to the House or to work on a document, even if the County Executive does not give you the response, that's what a report is. The same thing that is being reported here ought to have been reported in three weeks' time by October 2025. But it's quite unfortunate that it takes five months for that kind of report to be brought here.

If matters of finance have been overtaken by events, then the report must come to a conclusion. Your recommendation should be we see no need of concluding this report because of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. So we want to bring it to an end. Members will debate and agree with you, or disagree with you. If they disagree, we will continue with it. If they agree, it comes to an end.

Members, if there is a divergent opinion at the Committee, there is always room to give a divergent opinion report to the House. A Committee can produce two reports. One report of those who are supporting, and the other report for those who are of divergent opinion. It is in the

Standing Order. Honourable members, these are things that we have gone through. I still do not understand why it is difficult to follow the Standing Order that guides us in our proceedings.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Otherwise, next order.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, there being no other business to transact, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, the 25th of March, 2026 at 09: 00 a.m.

The House rose at 3:40 p.m.

Addendum

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