

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA

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Afternoon Sitting

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA

HANSARD OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Honourable Members I have two communications to make.

I wish to welcome you back to the August House following the long recess and I hope that you have ably rested and are ready for the commencement of the Second Session of the Third County Assembly which will be very busy for us. Today marks the beginning of one of the busiest schedules of the session, among them being the budget process, various legislations in the County Assembly's Calendar among other upcoming crucial businesses. As we commence the session, I wish to bring to the attention of the House, that going by our practice, any Standing Order and business that was not concluded at the end of the last session, such as Motions, as well as Questions and Statements; which had not been responded to have now lapsed. To this end, every Chairperson of Committees or individual Member who wishes to reintroduce such businesses is advised to do so by contacting the Office of the Clerk to revive the business. This however, does not apply to the Bills and Petitions.

Honourable Members, with regard to Questions and Statements, I wish to direct that going forward, all the Chairpersons of Sectorial Committees to provide progress reports to the House pursuant to the requirements on Standing Order No.54. The respective reports should indicate the list of Questions and Statements referred to their Committees, those awaiting further information or a reply and those still pending. The chairpersons will be expected to avail this information in form of a brief statement to be made in the House. These reports will enable Members to know the fate of their Questions and Statements which were still pending.

The second communication provides guidelines for the management and operations of Committees. Honourable Members, in the recent past, there has been concern on the manner in which Committees are being managed and particularly by the Chairpersons and the Honourable Members. It is on the basis of these concerns that I am issuing this communication to address the critical issues that affect the management and operations of the Committees; the importance of Committees cannot be gainsaid as alluded during the Leadership meeting and in the Liaison committee's retreats in Kisumu. Committees serve as

the reference point for legislation, oversight and involvement in the public affairs of the legislature in a manner contemplated under the Constitution. It is the manner in which the committees conduct their business that builds up or destroys the image of the legislature.

First, the management of the committees as you are aware is vested in the Office of the Speaker, the Liaison Committee as per Standing Order No. 216 (2), and the Chairpersons of the committees as per Standing Order No. 182 and Office of the Clerk. The four offices working in synergy enable the operations of the committees to run efficiently and effectively, thereby ensuring that the House executes its legislative and oversight mandate as provided for under the Constitution and the County Assembly Standing Orders.

Honourable Members while the Speaker, the Liaison Committee and the Chairpersons of the Committees offer strategic leadership and directions, the Office of the Clerk is facilitative in nature and has however, over the years come to be regarded as the backbone of the committee system in all parliamentary democracies. In our day to day operations, committees are managed by Committee Clerks and other officers who give procedural advice to the Committee, take minutes of Committee proceedings, receive and preserve documents on behalf of the committees and carry out other important logistical and administrative duties. The Secretariat also assists in official communication, arranging appearances of witnesses and advising the Chairpersons and Members on the procedures in committees. In essence, the Committee Secretariat is responsible for coordinating the affairs of the Committee in ensuring that Committees get the needed support to be effective in discharging their mandate.

The effectiveness of any oversight committee has therefore a bearing of the services provided by the Committee Secretariat and the synergy between the Secretariat and the Chairperson of the Committee. I urge all Chairpersons to accord the Secretariat the necessary support in the discharge of their duties and more importantly in the application of the Standing Orders and unwritten practices of the House.

Secondly, on the conduct of the meetings, Honourable Members, in the recent past there has been a worrying trend in the frequency at which Committee Members are holding meetings to the exclusion of the Secretariat; and more so the Committee Clerks. Committee Clerks are officers of the House and just as the case with the House which cannot sit without the Clerks at the table; Committees should not meet or transact any business without the Secretariat.

A committee meeting is therefore not complete in the absence of a Committee Clerk and the Secretariat and will henceforth be treated as an informal gathering or a committee's *kamukunji*. Committees are allowed within their powers to exclude any person or even the public from its proceedings for justifiable reasons, pursuant to Standing Order No.250, but such exclusion however, does not apply to Committee Clerks who are a part and parcel of the committee architecture.

Third, on attendance of committee meetings; Honourable Members, the attendance of committee sittings by Members is important for effective oversight. It has been brought to my attention and witnessed in person that some committees are finding it extremely difficult to raise quorum within the requisite time as provided for in Standing Order No. 187, which states as follows;

‘Unless quorum is achieved within 30 minutes of the appointed time, a meeting of the Committee of the House shall stand adjourned to such a further time or a day as the Chairperson of the Committee may appoint’.

It has been difficult when the Chair comes late to a meeting and finds that Members have already left. Committees are unable to sustain a quorum during deliberations or businesses before them. Members just appear for the sake of recording attendance and disappear into thin air. This has brought embarrassment and loss of dignity to Committees and the County Assembly as a whole; especially when witnesses have been invited and the meetings do not take off or end up with one or two Members only conducting the business of the Committee. This is a shame and must come to an end.

Further, there have been instances when committees fail to raise a requisite numbers necessary for adoption of reports, thus, draft reports remain pending before Committees for unnecessarily long periods. I implore Members to fully participate in committee sittings, to enrich their deliberations and be seized of the matters under consideration; to enable committees come up with impeccable findings and recommendations. Let us all ensure that retreats and field visits are properly utilized to conduct businesses and not as grounds for picnics and holidays. There must be value for money on any committee activity.

I therefore direct as follows;

- (a) All Chairpersons or persons designated to chair committee meetings or committee retreats pursuant to Standing Order No.190 shall close the attendance register upon the close of the business, and no Member shall be allowed to sign the register or Committee’s report whose contents they are not aware of.
- (b) Adoption of the Committee Reports shall be done at the venue of the retreat, upon conclusion and adoption of the Committee recommendations. No more signing of committee reports in our committee rooms.
- (c) Members should and must attend committee meetings without fail. If they fail, the provisions of Standing Order No.189 will apply; where failure to attend four (4) consecutive meetings without the permission of the Chairperson or the Speaker will lead to **automatic removal** of that Member from that committee. Any Member discharged from a committee in a situation such as this for non-attendance will not be eligible for re-appointment to any other Committee. We won’t transfer your problems to another committee.

I urge Chairpersons of committees to co-operate with the Committee Clerks to provide lists of attendance on every committee sitting for purposes of administering Standing Order No.189.

As agreed in the Leadership Retreat recently in Kisumu, I hereby direct that the provisions of these Standing Orders and recording of sittings of committees and particularly on quorum be implemented to the latter. We need to remind ourselves that those who desire not to attend or be Members of committees can as well indicate such desires to their respective leadership of the political parties.

Fourth, on Committee reports Honourable Members, committees communicate to the House through their reports. It is, therefore, imperative that committees prioritize consideration of Bills, Sessional Papers, statutory instruments, audit reports and Petitions and submit reports within the statutory timelines. Some committees have taken inordinately long to conclude inquiries, engaging in unending investigations while others re-open inquiries even after going for report writing. The delay in concluding inquiries and producing reports on time leads to unnecessary speculation and fuels rumours of rent-seeking, among others. This waste of public resources on unending “investigations” will not be accepted.

Finally, Honourable Members, this being a House of procedure and rules, I, therefore, urge you Members to conduct your official business within the provisions of the Constitution, statutes and our own Standing Orders and, particularly, respect the rules against anticipating debates and commenting on reports which have not been tabled before the House for consideration whether in a funeral or in a wedding or any other venue or before this House.

I urge committees to take legislation and other business before them more seriously and report within the stipulated time frames. The House is accordingly guided for implementation of this communication by the Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members whose mandate was given to them by the Selection Committee. Thank you.

PAPERS

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE IN THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (*Leader of Majority*): Thank you Speaker. Allow me table the list of Members to serve in the House Business Committee for the Second Session of the Third Assembly. You know Speaker, I am still digesting your message; it was so harsh but...

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, the proposed membership list from the House Leadership to serve in the House Business Committee for the Second Session of the Third County Assembly is now tabled and it forms the record of the House accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1. THAT THIS HOUSE APPROVES THE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE IN THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (*Leader of Majority*): Thank you Speaker. Allow me move this motion. I give a notice that pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 173 (1) (g), this House approves the nomination of Members to serve in the House Business Committee.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, the names having been tabled and a notice of motion having been dully issued, the said motion will form part of our business on our Order Paper as we are going on.

2. THAT THIS HOUSE APPROVES THE REPORT BY THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE BUNGOMA COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW AND OUTLOOK PAPER FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/23

Hon. Charles Nangulu (*Vice Chairperson, Budget Committee*): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to give a notice of Motion, that this House approves the report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Bungoma County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for financial year 2022/2023.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, a notice of Motion having been duly issued, that this House approves the Bungoma County Budget Review and Outlook Paper FY 2022/23, I will ask the Table Clerks to circulate that report and it is going to form business on our Order Paper in the course of the week accordingly.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (*Leader of Majority*): Thank you Speaker. Allow me move the Procedural Motion that pursuant to provision of Standing Order No. 173(1) (g), this House approves the nomination of the following Members to the House Business Committee;

1. Hon. Emmanuel SitumaChairperson
2. Hon. Stephen Wamalwa.....Vice chairperson (Ford Kenya)
3. Hon. Joseph Nyongesa Member (Ford Kenya)
4. Hon. Meshack Simiyu Member (Ford Kenya)
5. Hon. Christine Mukhongo Member (UDA)
6. Hon. Mildred BarasaMember (Ford Kenya)
7. Hon. Violet Makhanu Member (Ford Kenya)
8. Hon. Jack WambulwaMember (Ford Kenya)
9. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa.....Member (UDA)
10. Hon. Anthony Lusenaka Member (DAP)
11. Hon. Millia MasunguMember (DAP)
12. Hon. Cornelius MakhanuMember (DAP)
13. Hon. Metrine Nangalama.....Member (DAP)
14. Hon. Johnstone Ipara.....Member (MCC)
15. Hon. Jacob PseroMember (Independent)

Hon. Speaker, allow me call upon the Leader of Minority to second.

Hon. Anthony Lusenaka (*Leader of Minority*): Thank you Speaker. I rise to second the motion. As you realize, we started a new session and without this Committee there would be no business. This is the engine of this Assembly and I would like to ask Members to pass the motion as it is. Hon. Speaker, arising from your communication, you may realize that from the minority side in this Committee of 11 we are only three...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Lusenaka, you have just one command; you second. The other business you can engage us as we are debating, but for now, stick to seconding.

Hon. Anthony Lusenaka (*Leader of Minority*): But it is part of seconding Hon. Speaker. Allow me to finish. In a committee of 15 we are 4, so I think the government is failing and arising from this communication and this motion, I want to request the majority to whip the Members from the Kenya Kwanza coalition. They should be serious, because all the Chairs and Vice Chairs come from the Kenya Kwanza side...

If this Assembly fails, it is the government failing. Hon. Speaker my request is that they have the mandate; we chose them as the Chairs and Vice Chairs of various Committees. For us, we are ready to work, but we are a coalition and minority side therefore we can't do much. If given an opportunity to replace those Members who are not serious, we will take up the challenge. I second Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, before I propose a motion for this House to consider, as you are going to debate, beware of Standing Order No. 177 (2) so that you are aware of the consequences of your debate.

Honourable Members, a procedural motion has been moved pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 173 (1) (g); that the House approves the nominations of Honourable Members whose names have been laid in this House for approval to serve as Members of the House Business Committee for the Second Session or the Third County Assembly, I propose;

Hon. James Mukhongo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion that the names that have been laid before this House to serve on the House Business Committee be approved. When we came in as a new Assembly, we constituted committees basing on the strength of the coalitions. After going through the names, I have not seen any interference from either my coalition where I am a Member from the Kenya Kwanza coalition; we have been given our rightful share and that goes for the minority side as well. Basing on that, I stand in this House to support the motion so that the Members can serve on that committee. As it has been mentioned by the Leader of the Minority side, this is a key committee in this House; it is the engine of this House. Without this committee, then there will be no business to be transacted in this House. As Members of this House, we support the formation of that committee.

Finally, I also agree with your communication, but I only differ with the response from the Leader of Minority. We as Kenya Kwanza are ready and committed to work in various committees where we have been assigned.

I am a Member of Finance and other committees, we have agreed as Members of the Committees that we will keep time as Chairpersons, because you had referred that Chairpersons must take charge. I am also urging my colleagues who are Chairpersons that you can see now the opposition side is warming up to take our positions. We need to be very careful with them. We should not leave any chance for them to occupy, we are up to the task and we are going to work.

Hon. Speaker, it will be sad because you have given us the mandate to close the attendance register at the end of every meeting; and which will be done. I am promising that as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee, I will do so because I know my Members from Kenya Kwanza always keep time. I am urging even the opposition side to also keep time and I know they always keep time; because there are no late comers in my committee.

Otherwise, as we move forward, you have also told us to participate in retreats. Yes, we need to participate, but you as our Chairperson of the Service Board you also need to do the necessary for us, so that our pockets are filled. If my pocket is good, then I will attend. Sometimes I might be forced not to attend because of my pocket. Therefore it also lies in your hands, as the Chairperson of the Service Board. I know the composition of the Service Board, where my brother Hon. Balala is a member; I know him at one time, we know he requested this House to give us a Christmas token, which we ended up being surcharged for. It should not be like that my brother; we want to do things procedurally and according to the law. Otherwise, I support the motion Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Milliah Masungu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. First and foremost, I want to say that Happy New Year to everybody because all of us went for Christmas and we are back again. We thank God we have actually added weight, if you look around, these are not the people. We have had all our time, enjoyed with electorates, we thank God for everything. I want to support the motion and I am sure that the Members have confidence in the safety of the names on the floor. That it has been our duty that we fully be punctual in our meetings, just to expedite the running of the Assembly. I support the motion.

Honourable Members, it is our cardinal duty to see that legislation in this House is done at the best of our energy and level. From your communication Speaker, I feel that we should oblige with your segments and now that we are here as representatives of the people, we need to maintain what is our rightful duty as Honourable Members. All committees that generate business for this House and if we miss to attend those committees, we have to be sure that there will be no business in the House and at the end of the day, our representation of our people would have failed. Thank you Speaker, I support the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members I want to limit debate on the list of Members with the following guidance; when we approve the list of Members, the House will be suspended for 20 minutes. We will suspend the sitting to convene the HBC in my chamber; to come up with

the Calendar of the Assembly sittings from tomorrow, and then come back for a continuation of the sitting to approve the Calendar and the Order Paper to run from tomorrow till Thursday. Therefore, I will suspend the sitting, walk out, have HBC and come back for a continuation. I am limiting debate so that we allow the new HBC that we are going to approve to go and approve the calendar, because it is the new HBC that is supposed to approve the calendar running from today afternoon.

Are we together Members?

Therefore, allow me call the mover of the motion to respond.

Hon. Joseph Nyogesa (*Leader of Majority*): Thank you Speaker. I concur with colleagues as they support the list. It is just a matter of improving and doing the needful as Hon. Milliah has said. It is our responsibility also as leaders in our coalitions to ensure that Members are attending meetings. You know Speaker, it is so challenging and that it is too early for Members to get relaxed. Members, you know, there is no way we can hide. I agree 100% with Hon. Lusenaka because in a committee of 15 Members or 11 Members, there is no way we can say that there is no quorum yet Members of the ruling coalition are more than enough. Members kindly, let us up our game. I know we talked and we only need to actualize. Hon. Speaker, you will realize that in the on-going interrogations, the attendance is too low. We need to be serious and do the necessary. Otherwise, thank you for supporting the list.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa. I now proceed to put a question to the House on the proposed list of the nominees to serve on the Committee of House Business.

Honourable Members, a motion has been moved and seconded and debate having ensued that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 131; that this House approves the nominations of Members whose names have been proposed to serve in the HBC as follows;

1. Hon. Emmanuel Situma.....Chairperson
2. Hon. Stephen Wamalwa.....V. chairperson
3. Hon. Joseph Nyongesa.....Member
4. Hon. Meshack Simiyu.....Member
5. Hon. Christine Mukhongo.....Member
6. Hon. Mildred Barasa.....Member
7. Hon. Violet Makhanu.....Member
8. Hon. Jack Wambulwa.....Member
9. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa.....Member
10. Hon. Anthony Luseneka.....Member

11. Hon. Milliah Masungo.....Member
12. Hon. Cornelius Makhanu..... Member
13. Hon. Metrine Nangalama.....Member
14. Hon. Johnstone Ipara.....Member
15. Hon. Jacob Psero.....Member

The question in respect to House approval of the said list of Members to the HBC was put and agreed to.

Those are now the new Members of the HBC and I will ask that we go to the Speaker's chambers to sit and prepare the Order Paper for further sittings and equally the Calendar for the Assembly.

The House is hereby suspended for 20 minutes.

We rise.

(House suspended for 20 minutes)

The House resumes

The Hon Speaker [Mr. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, we resume our sittings. Hope every Honourable Member has the supplementary Order Paper on their gadget. Before we proceed, I will make the following adjustments on that Order Paper;

Item number seven (7), that is; Statement pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 47 (2) (a); A statement informing the County Assembly of the weekly business coming before the House from Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th February, 2023 shall come at the tail end. We will execute item number five, six, and eight and then come back to item number seven in that order.

The Table Clerks as you are reading, when we finish item number six we go to eight then come back to item seven.

PAPERS

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY- 2023; REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 2023, FEBRUARY TO DECEMBER 2023

Mr. Speaker: Before we proceed, I want to confirm if the Honourable Members have the Order Paper.

(Loud Consultation)

Just check again because I am told the Committee Clerks are already having it. Are you having it now? You know Members when you send it on WhatsApp, it just comes direct to Hon. Lusenaka, but if it is an email it must go to America and come back if you do not know.

Hon. Lusenaka you must be having the same. Share with Members on B.C.A, that is for the Order Paper; in the meantime also share the calendar of the House as proposed then we can proceed so that Members can go through as we are going on. Hon. Nyongesa!

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (*Leader of Majority*): Thank you Mr. Speaker, allow me table the County Assembly Legislative Calendar for the Second Session of the Third County Assembly. That is the regular sessions of the County Assembly for the year 2023; February to December 2023.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, the County Assembly Calendar for the Second Session of the Third County Assembly 2023 from February to December has been tabled; and now forms the business of our House accordingly.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

THAT THIS HOUSE APPROVES THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY 2023; REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 2023-FEBRUARY TO DECEMBER 2023.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, Majority Leader...

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (*Leader of Majority*): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me give a notice that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 31(1) this House approves the County Assembly Legislative Calendar for the Second Session of the Third County Assembly 2023 in regular sessions; from February to December 2023

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, a notice of motion having been duly issued pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 31(1) that this House approves the County Assembly of Bungoma Legislative Calendar. I am aware you already have the copies of the same. We will go to the next item; it is going to come up as a Procedural Motion for this House's approval

8. PROCEDURAL MOTION.

APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY 2023

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Joseph Nyongesa now you can proceed.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (*Leader of Majority*): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Allow me move the Procedural Motion on approval of the Legislative Calendar for the Second Session of the Third County Assembly 2023. Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 31(1) this House

approves the County Assembly Legislative Calendar for the Second Session of the Third Assembly 2023. Those are regular sessions of the County Assembly for the year 2023 from February to December, 2023.

We have our schedule shown on the table and I hope members have now received it and they are moving with me. This regular session shall be operated as follows;

The second session shall start on Tuesday 14th February to 7th December, 2023 with three sitting days; this will be from Tuesday 14th February to 16th March, 2023. The days to be sat will be Tuesdays afternoons, Wednesday mornings and afternoons and Thursday afternoons only. We shall have a short recess from Friday 17th March to Monday 27th March, 2023.

Part Two

Our sitting days will be from Tuesday 28th March to Thursday 4th May, 2023. Days to be allocated will be on Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and afternoons and lastly Thursday afternoons.

We shall have a long recess which shall start from Friday 5th May to Monday 5th June, 2023.

Part Three

Our sitting shall be as follows; we shall start from Tuesday 6th June to Thursday 13th July, 2023. This will be on Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and afternoons and Thursday afternoons.

We shall have a short recess which shall run from Friday 14th July to Monday 24th July, 2023.

Part Four

Our sitting will run as follows; we shall have our sittings from Tuesday 25th July to Thursday 31st August, 2023. Our sitting days will be on Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and afternoons and Thursday afternoons. We shall have a long recess which will start from Friday 1st September to 2nd Monday of October, 2023.

Part Five

Our calendar will run as follows; we shall have our sittings from Tuesday 3rd October to Thursday 9th November, 2023. Our sittings will be on Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and afternoons and Thursday afternoon.

We shall have a short recess that will run from Friday 10th November to Monday 20th November, 2023.

Part Six

Our sitting shall run as follows; Tuesday 21st November to Thursday 7th December, 2023. Our sittings will be on Tuesday Afternoons, Wednesday Mornings and afternoons and Thursday afternoons.

We shall have a long recess which shall start from 8th December to Monday 12th February, 2024. We shall have our sitting on Tuesday 13th February, 2024 on Tuesday afternoon. Maybe members should note this so that we keep time. The County Assembly shall sit from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. That is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

In case of special sittings, then we shall be notified through the Kenyan gazette notice as per the County Assembly Standing Orders. That is how our Calendar shall run. Allow me to call upon the Leader of Minority to second.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, Hon. Antony Lusenaka.

Hon. Antony Lusenaka (*Leader of Minority*): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to second the Procedural Motion as moved by the Leader of Majority. This calendar gives us ample time to plan for the activities within the year. We have CASA games coming up, I think in April or May.

We also have the Legislative Summit that is coming up. With this calendar, we will plan our activities well, plus the retreats and not forgetting our Whole House activities in Kisumu. You can also plan for them to take care of welfare. I second the Legislative calendar for the Second Session of the Third Assembly 2023.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. I will now proceed and propose a Motion for the House to debate. Honourable Members, a motion has been moved and seconded that this House approves the Legislative Calendar for the second session of the Third County Assembly, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order No. 31(1). I propose.

Hon. Barasa Mukhongo: Mr. Speaker, I support the procedural motion before this Honorable House, but I have the following to say; number one, Honorable Speaker, urge your office to share the same calendar with the Executive. I know it will be published, but you need to share with the Executive so that they can align themselves with some of the crucial documents that are to be tabled in this Honorable House.

During our time, we don't want to be interfered with the special sittings because we are not paid. So we will not be happy when you call us for a special sitting and if it will be there, if somebody has just slept on his job, he must pay for it. Otherwise we are ready to work to represent our people on the ground and in the Pacific.

We even have the Liaison Officer sitting in this House. I wish after this exercise, he needs to have a copy and he needs to go and share with the Executive even before you communicate. That is how I look at it.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Barasa Mukhongo. Honorable Members, having had those contributions, allow me to invite the mover of the motion to respond accordingly.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. What Hon. Mukhongo has said is quite in order, because even the Executive is aware of the running of the calendar, they can at least adjust their activities and it will also help us as an Assembly so that they cannot interfere with our calendar. Again, Mr. Speaker, we have some issues like CASA and some other conferences. At least for those ones we can adjust as time comes so that we don't interfere.

Otherwise, thank you Members for the support. Let's ensure that we do our oversight in a right way by being punctual in our committees and in retreats so that at least the Executive can be on their toes always. I am grateful.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Nyongesa for steady reply. I will propose a question to the House for it to make the decision over.

Honorable Members a Motion has been moved and seconded and debate having ensued that this House approves the procedural motion for the approval of the Legislative Calendar for the Second Session of a Third County Assembly, 2023.

(Question put and agreed to)

Just to take the views of Hon. James Barasa Mukhongo. We will first and foremost gazette the Calendar in the Kenya Gazette, and share it with the Executive for each sector department to be aware of the planning and running of the House activities, so that we don't have interference of special sittings which I am aware and you are all aware that there are no returns whenever we have them.

Let us not have those sittings coming up and equally timelines of submitting documents to the House accordingly. So on that basis; I think we will have the same by the end of next week, properly gazetted for sharing. In the meantime, you can make those larger copies and then share with the Liaison Officer and equally with the Executive to make them aware of the working plans of the House accordingly.

Now we will go back to item number seven on our Order Paper. Hon. Violet Makhanu, you had the honor of doing the work on behalf of the HBC.

Hon. Violet Makhanu: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I am on my feet to read the weekly program of the business of the County Assembly pursuant to Standing Order No. 42, for the week commencing Tuesday 15th to 16th February, 2023.

On Wednesday 15th which is tomorrow at 9:30 a.m., the order of business will be;

1. Prayers
2. Administration of Oath
3. Communication from the chair

4. Messages,

5. Petitions

Petition by Emony Yefwe International on the denial of right to health services to John Keen Wanjala and his subsequent death at Webuye County Hospital; Chairperson, Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs

6. Papers

I) Report by the House Business Committee on the affairs of the County Assembly during the first session of the Third County Assembly- Leader of the Majority Party.

II) The policy statement, on enhancing own source revenue by the County Government of Bungoma; Leader of the Majority Party

6. Notice of Motion

That this House adopts the report by the House Business Committee on the affairs of the County Assembly during the first session of the third County Assembly 2022; the Leader of the Majority Party.

7. Statements

8. Motions

That this House approves the report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Bungoma County Budget Review and Outlook paper financial year 2022/2023; Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Wednesday 15, February 2023 at 2:30p.m.

The order of business;

Prayers

1. Administration of oaths

2. Communication from the chair

3. Messages,

4. Petitions

5. Papers

Report by sectorial Committee on Public Administration in the ICT on the Bungoma County State of County Address Bill, 2022; Chairperson sectorial Committee and Public Administration and ICT

6. Notice of motion

That this House adopts the report by the Sectorial Committee on Public Administration and ICT on the Bungoma County state of County address Bill, 2022; the Chairperson Committee on Public Administration and ICT

7. Statements

8. Motions

That this House adopts the report on the House Business Committee on the affairs of the County Assembly during the first session of the third County Assembly, 2022; Member of the House Business Committee.

On Thursday 16th February, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

The order of business will be;

Prayer

1. Administration, of oaths

2. Communication from the chair,

3. Messages

4 petitions

5. Papers

Report by the Sectorial committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation, and Cooperatives Development on the implementation status of the farm input Support Program; Chairperson sectorial Committee on Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development.

6. Notices of motion

That this House adopts the report by the Sectorial Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on the implementation status of farm input Support Program; Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development.

7. Statements

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 42; that is exactly what I am doing

8. Motions

9. Bills

The Bungoma County state of the County Address Bill, 2022; A bill of an Act of the County Assembly of Bungoma to provide for the delivery of the annual State of the County Address by the Governor of Bungoma County, to the County Assembly of Bungoma and for matters incidental thereto; Chairperson, Sectorial Committee on Public Administration and ICT-
Second reading

10. The Committee of the Whole House

The Bungoma County state of County Address Bill, 2022; Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House

Notice is given that the Chairperson of the sector Committee on Public Administration and ICT intends to move the following amendments to the State of the County Address Bill, 2022; Bungoma County Bill No. 3 of 2022, at the Committee stage.

11. The Bungoma County Government Finance Bill, 2023

A Bill of an Act of the County Assembly Bungoma to provide for the revision of the various taxes, fees and charges for the services and for other revenue raising measures by the County Government and matters incidental thereto; Chairperson sectorial Committee on Finance and Economic Planning- Second Reading

I submit.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Honorable Members, we keep on learning on a daily basis. This is a tentative Order Paper for the week. It is never submitted, but is tabled for the House to take over.

Honorable Members, we are adjourning and we shall resume our regular sittings of individual committees now that the timetable for Liaison is in force, we no longer have committee retreats except for Trade, Selection and Procedure and Rules who are having their last retreat over this coming weekend.

For the other committees, the regular committee sittings apply. The timetable is available to enable committees resume their sittings accordingly.

Honorable Members that was the last item on our Order Paper, as per the rearrangement We will adjourn for now and resume tomorrow the 15th of February; since we have approved our Calendar.

(House adjourns)