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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA
HANSARD OFFICIAL REPORT
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The House met at 9:30 a.m.

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

PRAYER

MOTIONS

**REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON THE VETTING OF
NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE OFFICES OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN BUNGOMA COUNTY**

Mr. Speaker: It is too early to start giving Honourable members water.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: That is why I am wondering Speaker. Anyway, it is a good concern.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, allow me before reading the report by the Committee on Appointments, thank some few members here. We have ladies and gentlemen in this House that are always devoted and praying for this Assembly; its leaders and people of Bungoma, led by Hon. Bishop Caleb from Bukembe East and that is why you see things are running well.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, whenever you appreciate Hon. Bishop Caleb Wanjala equally appreciate Bishop George Makari. He is equally a bishop.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Honourable Speaker, I said ‘a team being led by’ it means we have some followers and we have ladies and gentlemen but that should be looked into.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Order members, order!

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Mr. Speaker, this is the County Assembly of Bungoma, Office of the Clerk third session, Committee on Appointments, first report on the vetting of the nominees for the appointment to the offices of the County Executive Committee Members in Bungoma County.

FOREWORD

Pursuant to Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution, Section 30 (2) (d) of the County Governments’ Act, 2012 and Section 4 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 33 of 2017, His Excellency, the Governor nominated:

1. Dr. **David Wamamili Wanyonyi (PhD)**, for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Education and Vocational Training;
2. Mr. **Herbert Wanjala Kibunguchi**, for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Environment, Water, Tourism and Natural Resources;
3. Ms. **Carolynne Khalayi Makali**, for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Energy & Industrialization;
4. Mr. **Bonventure Chengek Chemaket** for appointment as County Executive Member for Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works;
5. Dr. **Andrew Wekesa Wamalwa** for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation;
6. Ms. **Nancy Charity Kibaba** for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports;
7. Ms. **Monicah Salano Fedha** for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development;
8. Mr. **Wekesa Douglas Sasita**, for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Urban/Physical Planning, Housing and Municipalities; and
9. Mr. **Benedict Esiromo Emacar**, for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Public Service

Vide letter Ref. No. **CG/BGM/CS/GEN/VOL.VI (14)** dated 12th October, 2022; H.E, the Governor through the Office of County Secretary conveyed to the Speaker of the County Assembly a message regarding the nomination of the nine (9) persons for approval to the offices of County Executive Committee Members’.

On Tuesday, 25th October, 2022, the Honourable Speaker of the County Assembly read the Message from His Excellency, the Governor to the House; pursuant to Standing Order 45 (1). The names were committed to the Committee on Appointments for vetting and reporting to the House within twenty-one (21) sitting days; pursuant to section 4 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 208(4).

The Clerk of the County Assembly in complying with Section 7 (10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, placed an advertisement in the print media on Friday, 28th October, 2022; inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavits) on the suitability or otherwise of each of the nominees as stipulated in the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

The advertisement specified that the submissions were to be received by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, 3rd November, 2022. By close of the submission deadline, the Committee had not received any memoranda touching on the suitability of the nominees.

Further, in fulfilment of the provisions of Article 196 (1) of the Constitution, Section 7 (5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 56(3), the Clerk of the County Assembly on Friday, 28th October, 2022, notified the public through an advertisement in the print media that the Committee on Appointments would

conduct the approval hearings on Friday, 4th November, 2022 and Monday 7th November, 2022.

The nominees appeared before the Committee on Friday, 4th November, 2022 and Monday 7th November, 2022 for approval hearings in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly Standing Orders.

May I take this occasion to acknowledge all the Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions and time during the approval hearings; and deliberations during the writing of this report. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the technical support accorded to it during the exercise.

On behalf of the Committee on Appointments and pursuant to section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the provisions of Standing Order 202 (7), it is now my duty and privilege to present to the House, the First Report of the Committee on Appointments on the approval hearings of the nominees for appointment to the positions of County Executive Committee Members.

Signed by Hon. Emmanuel Mukhebi Situma, Speaker of the County Assembly/Chairperson, Committee on Appointments.

PREFACE

Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

Section 14 (3) (a) of the County Governments' Act, 2012 provides that when the County Assembly considers any appointment for which its approval is required under the Constitution or an Act of Parliament, the appointment shall be considered by a Committee of the relevant House.

The Committee on Appointments is established under Standing Order 208(1). Standing Order 208(4) provides that the Committee on appointments shall consider, for approval by the House, appointments under Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution.

Committee Membership

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| 1. Hon. Emmanuel Situma | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Stephen Wamalwa | - | Member |
| 3. Hon. Joseph Nyongesa | - | Member |
| 4. Hon. Anthony Lusenaka | - | Member |
| 5. Hon. Joan Kirong | - | Member |
| 6. Hon. Everlyne Mutiembu | - | Member |
| 7. Hon. Grace Sundukwa | - | Member |
| 8. Hon. James Mukhongo | - | Member |
| 9. Hon. Francis Chemion | - | Member |

10. Hon. George Makari	-	Member
11. Hon. Vitalis Wangila	-	Member

BACKGROUND

Notification of Nominations

Pursuant to Articles 179(2) of the Constitution as read with Sections 4 and 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, His Excellency, the Governor, through the County Secretary and Head of Public Service forwarded to the Clerk of the County Assembly a letter dated 12th October, 2022, referenced **CG/BGM/CS/GEN/VOL.VI (14)** (Annexure 1); forwarding the names of the nine (9) persons nominated for appointment as County Executive Committee Members.

The notification contained the curriculum vitae and testimonials of the nine (9) nominees.

Notification to the House and Committal to the Committee on Appointments

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 45(1), the Speaker, vide a communication dated Tuesday, 25th October, 2022; informed the House of the Governor's message on the nomination of County Executive Committee Members, for approval by the County Assembly.

Pursuant to Section 7(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 56 (1), the names and curriculum vitae of the nominees were committed to the Committee on Appointments for vetting and reporting to the House on or before Thursday, 8th December, 2022.

Notification to the Public

Article 196 of the Constitution provides that the County Assembly shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative business and other business of County Assembly and its Committees.

Section 7 (5) of the Act further provides that the Clerk shall notify the public of the time and place for holding approval hearings at least seven days prior to the hearings.

Further, Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 provides that;

“Any person may, prior to the approval hearings and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated.”

Pursuant to Article 196 of the Constitution as read with section 7 (4), and (10) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017; the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Friday, 28th October, 2022 (annexure 2). The advert contained notification inviting the public to submit memoranda in conformity with

section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 by Thursday, 3rd November, 2022 at 9.00 a.m.

On Friday, 28th October, 2022 and pursuant to Article 196 of the Constitution, Section 7 (5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 56(3); the Clerk of the County Assembly through the print media notified the general public that the approval hearings for the nominees would be conducted on Friday, 4th November, 2022 and Monday 7th November, 2022 (Annexure 3).

Notification to the Nominees

The Clerk of the County Assembly further invited the nominees through print media to attend their approval hearings in accordance with Section 7 (4) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 (Annexure 4).

Clearance and Compliance Requirements

On the notice of appearance for approval hearings, the Clerk of the County Assembly notified the nominees to provide Clearance and Compliance requirements from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) (Annexure 5)

In complying with the above requirement, the nominees submitted to the Committee certified clearance copies issued on diverse dates as follows;

NOMINEE	KRA	EACC	HELB	DCI	CRB
DAVID WAMAMILI	3/2/2022	31/10/2022	26/10/2022	Receipt issued on 27/10/2022	As at 3/2/2022
HERBERT W KIBUNGUCHY	31/10/2022	26/10/2022	24/10/2022	Receipt issued on 24/10/2022	24/10/2022
CAROLYNE K. MAKALI	12/10/2022	17/10/2022	12/10/2022	2/11/2022	23/10/2022
BONVENTURE C. CHEMAKET	12/9/2022	17/10/2022	17/10/2022	14/10/2022	11/10/2022
ANDREW W. WAMALWA	1/9/2022	31/8/2022	22/7/2015	15/9/2022	31/8/2022
NANCY C. KIBABA	10/3/2022	14/10/2022	5/3/2022	29/3/2022	5/3/2022
MONICA S. FEDHA	28/10/2022	31/10/2022	22/5/2006	27/10/2022	26/10/2022

DOUGLAS W. SASITA	2/3/2022	12/10/2022	16/1/2015	2/11/2022	31/10/2022
BENEDICT E. EMACAR	27/10/2022	24/9/2022	1/12/2014	14/10/2022	27/9/2022

Issues for Consideration during the Approval Hearings

Section 7(8) and (9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 provides that:

7(8) an approval hearing shall focus on a candidate's academic credentials, professional training and experience, person integrity and background.

(9) The criteria specified in the schedule shall be used by a Committee during an approval hearing for the purposes of vetting a candidate.

Additionally, Section 8 of the Act provides that the issues for consideration by the relevant House in relation to any nomination shall be:

8. The procedure used to arrive at the nominee

- (a) Any Constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the office in question, and*
- (b) The suitability of the nominee for the appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominees' abilities, experience and qualifications meet the needs of the body to which nomination is being made.*

While conducting the approval hearings, the Committee was guided by the provisions of Section 7 (8) and (9) and Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

(a) Procedure for Nomination

Articles 179(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 30 (2) (d) of the County Governments' Act, 2012 confers upon the Governor the power to appoint County Executive Committee Members for the approval of the County Assembly

Sections 4 and 6 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 further requires the appointing authority, upon nominating a person for appointment, to notify the relevant County Assembly.

In this regard, pursuant to Article 179(2) of the Constitution and section 4 and 6(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Governor notified the County Assembly of the nomination of nine (9) persons for appointment to the offices of County Executive Committee Members.

(b) Constitutional and Statutory Requirements

The Constitution and the County Governments Act, 2012 Section 35 (2) gives guidelines on how to appoint persons to public office. They include:-

(i) Two-Third Gender Rule

Article 27(8) of the Constitution and Section 35 (2) of the County Governments' Act, 2012 provides that the County Assembly shall take measures to implement the Principle that not more than two-thirds of the members of elective or appointive bodies shall be of the same gender.

(ii) Representation of Regional and Ethnic Diversity

Section 35 (2) (b), (c) of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides that the composition of the County Executive shall reflect the representation of the minorities, marginalized groups and communities; community and cultural diversity within the County.

(iii) Leadership Integrity

The Committee in determining the suitability of the nominees was also guided by the provisions on leadership and integrity as outlined under Chapter Six of the Constitution. In particular, Article 73 (2) of the Constitution provides that the guiding principles of leadership and integrity include:-

73 (2)

- (a) Selection on the basis of personal integrity, competence and suitability, or election in free and fair elections;*
- (b) Objectivity and impartiality in decision making, and in ensuring that decisions are not influenced by nepotism, favouritism, other improper motives or corrupt practices;*
- (c) Selfless service based solely on the public interest, demonstrated by
 - (i) Honesty in the execution of public duties; and*
 - (ii) The declaration of any person interest that may conflict with public duties**
- d) Accountability to the public for decisions and actions and*
- e) Discipline and commitment in service to the people.*

Article 75 of the Constitution requires a State Officer, whether in public or private life to behave in a manner that avoids conflict between personal interest and public official duties.

This Article further prohibits a State Officer who has been removed from office under it from holding any other State Office.

Article 77(1) of the Constitution prohibits a full time State Officer from participating in any other gainful employment.

Article 78 of the Constitution disqualifies persons who are not Kenyan Citizens from appointment as State Officers.

In addition, the Committee considered Section 10 of the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012 in particular which provides that

A State Officer shall to the best of their ability

- (a) Carry out the duties of the Office efficiently and honestly.*
- b) carry out the duties in a transparent and accountable manner*
- c) keep accurate records and documents relating to the functions of the office; and*
- d) Report truthfully on all matters of the organization which they represent.*

(c) Suitability of the nominees with regard to the nominees' abilities, experience and qualities.

The suitability of the nominees was assessed after scrutiny of the academic credentials, professional training and experience, integrity, background and individual qualities as well as their performance during the approval hearings conducted on Friday, 4th November, 2022 and Monday 7th November, 2022.

Memoranda from Members of the Public in respect of the Nominees

Pursuant to Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017

“Any person may, prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold office to which the candidate has been nominated”,

The Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Friday, 28th October, 2022 (Annexure 2) inviting the Public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavit) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees in conformity with section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

In this regard, the committee received no memoranda on the nine nominees.

Pre- Approval Hearing Meeting

The Committee held a pre-approval hearing meeting on Thursday 3rd November, 2022 and noted the following;-

- (i) **THAT**, none of the nominees had notified the Clerk of the County Assembly of their withdrawal from the approval process as outlined under section 7(12) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017.

- (ii) **THAT**, Article 179 (3) (a) of the Constitution provides that;

179 (3) (a) the number of Members appointed under clause 2 (b) shall not exceed 10 if the Assembly has 30 or more members.

THAT, the Committee would examine the nominees against the criteria set out in Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

APPROVAL HEARINGS OF THE NOMINEES

The Committee conducted the approval hearings on Friday 4th November, 2022 and Monday 7th November 2022. The nominees were vetted under oath pursuant to the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders.

DR. DAVID WAMAMILI WANYONYI: - NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Mr. David Wamamili Wanyonyi, the nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Education and Vocational Training, appeared before the committee on Friday 4th November, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The Committee noted the following: -

Date and Place of Birth

The nominee is a Kenyan male born on 6th October, 1966, in Ndivisi, Webuye East Sub County; Bungoma County. The nominee is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold any other citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualification

The nominee holds a Doctorate Degree of Philosophy in Educational Communication and Technology, Masters of philosophy degree in Kiswahili; both from Moi University. Further, he holds a post graduate diploma in Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree both from Kenyatta University.

Employment Record

The nominee has a cumulative 32 years working experience; 13 of which he served as a Teacher in various secondary schools in the Country. He is currently a Senior Lecturer in Moi University; a position he has held since 2003.

Income and net worth

The nominee's estimated net worth is 50 million shillings; with his sources of income being from salary, rental houses and farming.

Professional association and membership

The nominee is a Member of African Network of Internationalization of Education. He is also a Board Member of Sinoko Secondary School and Kikai Girls Secondary school.

Published writings

The nominee has made 15 publications which he has listed in his Curriculum Vitae.

Potential Conflict of Interest

The questionnaire filled by the nominee indicates that there were no areas that would create potential conflict of interest. During the approval hearing, he stated that as a public officer if such a case arises then he would declare his interest and disqualify himself from participating in any such process.

Pro-bono/Charity Work

The nominee is involved in charity work through contributions and donations to churches and other institutions.

Integrity

The nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the last three (3) years. He has also never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

GENERAL AND SECTOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on his knowledge of the public Service. The nominee responded as follows:-

On the functions of the County Executive Committee, the nominee stated that he was aware of the functions of the County Executive Committee Member as outlined in the Article 183 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

On shortage of ECDE teachers across the County, the nominee informed the Committee that he will follow the laid down guidelines while addressing the shortage.

Regarding the working relationships with the County Assembly, the nominee committed that he would create a synergized relationship with the legislative arm of the County Government.

On outstanding commitments in scholarships and bursaries, the nominee indicated that once he assumes office, he would first determine the authenticity of beneficiaries before making any commitments.

With regard to the report by the Education Taskforce on County Scholarships, the nominee agreed with the findings of the report and stated that the officers responsible need to take responsibility for the stated malpractices.

COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assembly Approval) Act, 2017, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing made the following observations: -

- (1) **THAT**, the nominee is a Senior Lecturer at Moi University having served in the university since 2003.
- (2) **THAT**, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity.
- (3) **THAT**, the nominee has not been charged in a court of law in the past three years.
- (4) **THAT**, the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the Provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity).
- (5) From his submission during approval hearing, the nominee demonstrated knowledge, skills and experience in leadership and institutional management. He was also conversant with role of the County Executive Committee Member as well as laws and policies related to his position.
- (6) **THAT**, in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to the State Office since he is a Kenyan citizen born in Bungoma County and does not hold dual citizenship.

MR. HERBERT WANJALA KIBUNGUCHY: - NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, WATER, TOURISM AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. Herbert Wanjala Kibunguchy appeared before Committee on Friday 4th November, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. He was vetted under oath pursuant to the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders: The committee observed as follows:-

That he is a Kenyan citizen born in the year 1957 in Matulo, Webuye West Sub County.

Academic and professional qualifications

The nominee holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Sacramento State University-USA.

Honours and Awards

The Nominee has been awarded various commendations in Transportation-Caltrans in 2003.

Recognition for team work, perseverance and excellence in 2001.

Dare to Soar-Caltrans and Top Wat-Caltrans-Caltrans in 1998, Capital Projects Delivery-Caltrans-Caltrans in 2002 and 2003; and

Awarded a certificate of appreciation by Caltrans in 2011

Income and net worth

The nominee stated his net worth to be approximately 341 Million shillings; with the sources of income being from rental premises, Pension and Social Security, hotel business and Engineering consultancy.

Professional association and membership

He is a Member of the Engineers Registration Board of Kenya and the California Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Potential Conflicts of Interest

The nominee declared that, currently he does not have any personal relations or matters that would present potential conflict of interest; and should he assume the position of County Executive Committee Member and conflict of interest arise, he would recuse himself.

Pro-bono/Charity Work

The nominee stated that he has undertaken various charity initiatives and donations to the needy in society.

Integrity

The nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the last three (3) years. He has also never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

GENERAL AND SECTOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on his knowledge of the sector that he had been nominated to and he responded as follows:-

Integration of his knowledge and experience to the docket that he been nominated

The nominee stated that his background academic and professional experience in engineering enables one to acquire broad based knowledge that is applicable in the docket. That he adapts very easily to any environment and hence comfortable with the department that he had been nominated to.

On water needs within the County

The nominee acknowledged that there was water shortage in the County, hence the need to secure the water sources; which will include the protection of the water tower in Mt. Elgon. The Nominee underscored the need of drilling boreholes in the Wards to supplement tap water supply.

Regarding the conflict between the Communities around the water tower in Mt. Elgon and the Nzoia Water Services Company, the nominee responded that he would explore arbitration and other conflict resolution mechanisms to resolve the issues.

On promoting tourism within the County

The nominee informed the committee that, there was need for the County Government to improve the road network leading up to the Mt. Elgon National Park on the lower entrance through Kapsokwony; to aid access to the facility. He also stated that if confirmed to the position, he would work closely with the hospitality industry stakeholders to uphold standards that are attractive to the tourists through private public partnerships.

On environmental Conservation

The nominee observed that in view of the climate change, there was need to increase forest cover in line with the President's directive and that he would work with county residents with focus on growing fruit trees.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered information from the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 7(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing made the following observations: -

- (1) **THAT**, the nominee is a former Chief Officer; having served in the first regime of the County Government of Bungoma from 2013-2018.
- (2) **THAT**, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity.
- (3) **THAT**, the nominee has not been charged in a court of law in the past three years.
- (4) **THAT**, the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for Contravention of the Provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity).
- (5) **THAT**, the nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the Office of County Executive Committee Member for Environment, Water, Tourism and Natural Resources.
- (6) **THAT**, in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to the State office since he is a Kenyan citizen born in Matulo, Webuye West Sub County and does not hold dual citizenship.

MS. CAROLYNE KHALAYI MAKALI: - NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR TRADE, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIALIZATION.

Ms. Carolyne Khalayi Makali, the nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Energy and Industrialization appeared before the committee on 4th November, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. She was vetted under oath pursuant to the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders.

The Committee having heard her submissions made the following observations: -

Date and place of birth

The nominee is a Kenyan female resident of Bungoma County, Kenya, born on 10th of December, 1986 in Nangili, Luuya Bwake Ward of Kabuchai Sub County.

Academic Background

The nominee holds a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce (Accounting option) from Kibabii University (2017), a Diploma in Business Management from Bungoma College of Technology (2015), a Certificate in Business Management from Bungoma College of technology (2007) and a certificate of proficiency in information and communication Technology from International digital college. She is a CPA holder (part 3 of 5)

Professional Experience

Ms. Carolyne Khalayi has worked as an office assistant with Tertiary Consulting Engineers from 2012 to 2013 and as an employee of NG-CDF Kabuchai from 2013 -2022.

Potential Conflict of Interest

The nominee indicated that there were no family members or persons of interest in the department that would pose any conflict of interest; and that should they arise, she would follow the laid down rules and regulations.

Income and net worth

The nominee estimated her net worth to be five million shillings; with her sources of income being from salary, rental proceeds, dividends and farming activities

Pro-Bono/ charity work

The nominee informed the committee that she has done donations to Kanduyi Childrens' Home and sponsored a student to undertake a diploma Course at Kisiwa Technical Institute. She has also donated fruit seedlings to various schools in Luuya Bwake Ward.

Integrity

The nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the last three (3) years. She has also

never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

GENERAL AND SECTOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Knowledge of the Relevant Field

From her submissions, the nominee exhibited average understanding and experience in leadership and institutional management, especially on the position which she had been nominated to.

Plans for the Department

The nominee stated if approved for appointment, she was going to review some of the policies that were developed but not implemented. That together with stakeholders and technocrats, they were going to work on policies such as the Trade Loans Policy, review and roll out financial assistance to members of the public.

On relevant work experience to the portfolio

The nominee acknowledged having average experience to the portfolio of her nomination and stated that she would borrow from her previous experiences and undertake capacity development to assist her perform key functions.

On how to address non-payment of trade loans

The nominee stated that with the help of stakeholders, she will review policies that will regulate the repayment period. That she will form a team that will look into ways of recouping the outstanding debts.

On creation of industries and job creation

The nominee stated that she will make sure the commitments in the Governor's manifestos are well aligned with the departmental policies. That she intends to push for the revival of industries such as the Malakisi ginnery and the Chwele chicken slaughter house.

On Chepkube Traders Relocation

With regard to how the nominee will ensure the Chepkube market traders in Bungoma Town move into the newly constructed market block, the nominee was non-committal on her intentions with the matter.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assembly Approval) Act, 2017, her curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submission during the approval hearing made the following observations: -

- (1) **THAT**, the nominee is serving as an employee at NG-CDF Kabuchai Constituency since 2013.

- (2) **THAT**, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity
- (3) **THAT**, the nominee has not been charged in a court of law in the past three years.
- (4) **THAT**, the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for Contravention of the Provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity)
- (5) **THAT**, the nominee had average understanding of the general topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the functions of the County Executive Committee Member.
- (6) **THAT**, in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to the State Office since she is a Kenyan citizen born in Bungoma County and does not hold dual citizenship.

MR. BONVENTURE CHENGEK CHEMAKET: - NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR ROADS, TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Bonventure Chengek Chemaket, the nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works appeared before the committee on 4th November 2022 at 3:00 p.m. He was vetted under oath pursuant to the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders.

The Committee having heard his submissions made the following observations:-

Date and place of birth

The nominee was born on 13th July, 1984 at Ngachi Sub Location, Cheptais Ward in Mt. Elgon.

Academic and professional qualifications

The nominee holds a Bachelor of Development Studies Degree from Makerere University (2008) and a Master of Business Administration (Executive) from Moi University (2012)

Employment Record

The nominee is currently engaged as Platform Manager at Act Change Transform, Nairobi since February 2018. He has worked as the Project Officer at PACT INC. from January to December 2011, and also with the Interim Independent Electoral Commission from December 2010 to January 2012.

Honors and Awards

The nominee has received awards and honors from;

- Nuffic Netherlands Fellowship

- International Research and Exchanges Board-Irex

Income and net worth

The nominee stated that his estimated net worth was 91,700,000 shillings. His sources of income range from salary, rental income, farming activities to provision of consultancy services.

Potential Conflicts of Interest

The nominee declared that he does not have any persons or matter that would present potential conflict of interest should he assume the position of County Executive Committee Member; and should conflict of interest arise; the nominee stated that he would declare the interest and recuse himself from such engagement.

Pro-bono/Charity Work

The nominee has been involved in:

1. The Elgon Young Professionals in support of education for the needy students in Mt. Elgon and girl child education.
2. The Bungoma 4 by 4 Environmental Conservation and Protection of the Jumbo charge initiative in Mt. Elgon forest.

Integrity

The nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor mentioned in any investigatory report of parliamentary or any Commission of Inquiry in the last three (3) years.

He has never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

GENERAL AND SECTOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

The committee posed several questions to the nominee to ascertain his knowledge of the Sector. The nominee responded as follows:-

Pending bills owed to contractors

The nominee responded that he was aware that the department has huge pending bills. He stated that should he be approved for appointment, he would carry out a forensic audit on all pending bills to determine genuine projects before making any commitment.

Disaster Management and Preparedness in Bungoma County

The nominee stated that he would ensure the officers in charge are responsive to all disaster eventualities within the County. That he will give budget proposals for allocation of funds through the County Assembly, to enable the County acquire more fire engines and installation of additional fire stations strategically at Webuye and Chwele.

Major roads projects in the County

The nominee stated that he was aware of the two major projects, the dual carriage way project and the Misikhu-Brigadier road that was being partially funded by the National government. He undertook to establish their status before engaging KENHA and the County Assembly for budgetary goodwill to facilitate their completion.

Bills of Quantities timelines

The nominee stated that the delay in preparation of bills of quantities was a hindrance to the implementation of several county projects. That if approved, he would create specialized teams to manage timely preparation of BQs for effective tendering and distribution of resources.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 7(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations: -

- (1) THAT, the nominee has been working at Act Change Transform, Nairobi since January 2012, where he has risen to the position of a Platform Manager.
- (2) THAT, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity
- (3) THAT, the nominee has not been charged in a court of law in the past three years.
- (4) THAT, the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for Contravention of the Provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest) and Article 76 (financial probity).
- (5) THAT, the nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works.
- (6) THAT, in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to the State Office since he is a Kenyan citizen born in Ngachi Sub Location, Cheptais in Mt. Elgon and does not hold dual citizenship.

DR. ANDREW WEKESA WAMALWA: - NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Dr. Andrew Wekesa Wamalwa the nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation appeared before the committee on 4th November 2022 at 4:30 p.m. He was vetted under oath pursuant to the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders.

The Committee having heard his submissions made the following observations:-

Date and place of birth

That he is a Kenyan citizen born on 4th September, 1983 in Lugari, Kakamega County.

Academic and Professional qualifications

That he holds a Masters of Medicine in Family Medicine (2022) from the University Of Medical Sciences Of Havana (Cuba), on-going Masters of Science in Health Economics and Policy studies at the University of Nairobi, and a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery degree (2008) from the University of Nairobi.

The nominee has undertaken the following professional courses: Leadership Development Program by Management Sciences for Health; Performance Contracting and Reporting for Human Resources, Providers as Advocates Training by Ipas and Value Clarification and Attitude Transformation in Health.

Work and professional Experience

The nominee is currently serving as a Family physician at the Bungoma County Referral Hospital; he has held the position of Medical Superintendent in Kimilili Sub County Hospital from October 2017 to July 2018. He also served as the District Medical Officer of Health in Samia District in Busia County, Sirisia Sub County and Webuye East Sub County for a cumulative period of eight (8) years.

He has participated in international conferences and study tours on health service delivery in Ethiopia (2012), Ghana (2015), South Sudan (2017) and Cuba (2018- 2021).

His other experience has been acquired through collaboration with Non-Governmental Organizations including AMREF, Population Services International, AMPATH, Ipas African Alliance, APHIA Plus, Marie Stopes Kenya, Management Services for Health, International Rescue Committee, Capacity Kenya; Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution and various Community Based Organizations.

The nominee has a practicing medical license issued by the Kenya Medical Practitioners' and Dentists' Council and is a member of the Kenya Association of Family Physicians.

Potential Conflict of Interest

The nominee submitted that he had no family relations, litigation history or financial arrangements that could give way to any potential conflict of interest; and that if conflict arises; he would disclose his interest.

Source of Income and Net worth

The nominee stated his net worth to be approximately 34 million shillings. He attributed his income sources to:

- (i) Salary
- (ii) Farming activities

Pro- bono/ charity work

The nominee has participated in the payment of school fees for needy learners at Egerton University, Eldoret Polytechnic and Cardinal Otunga Girls’.

Integrity

The nominee posed no questionable integrity status. He has never been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any other Commission of Inquiry; he has also not been charged in any court of law in the last three years.

The nominee further submitted that he has not been adversely associated with practices that depict bias, favouritism, or nepotism in the discharge of public duties; neither has he been dismissed or removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

GENERAL AND SECTOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Standardization of Health services

The nominee stated that if he is approved for appointment to the position, he would strive to operationalize the Health Services Act, 2019, for quality services delivery in the Health department.

That he would champion for enhancement of internal audit mechanisms to forestall any malpractices within the medical facilities across the County.

On drugs management

The nominee committed to fast track drugs surveillance mechanisms in pharmacies so as to ensure proper drugs distribution and management across the County Health facilities. Additionally, he stated that he would ensure mapping of diseases from the Sub County level to ensure social accountability and community participation.

On revenue enhancement in public health facilities

The nominee stated that he would champion for the enactment of the Health Financing Policy to rationalize charges across the various health facilities in the County.

That he would fast track the automation of revenue collection in peripheral facilities to harmonize revenue collection.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the nominee’s filled questionnaire pursuant to section 7(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations: -

- (1) **THAT**, the nominee is currently serving as a Family physician at the Bungoma County Referral Hospital.

- (2) **THAT**, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity.
- (3) **THAT**, the nominee has not been charged in a court of law in the past three years.
- (4) **THAT**, the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for Contravention of the Provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest) and Article 76 (financial probity).
- (5) **THAT**, the nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the Office of County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation.
- (6) **THAT**, in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to the State Office since he is a Kenyan citizen born in Lugari, Kakamega County and does not hold dual citizenship.

MS. NANCY CHARITY KIBABA: - NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR GENDER, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS.

Ms. Nancy Charity Kibaba nominee For the Position of County Executive Committee Member for Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports appeared before Committee on Monday 7th November, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. She was vetted under oath and pursuant to the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders:

The Committee observed as follows: -

Date and Place of Birth

The nominee was born on 30th May 1982 in Mukuyuni Sub-location, Chwele location, Kabuchai Sub-County.

Academic and professional qualifications

The nominee holds a Bachelor of Arts- Double major in Political Science and Sociology from University of Nairobi (2017) and a Bachelor of Theology from North-western Theological Seminary (2010).

Employment Record:

The nominee has served as the Advisor to the Bungoma County Governor on Gender, Youth, Sports and Boda boda Affairs from 2018-2022. In 2017 the nominee was a trainer of women in leadership at Devolution Administrative Institute. She was nominated as Member of County Assembly in Bungoma from 2013-2017.

Income and net worth

The nominee estimated her net worth at ten million, five hundred thousand Shillings (10,500,000). Her sources of income include farming activities and salary.

Potential Conflict of Interest

The nominee declared that she currently does not have any personal relations or matters that would present potential conflict of interest should she assume the position of County Executive Committee Member. She further stated that should such conflict, she would recuse herself from the proceedings.

Pro-bono/Charity Work

The nominee has been involved in the following charity works;

Rescuing children who have been defiled;

Donation of desks to Bitobo High School and Kaptanai Secondary School.

Integrity

The nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor mentioned in any investigatory report of parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the last three (3) years. She has also never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

GENERAL AND SECTOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

The committee posed several questions to the nominee on her knowledge of the sector. The nominee responded as follows: -

Preservation and promotion of Bungoma's heritage

The nominee stated that she would work on policies and bills that will promote culture, Art and the creative industry. That through introduction of sporting events and cultural days in the county, she intends to promote culture.

Status of stadia in the County

The nominee named Masinde Muliro Stadium, Nalondo Stadium Amutala Stadium, Mbakalo Stadium, Mayuba Stadium and Chemoge High altitude Centre as sports and recreational facilities within the County. She was able to elaborate on the status of each of the facilities and spelt out measures that she would undertake to improve on the said facilities if she was approved for appointment to the office of CEC member.

The nominee emphasized on the need to have standard sporting facilities in the County. She stated that she was ready to present budget proposals to the County Assembly that will enable the completion of construction at Kanduyi Stadium as well as the High Altitude Training Centre in Mt Elgon, to promote sporting talents and events.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 7(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, her curriculum vitae

and having heard her oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations: -

- (1) **THAT**, the nominee was the immediate former Advisor to the Governor of Bungoma County on matters concerning Gender, Youth, Sports and *Boda boda* Affairs.
- (2) **THAT**, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity.
- (3) **THAT**, the nominee has not been charged in a court of law in the past three years.
- (4) **THAT**, the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for Contravention of the Provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity).
- (5) **THAT**, the nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and issues touching on Gender, Culture, Youth & Sports in Bungoma County.
- (6) **THAT**, in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to the State Office since she is a Kenyan citizen born in Bungoma County, and does not hold dual citizenship.

MS. MONICAH SALANO FEDHA: - NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES, IRRIGATION AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT.

Ms. Monicah Salano Fedha nominee for the Position of County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development appeared before Committee on Monday 7th November, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. She was vetted under oath and pursuant to the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders:

The Committee observed as follows: -

Date and place of birth

The nominee is a Kenyan female born on 15th July, 1968 in Naitiri Sub-Location, Tongaren in Bungoma County.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture and Home Economics from Egerton University and Master of Science degree in Food Science and Postharvest Technology from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.

Work and Professional Experience

The nominee is currently serving as a Sub-County Agricultural Officer in Seme, Kisumu County. She served as the Chief Officer in the County Government of Bungoma under the

Department of Education, Youth Affairs and sports from 2015 to 2018; she also served as the acting Chief Officer in the Department of Livestock and Fisheries from 2015 to 2016 and substantive Chief Officer for Agriculture, Irrigation and Cooperative from 2014 to 2015. The nominee served as Agricultural Officer in the Ministry of Agriculture in Kisumu West and Keiyo districts.

Professional association and memberships

She is a Member of the Horticultural Association of Kenya; Member of Kenya professionals Association of Women in Agriculture and Environment and a Member of Kenya society of Agricultural professionals

Potential Conflict of Interest

The nominee stated that she has no immediate associations that are likely to present potential conflict of interest if she assumes the position. That if conflict arises, she would disclose her interest and recuse herself from the proceedings.

Sources of income and net worth

The nominee estimated her net worth to be 30 million shillings; with the sources of income being from salary, dairy farming, maize farming and tractor hire services.

Pro-Bono/ charity work

The nominee informed the Committee that she has assisted in construction several churches where she donated bags of cement and cash.

Integrity

The nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor mentioned in any investigatory report of parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the last three (3) years. She has also never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

GENERAL AND SECTOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO THE NOMINEE

Fertilizer distribution nominee stated that she would ensure that subsidized fertilizer will be given to needy persons across the 45 Wards. She added that there was need of policy formulation to guide the distribution process.

Agriculture sector in Bungoma

The nominee listed the challenges facing farmers and shared the strategies that she would use, which include professional trainings and workshops to capacity build their abilities.

Programs for the department

The nominee informed the Committee that, she intends to sensitize farmers on the benefits of agri-business, and that she would introduce agriculture fund/agriculture guarantee scheme as well as introduction of subsidy programs to cushion poultry farming in the County.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 7(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, her curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations: -

- (1) **THAT**, the nominee is currently serving as a Sub-County Agricultural officer in Seme, Kisumu County.
- (2) **THAT**, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity.
- (3) **THAT**, the nominee has not been charged in a court of law in the past three years.
- (4) **THAT**, the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for Contravention of the Provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity),
- (5) **THAT**, the nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the Office County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development.
- (6) **THAT**, in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to the State Office since she is a Kenyan citizen born in Naitiri Sub-Location in Tongaren, Bungoma County and does not hold dual citizenship.

MR. WEKESA DOUGLAS SASITA: - NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR LANDS, URBAN/ PHYSICAL PLANNING, HOUSING AND MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. Douglas Sasita Wekesa, the nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Urban and Physical Planning, Housing and Municipalities. The nominee appeared before the committee on Monday 7th November, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. and was vetted under oath.

The Committee noted as follows: -

Date and place of birth

The nominee is a Kenyan male born on 29th October, 1979 in Watoya Sub – Location, Kabula Location, Bumula sub-county, Bungoma County. The nominee does not hold any other citizenship.

Academic Qualifications

He holds a Bachelor of Architecture Degree from the University of Nairobi (2007).

Employment Record

The nominee has a cumulative 14 years working experience; 3 years of which he served as a Chairperson of Bungoma Municipality Board in the County Government of Bungoma. Currently he is the Director of Yellowine Group limited.

Potential Conflict of Interest

The Nominee stated that, there were no areas that would create potential conflict of interest. That if such a case arises, he would declare his interest and step down from participating in the process.

Income and net worth

The nominee estimated his net worth to be 98 million shillings; with his sources of income being from consultancy services, farming activities and copyright payments.

Professional association and memberships

He is a Member of the Association for the Needy Children of Kenya, Divine Mercy Centre.

Pro-Bono/ charity work

The nominee has participated in a number of charity activities including; tiling a classroom at Mwiruti girls; supporting four students at Kenya Medical Training College between 2016 and 2022. He has also supported various small churches in Bumula Sub-county

Integrity

The nominee posed no questionable integrity status. He has never been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any other Commission of Inquiry; he has also not been charged in any court of law in the last three years.

The nominee further submitted that he has not been adversely associated with practices that depict bias, favouritism, or nepotism in the discharge of public duties; neither has he been dismissed or removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

GENERAL AND SECTOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

The committee posed several questions to the nominee on his knowledge of the sector. The nominee responded as follows:-

Status of Bungoma and Kimilili municipality

The nominee was aware with the challenges facing the municipalities. Having served as a Chairperson of Bungoma Municipality, he stated that he would ensure that the functions of the Municipalities as outlined in the Municipal Charters are executed once he assumes office.

State of County Houses

The nominee stated that if confirmed, he would carry out an audit on all the County Government houses to ascertain their status and forward budget proposal to the County Assembly to enable renovations to be undertaken.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 7(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assembly Approval) Act, 2017, his curriculum vitae and having heard oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations: -

1. THAT, the nominee is currently the Director at Yellow wine Group Limited, a position he has served since October 2016.
2. THAT, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity.
3. THAT, the nominee has not been charged in a court of law in the past three years.
4. THAT, the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for Contravention of the Provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity).
5. THAT, the nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the functions of the County Executive committee member.
6. THAT, in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to the State Office since he is a Kenyan citizen born in Watoya Sub – Location, Bumula Sub-county, Bungoma County and does not hold dual citizenship.

MR. BENEDICT ESIROMO EMACAR: - NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Benedict Esiromo Emacar nominee for the position of County Executive Committee Member for Public Service Management and Administration appeared before Committee on Monday 7th November, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. He was vetted under oath pursuant to the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders:

The committee observed as follows: -

Date and place of birth

That he is a Kenyan citizen born on 4th February, 1962 in Malakisi, Bungoma County.

Academic and Professional qualifications

He holds a Bachelors Degree of Commerce (1987) from the University of Nairobi and Professional Accounting Certificate CPA- part II (1989).

Work and professional Experience

The nominee served as an Economic Advisor to the Governor of Bungoma County Between June 2013 and October 2017. He was the Constituency Development Fund Manager for Mt. Elgon, Kimilili, and Butula from September 2007 to May 2013. He also served as the Credit Controller for the Kenya Postal Directories Ltd from March 1994 to November 2005; the Assistant Credit Controller at the Nation Newspaper from Jan 1992 to February 1994; the assistant Accountant with Nation Newspaper from February 1991 to December 1991; Assistant Accountant with Coca-cola Africa from May 1990 to January 1991; the Deputy Internal Auditor at Mumias Sugar Company from January 1989 to December 1989. Additionally; he served as an Assistant to the Purchasing Manager at Mumias Sugar Company from January 1989 to December 1989; Assistant to the Management Accountant at Mumias Sugar Company from November and as a Secondary School Teacher from February 1983 to March 1984.

Potential Conflict of Interest

The nominee submitted that he had no relations, litigation history or financial arrangements that could give rise to conflict of interest; and that if an event arises that was tantamount to such, he would declare and recuse himself from the proceedings.

Source of Income and Net worth

The nominee stated his net worth to be approximately 28 million shillings. He attributed his income sources to be from Safaricom shares, Farming activities and Family income.

Pro- bono/ charity work

The nominee has participated in providing donations to community projects, building of schools and payment of school fees to several learners as well as championing several church development projects.

Integrity

The nominee posed no questionable integrity status. He has never been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any other Commission of Inquiry; he has also not been charged in any court of law in the last three years.

The nominee further submitted that he has not been adversely associated with practices that depict bias, favouritism, or nepotism in the discharge of public duties; neither has he been dismissed or removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

GENERAL AND SECTOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on his knowledge of the sector he had been nominated. The nominee responded as follows:-

The County Public Service

The nominee acknowledged that the County wage bill had surpassed the recommended 35% of the County annual budget and stated that he would endeavour to rationalize the staff establishment through physical verification of the county workforce. That he would push for future recruitment to be conducted primarily through promotions from within the existing staff establishment.

That he would champion for the institutionalization of a scheme of service to guide the service and introduce motivational aspects in a bid to create conducive working environment.

Prudent Financial Management

The nominee informed the committee that if approved for appointment to the position; he would introduce prudent finance practices in the County especially in terms of imprests management and scaling down unnecessary expenditure.

Information Technology

The nominee stated that if approved, he intends to integrate new age technology and in effect ensuring that the County Website and crucial services are made interactive and available from the County Headquarters' to the lowest unit of administration.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7 (8) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations.

- (1) **THAT**, the nominee has worked in various positions in the public service including an Economic Advisor to the Governor, Fund Manager for Mt. Elgon, Kimilili, and Butula Constituency Development; and risen through several ranks in the corporate world.
- (2) **THAT**, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity.
- (3) **THAT**, the nominee has not been charged in a court of law in the past three years.
- (4) **THAT**, the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for Contravention of the Provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest) and Article 76 (financial probity).

- (5) **THAT**, the nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the Office of Executive Committee Member for Public Service Management and Administration
- (6) **THAT**, in accordance with Article 78(1) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to the State Office since he is a Kenyan citizen born in Malakisi, Bungoma County and does not hold dual citizenship.

COMMITTEE GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Pursuant to Section 7(8) & (9) and Section 8 of the Public Appointment (County Assemblies approval) Act, 2017, the committee observed that the following nominees met the integrity threshold; demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the portfolios to which they had been nominated, and had the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience to be APPROVED for appointment-

- (1) **Dr. David Wamamili Wanyonyi**, nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Education and Vocational Training.
- (2) **Mr. Herbert Wanjala Kibunguchy**, nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.
- (3) **Ms. Carolyne Khalayi Makali**, nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Energy and Industrialization.
- (4) **Mr. Bonventure Chengek Chemaket** nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works.
- (5) **Dr. Andrew Wekesa Wamalwa**, nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation.
- (6) **Ms. Nancy Charity Kibaba**, nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports.
- (7) **Ms. Monicah Salano Fedha**, nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development.
- (8) **Mr. Wekesa Douglas Sasita**, nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Urban/ Physical Planning, Housing and Municipalities.
- (9) **Mr. Benedict Esiromo Emacar**, nominee for County Executive Committee Member for Public Service Management and Administration.

COMMITTEE GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Having conducted the approval hearings for the nominees pursuant to Article 179 (2) of the Constitution, Sections 4, 7 and 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 208 (4), **the Committee recommends that this House;**

- (1) **Approves** the nomination of **Dr. David Wamamili Wanyonyi** for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Education and Vocational Training by His Excellency the Governor of Bungoma County.

- (2) Approves** the nomination of **Mr. Herbert Wanjala Kibunguchi** for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources by His Excellency the Governor of Bungoma County.
- (3) Approves** the nomination of **Ms Carlyne Khalayi Makali** for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Energy and Industrialization by His Excellency the Governor of Bungoma County.
- (4) Approves** the nomination of **Mr. Bonventure Chengek Chemaket** for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works by His Excellency the Governor of Bungoma County.
- (5) Approves** the nomination of **Mr. Andrew Wekesa Wamalwa** for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation by His Excellency the Governor of Bungoma County.
- (6) Approves** the nomination of **Ms Nancy Charity Kibaba** for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports by His Excellency the Governor of Bungoma County.
- (7) Approves** the nomination of **Ms Monicah Salano Fedha** for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development by His Excellency the Governor of Bungoma County.
- (8) Approves** the nomination of **Mr. Wekesa Douglas Sasita** for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Urban/ Physical Planning, Housing and Municipalities by His Excellency the Governor of Bungoma County.
- (9) Approves** the nomination of **Mr. Benedict Esiromo Emacar** for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Public Service Management and Administration by His Excellency the Governor of Bungoma County.

The adoption schedule is shown there and it is signed by members. Allow me call upon the Leader of Minority Hon. Lusenaka to second the report by Appointments Committee.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa. You have been standing for nearly two hours. It is not easy.

Hon. Antony Lusenaka: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. First, I want to take this opportunity to appreciate Hon. Nyongesa, the Leader of Majority for moving that motion. Standing here for two hours is not easy, so he has done a good job and we appreciate as a House.

Secondly, I also want to take this opportunity to appreciate the Committee on Appointments for the job they did. Interviewing the nine nominees in two days was a difficult job but they managed and that is why we have this report before the House today. It is upon this House to make a decision on the nominees that were forwarded by His Excellency, the Governor.

This County needs to move and some decisions cannot be made without the Cabinet approval. That is why this committee left everything to focus on the vetting of the nominees,

so that we have the Government in place so that this County can move forward. I want to second the report with a few comments. When we were vetting the nominees, they gave us promises and just allow me to share with this House so that the relevant committees can make a follow up to make sure that whatever they promised is implemented.

I start with Mr. Sasita the nominee for Lands. When he was here, we found out that some of the functions that are meant for Municipalities are still being done by the CEC for Lands and he promised once his nomination is approved, he will move these functions to the municipalities to make sure that they run independently. He also promised proper utilization of funds, so the Committee on Lands make sure that you make follow up so that this one is implemented.

When we look at Health sector and I am happy Hon. George is here. The nominee promised that in Bungoma County Referral Hospital, we do not have a MRI machine and CT scan, it was once brought here and I do not know where it was taken and what happened to it. So he promised that once in office, he will make sure that we have the CT scan, MRI machine within two years and the mental hospital to help our students who undertake Medical courses at Kibabii University for their practical.

He also promised that each sub location must have a dispensary. We have some sub locations that do not have those health facilities, so he promised that he will make sure that at least each sub location has a working dispensary well equipped and has enough drugs for the patients.

Under the able leadership of Hon. George, I know he will make a follow-up so that our people do not travel long distances to get medical treatment.

When we go to Roads that is Mr. Chemaket; from the Governor's speech, he also acknowledged that we have very few kilometres that are tarmacked, out of 800 kilometres in this County and he promised to do an inventory of all the roads in the County. With these rains, I know our roads are getting impassable, so he promised to do an inventory once he gets into the office, so that he can start fixing those roads that are impassable.

We have Roads under CEF. We provided funds and it is our desire that these roads should be advertised as soon as possible, because if they advertise this month, I think by January we will have the contractors working. Otherwise if we delay, they may not be able to fix the roads during the rainy season. I think the Chair of Roads once the nominee gets into office, have a meeting with them so that you can see how you can advertise those roads so that we fix within this dry period.

The nominee also promised that since we have put a lot of money on the Dual Carriage Road (over a billion shillings) it is important to have this road completed so that the money that has been put there is used effectively.

He also promised to fix the Misikhu-Brigadier road. Those are major projects that we have put in a lot of money and if left unfinished we will be doing a disservice to our residents. So the committee on Roads, kindly make a follow up so that those things are done.

When we go to water, Mr. Kibunguchy, he was once a Chief Officer in Roads, we know what he did and this time he has been promoted and nominated to head the water department. He also promised us that he is going to fix the water problem in our wards. We already have a rig; we need proper management of that rig, so that it gets to every ward so that our people can get good drinking water. So the Chair of Tourism my able Chair Hon. Opwora, kindly makes a follow up with that so that we can fix some of these things.

We had a special nominee I am calling her special nominee because she is the youngest from Kabuchai; Caroline Makali.

From the report, the committee noted that she has average experience. Average meaning that she is not well exposed but from our investigation and interrogation, this lady is able and willing to learn, because from her papers, she is the one who took herself to school, she has worked her way up and if given opportunity she can deliver.

During the interview, she was a bit naive but she is a youth and I just want to thank the Governor for giving the opportunity to our youths. That is a big docket and it is a challenge to the fellow youth that if you have such a chance, kindly prove yourself.

She promised us that she is going to come up with a policy on trade loans which the Governor promised. This one will be combined with the hustler fund. Once we get the two funds, they will be able to help our people do some business.

She also promised to fix the street lights, so that we have a 24 hour economy. So the committee on Trade kindly make a follow-up with the nominee. Do not harass her because she will learn on the job but if given an opportunity and support, I am very sure she will do a perfect job.

When we interviewed Mr. Emacar, the nominee for Public Administration stated that one of the challenges we are having in this County is that each coming Governor has his own website. Once he leaves, there is no audit trail and continuity so he promised to fix that because the first website, we had for the current Governor Honourable Lusaka that is 2013-2017 died, once he left office in 2017. We had another one for Honourable Wangamati. When he left the office in 2022 that is August that Website also collapsed. Now we have started another one for Honourable Lusaka. We hope that this one now will have some continuity, so that if you want to get information for the past five or ten years we will be able to access.

He also promised that the wage bill should be checked. Currently our wage bill is too high and that is against the guidelines but with his experience, he promised to fix that. I do not know how he is going. I do not know if he is going to sack some people but once put in office, he will see what we can do for Bungoma County.

We had the nominee for Education Dr. Wamamili. We have some challenges on the issue of scholarships. Currently, we have over 10,000 students on scholarships that were being catered for the whole school fees and if you convert 10,000 students that is almost 400 million. That is a huge budget, so the nominee promised that he will wait for the report on the task force so that he can fix the challenges the Education committee is facing.

He also promised that the VTC's we are putting up in our ward, we have structures but we do not have equipment. You find that we have a structure, the students are learning maybe electrical engineering but in that institution there is no electricity. It has been a challenge so he promised that once he gets into office, he will also do an inventory and see how to fix some of those challenges.

On the issue of Bursary, this year we have not given any bursary so it is upon the committee on Education to fast-track and meet the nominee so that they can work out on the issue of the bursary.

Last financial year each ward was given 3,000,000 and we had budgeted for 4,000,000 for this Financial Year which we have not received in our wards. Most students are at home and the challenge we are having is that the students are starting exams in the next two weeks. I am very sure that we can process the bursary within two weeks to give the students. I just want to request the nominee once he assumes office they talk to the principals of these schools so that they can allow the students to be in school as we sought out the issue of fees. The committee on Education, kindly make a follow up on that.

Lastly, when we interrogated the Agriculture nominee, she was once in Agriculture as a Chief Officer in 2013/2017. She moved to Education in 2018 and she is back as a CEC. The challenge we have in this department is that the Governor promised in his manifesto that he will provide 1500 planting fertilizer to farmers and another 1500 fertiliser for topdressing plus the seeds.

From my own mathematics, this one comes to around 405 million shillings. This is also a huge project and the Committee on Agriculture kindly make sure that this money is put in the supplementary budget because planting season is just around the corner. By January, we should have farm input support program being implemented. If we do not put this money in the budget, there is no way the Governor is going to fulfil the promise he made during the campaigns. So the Committee on Agriculture kindly move fast so that we have this in place.

The challenge we are having is that some of the beneficiaries during the vetting process, we captured details I think wrongly. I don't know what really happens during the vetting process because I haven't been involved. I think the Committee on Agriculture, kindly come up with a proper policy to make sure that we vet the right people and make a follow up once the person is given that fertilizer and the seeds. We must put in mechanism to make sure that these products are not sold, but put into good use so that we monitor the output. Otherwise, we are giving out the seeds, fertilizer but the next minute they are sold to other people which defeat the purpose they are meant for.

This House in 2013-2017 there is a report on PAC that is December, 2015 that investigated the Chief Officer Monica Fedha and one of the recommendation was that she be surcharged but the challenge we had with this House is that the Implementation Committee never made a follow up and we are not sure if the report was forwarded. Equally in 2018, we also had a PAC report that investigated this nominee Monica Fedha and one of the recommendations was that she should not hold any public office until cleared by DCI. Fortunately enough, this committee was only looking in the past three years. So I think she is just lucky, we didn't go deeper. I don't think that this committee could have approved her nomination but basing on that, I just hope that she is not also involved in any investigations in this third regime, because I think she should have learned her lessons to do the right thing at the right time.

Otherwise, I want to second the report and encourage the nominees that once appointed, let's work for Bungoma people because in 2017 we did the same process and when they got into office, some never appeared even after being summoned by this House. But I am happy that the 9 nominees we vetted, they all promised here and it is on record that any invitation or summon that will come from this House, they will respect it. So I want to wish them well if this House approves, so that this county can move forward.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Lusenaka. Honourable members, I will now proceed and be able to propose a motion for debate. Honourable Members, a motion was moved and seconded that this House adopts the report by the Committee on Appointment on the vetting of the nominees for appointment to the offices with the County Executive Committee Members as follows;

1. Dr. David Wamamili Wanyonyi for the appointment as a County Executive Committee Member for Education and Vocational Training by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.
2. Mr. Herbert Wanjala Kibunguchy for the appointment as a County Executive Committee Member for Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.
3. Ms. Carolyne Khalayi Makali for the appointment as a County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Energy and Industrialization by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.
4. Mr. Bonventure Chengek Chemaket for the appointment as a county executive committee member for Roads ,Transport , Infrastructure and Public Works by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.
5. Dr. Andrew Wekesa Wamalwa for the appointment as a County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.
6. Ms Nancy Charity Kibaba for the appointment as a County Executive Committee Member for Gender ,Culture ,Youth and Sports by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.

7. Ms Monica Salano Fedha for the appointment as a County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.
8. Mr. Wekesa Douglas Sasita for the appointment as a County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Urban, Physical Planning, Housing and Municipalities by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.
9. Mr. Benedict Esiromo Emachar for the appointment as a County Executive Committee Member for Public Service, Management and Administration by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County. I propose

(Question proposed)

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. First of all, I want to applaud the Committee on Appointment where you chair yourself and the Leader of Majority and other members of the committee for doing a commendable job. In fact the Minority Leader has enumerated almost everything in detail for every member. I had requested my fellow member for Kabula and Misikhu you just put a question so that we just pass the names because from the onset there was no member.

We are here because we represent the public and nobody in the public brought a memorandum for rejection so as peoples representative, I would wish to urge this House that we don't dwell on this because His Excellency saw it prudent that those 9 nominees are capable and they will support his development agenda in our county of Bungoma so I don't want to labour much on it. Just to request my colleagues especially from Kenya Kwanza that we support.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sudi, once we have names here, it becomes the property of the House and not any of the functions of the House.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Mr. Speaker, I know that but you see I am talking as a Whip for Majority Coalition, so I cannot miss to say that...

(Applause)

...that is an area that we cannot miss. My colleagues, lets' pass the names and I will finish by saying that the CEC Members should serve all members equally in their respective department, so that as members nobody should be disadvantaged. I rest my by supporting.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Can I allow him Honourable Speaker?

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: No it is me to allow him. Hon. Hentry, what is your information?

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Mr. Speaker, may I inform the House that...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Nyongesa that line just avoid it please. I know where you are heading, kindly leave that area.

(Loud consultations)

It's for your welfare and when you start pointing it on the HANSARD here, it becomes an issue tomorrow. You are getting it Hon. Hentry. I am aware of that procedure and I told the Leader of Majority to talk about it.

Hon. George Makari: I also knew where he was going....

(Laughter)

But I choose to keep quiet. First of all, I want to support the report by this committee and I want to commend the Leader of Majority for being able to stand for 2hrs. It is not a joke to stand for 2hrs and those ones that are chairs in this House, you must prepare yourself for that because there will be a time you will be given a very voluminous report to stand there for 3 hours to read, so I think you can borrow a leaf from the Leader of Majority. The goodness is that he is always a Bishop sometimes a Reverent and other times he becomes an overseer and other times he is an elder in the church. So I think that is where he gets the energy.

The Governor nominated these 9 gentlemen, the 10th I think he is coming very soon. This is a blend of experience, age and youthfulness and I know these nominees are following this debate live and they are hearing what we are saying today. These offices are not offices for them these are offices for the people of Bungoma.

In the last regime, this House passed around some 10 nominees and when they came here they were very obedient, humble and promised all manner of things like the Honourable Minority Leader has just enumerated here. They promised Heaven but now they delivered hell. Some of them were online goons abusing the very Honourable Members that approved them here and you can pay a testimony to this because you were there.

To this gentlemen that have been nominated and maybe this House is going to approve them and I know we are going to approve them. The title CEC should not enter their heads. Rule number 1; the title CEC should not enter their heads. Rule number 2; they should refer to rule number one, any time they are in doubt. Rule number 3; wherever they traverse the County of Bungoma, let them refer to rule number 1 that this title CEC should not enter their heads, because this is a scenario where you are given a government vehicle, maybe you have a PA, security and spacious office like the one you hold where you can swing around in a civil chair and you forget that now you are serving the people of Bungoma.

We do not want to disappoint the Governor by disapproving some of these nominees and for your information, you can attest to this that some of the nominees had issues but even Jesus gives second chance me being a very senior bishop.

(Applause)

I think the junior bishops in this House can also back up this line of thinking that even Jesus gave second chances. There are some nominees here that the Minority Leader has said we are giving them a second chance and this House can approve and they can also disapprove. In the course of walking these 5 years, I want to tell you that there could be impeachment motion during this period; we are not going to rule out this. My prayer is that these people must remain humble and work for the people of Bungoma and with a few that had some questionable background. I want to quote somewhere where Jesus said, he who has no sin let him be the first one to throw the stone. We all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God. When I speak like that I speak like a Bishop.

(Laughter)

I want to particularly mention that we have a very young CEC in the name of Caroline Khalayi. I want to commend the Governor for giving her a chance and there is plenty of youthfulness. The nominee for Health is equally a young person; the nominee for Culture is oscillating between young and old but is still young. So we commend the Governor for giving us at least three people that are in the youth bracket and the blend of age.

I was mentioning one Caroline Makali; this lady if you listen to her story; she educated herself when she got employment in CDF Kabuchai. She went back to school because she comes from a very humble background. She took herself to college until she attained Bachelor's Degree in Commerce in accounting option. It would have been a very big disservice, if we would have denied this lady a chance and disapproved her and I pray that this House approves her because she is not yet approved. It is the task of this House to approve one Caroline Makali.

As I finish, we had a PHD holder from Webuye East where my Senior Hon. Balala comes from.

Mr. Speaker: Who is Hon. Balala?

Hon. George Makari: My senior who is Hon. Ali Machani Mutoka looking at me directly. I don't know why he is looking at me. We have this gentleman called Dr. Wamamili. He is a professional in the field of Education. You can attest to this House that the guy had the worst handwriting in north of the Sahara and South of Limpopo but again we were not basing our approval on the handwriting.

He is a PHD holder but has one of the worst handwriting ever seen. He is qualified for the job and it's our prayer that we approve him in this House, so that he begins the job of approving issues to do with bursaries and scholarships, so that the county can move ahead. Being a member of this committee, I want to support the motion and pray that this House approves the nominees.

Hon. Milliah Masungu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker to have given me this chance to give my comments on the report before us. First and foremost, let me applaud the Committee on Appointment chaired by yourself for the good and strenuous job you have done. I want also to thank the Leader of Majority who has just read the report despite it being huge. This is a House of rules and procedure and I want just to comment briefly on the last speaker's comment, that is Hon. Makari that we didn't want to disappoint the Governor.

The Honourable member must know that we are leaders and we have our duty to do what is rightfully in our capacity as elected members in this House and as legislators. We are not doing any favour to the Governor but we are working rightfully as per the requirement of the Constitution.

I was impressed as a friend of the committee when I passed by and heard you interview some of the nominees who really proved to be competent and ready for the work they have been nominated. I will talk briefly on the nominee on education Dr. Wamamili. He is our own educationist. I know him personally and know his capacity in the department. If given that chance I know he will improve that department.

The way the nominee was responding to the question posted to him, it could prove that he was capable and ready to work in that office. We have a problem in education and if Wamamili could be given this position, I am so sure that he will streamline the department of education for the betterment of the Bungoma people.

Just to mention a few the nominees on roads, the nominee on gender. When I came in and I saw how Nancy was answering the questions you are posting on her I was very much sure that she was conversant with type of job she was nominated for and that she is capable of giving the best result to the people of Bungoma.

Lastly, I don't want to labour a lot on this report but as a resident of Bungoma as a member of this County any office you are nominated to go and serve you must briefly be conversant of the duty you are going to do. Caroline Makali was so faithful she spoke what she knew about herself but guided by the Constitution Article 35; on the right to information, I didn't think she could not even mention a few responsibilities in her office but because of her faithfulness, it showed that she is ready to learn on job.

I also want to support the report and also congratulate you as the Chair because I remember when I came in you kept reminding them on our Standing Order No.77 that whenever there is need, they should be present in this House and if they fail to come to you, equally you told them the consequences. So I am very sure that apart from giving them the position to serve in this County, they are aware that we are ready for any issue that will rise during the running of their departments and there is need that they should report to this Honourable House to answer questions from the Honourable members. They should be available for us because you quickly invoke Standing Order No. 77

Hon. Meshack Museveni: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa pia nafasi nionge machache kuhusu CEC wetu wa Bungoma. Kwanza nataka nishukuru kamati kwa kazi waliofanya na pia ninaunga mkono ya kwamba hawa CEC ninaomba hii nyumba kwamba tuwapitishie. Ukiangalia kazi imesimama kwa sababu CEC hawako kwa ofisi. Mambo ya mbolea imesimama na pia mambo ya barabara imesimama.

Nimeona wengi wamenena kuhusu Carlyne Khalayi Makali. Huyu msichana namjua amefanya kazi nzuri kwa CDF yetu ya Kabuchai. Mnakumbuka tulikuwa nambari 3 Kenya nzima kwa kazi nzuri na Carlyne. Ninaomba saa zingine mnaeza sema kwamba wale wengine wenye wamesoma sana wako na *experience* mwishowe utakuta yule mwenye hajafanya kazi vizuri ndo atakuwa wakwanza. Kwa hivyo ninaunga mkono ya kwamba tupitishie hawa CECs.

(Applause)

Hon. Tony Barasa: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Mwanzo ni ruhusu niseme ya kwamba wahenga walisema siku njema huonekana asubuhi; leo ni siku njema kwa wafanyikazi wa Bungoma kupitia Kamati ya Uteuzi ambayo inaongozwa na wewe. Biblia pia inasema ya kwamba Mungu ni Mungu wa yatima na Mungu wa wajane. Ukitembea nami katika ukurasa wa 19 wa ripoti hii, utapata kwamba msichana Carlyne Khalayi walivyosema wazungumzi wa kwanza kwamba ametoka katika mazingara magumu na kwamba ni mtoto yatima hana baba wala mama. Akajielimisha na ikawa kwamba 2016 nikapata nafasi ya kuwa moja wa wanafunzi pamoja na Carlyne Makali katika Chuo Kikuu cha Kibabi.

Nilikuwa na wasiwasi kwamba pengine Tume hii ya Uteuzi ingetupilia mbali jina la mtoto yatima lakini Mungu si Adhumani. Leo hii imekuwa ni furaha isiyo na kifani kuona kwamba Mungu kupitia Kamati hii ya Uteuzi imemkumbuka mtoto yatima.

Ninapo angalia majina ambayo yamesomwa ikizingatia jinsia pamoja na umri, Mungu aliwashukia nyinyi wana kamati na mukaanglia mabibi na mabwana ambao leo hii bunge hii ikiwapitisha itakua ni mfano bora katika jimbo hili la Bungoma.

Waswahili husema pengine mkiwa na watoto mapacha lazima mtoto wa kwanza atatoka. Nilikuwa na dukuduku wa moyo kwamba pengine Sirisia hatuna lolote na kwa sababu tuko mapacha wawili, Kabuchai na Sirisia, mtoto wa kwanza, Kabuchai tumepata waziri wawilii lakini nilipokuwa nikitembea haste haste katika ripoti hii, nikaona kwamba Sirisia hatukuachwa yatima.

Ukienda nami katika ukurasa wa 38 unampata gwiji Emacar akiwa amezaliwa eneo Bunge la Sirisia mtaa wa Malakisi na hapo ni kongole. Tukienda kuidhinisha majina haya, kuna machache pengine nimeona katika ripoti hii na kwa sababu desturi itaekwa katika maktaba ya asembli hii ama Bunge hili mnisiruhusu tutembe nanyi katika ukurasa wa 15, ambapo ni dhahiri shahiri kwamba ikiwa ataidhinishwa na inasemekana yeye ni mkufunzi katika Chuo

Kikuu, itabidi basi awache moja. Hio ni katika ukurasa wa 15, ninaye muongelea ni yule ambaye amehidhinishwa kusimamia elimu katika ukurasa huo inasemekana yeye bado ni mkufunzi.

Tunaambiwa katika ukurasa wa 19 kwamba amekuwa akifanya kazi katika eneo Bunge la Kabuchai kwanzia mwaka 2013 na kwa sababu ya kueka katika maktaba ingekua bora tuwe na mtiririko huo huo kwa sababu katika ukurasa 21 mnatuambia tena kwamba amekuwa akifanya kazi kuanzia 2014. Hilo lazima tuiangalie kwa makini na kwa sababu hakuna mwanadamu asiye kuwa na doa, lazima kulikuana doa katika uandishi.

Itakuwa ni vigumu sana mimi kukataa majina ambayo yamependekezwa na Tume la Uteuzi na mimi nataka kuwaomba ya kwamba, leo hii, kwa sababu siku njema ilionekana asubuhi na jimbo la Bungoma kufanikisha kazi zake ni wajibu tu, kama wa Bunge, tuyapitishie majina haya kwa haraka sana ili kazi ianze.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, in view of the people who want to speak, I am looking at Standing Order No.109. I will be allowing at most 2 minutes every speaker; if you don't do that look at No.33. You will be forced to extend your sitting up to 2:00 p.m. Let's just be able to invoke 109, 2 minutes maximum.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Thank you Honourable Speaker for giving me this opportunity which was almost slipping away. First and foremost, I want to commend the Governor Kenneth Makelo Lusaka for being a Governor who respects and upholds the Constitution of the Republic of Kenya. Looking at the Constitution of Kenya, under paragraph 6, it talks about recognising the aspirations of all Kenyans for a government based on the essential values of human rights, equality, freedom, democracy, social justice and the rule of law. Looking at this report tabled before this House, there is evidence that the members nominated for this positions are people of integrity. Article 179 of the Constitution talks about the exercise of the executive authority. The executive authority is vested in the County Government and its going to be exercised by the nominees who are presented in the report before this House.

I am happy that looking at this report, the Members of the Appointment Committee did a thorough work in informing this House; all the nominees have complied with provision of Article 73 and 75 of the Constitution on Leadership and Integrity. Looking at the report, they have no criminal record or convictions. They are people who are diligent, competent and proper to hold public office.

Looking at the report, I am happy that my 2 minutes are running out ...

Mr. Speaker: They are over; thank you Hon. Jack. Hon. Violet be prepared then Hon. Jerusa then Caleb.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: First of all, let me applaud the Committee on Appointment for the job well done. I know we have concerns raised here and there. Like Honorable Makari had raised some key concern. I want to urge Honorable Members that as a County we are behind the schedule. Without the CECM in the office nothing is moving on in this County. There are various resolutions that have to be made by the CECMs including the Supplementary Budget so that we are able to move ahead and implement the projects.

As we talk, the procurement process is behind and therefore I don't see why we should take a lot of time trying to please ourselves by applauding those appointed from our areas. Some of us might not have benefitted yes, but my personal interest is beyond Bungoma County. At the end of the day, this is the decision by the Governor and we have to give him his choice. I want to request my colleague's that without wasting a lot of time, we approve this list so that we let our Governor continue with his work.

(Applause)

Hon. Violet Makhanu: Thank you for giving me time to say something on this report. I also want to applaud the Committee on Appointment chaired by yourself for the good work you did to ensure that you bring this report on the floor. According to this report, all these are okay according to the tasks.

This is in accordance to the report that has been read few minutes ago by the Leader of Majority. I just want to ask the nominees that in case we pass them as the CECMs in their particular departments, let them come to the office and work for the good people of Bungoma. I hope they will not come and start politicking like it was in the last regime, so that we are able to come together with the executive and work and serve the good people of Bungoma so that at the end of the five years, we will have a report to give to our people of Bungoma.

I want to talk about Dr. Wamamili who is well known to me. He comes from my Ward and just like my colleagues have said that most of these nominees could be orphans. I know Dr. Wamamili as another orphan who was brought up by one parent and from a very humble family.

He is somebody that we know in the community as a man of few words and when it comes to working, he is a hands on man. I don't know about his handwriting as commented by one of our colleagues here but I believe there is nothing in handwriting.

What we want to see from Dr. Wamamili is that he takes the department of Education to a better place than it was before and I'm sure that way he will ensure that education is taken to where it is supposed to be. I'm sure he is going to ensure that all the orphans and other needy students and parents who need support from the education get what belongs to them. They get bursaries, scholarships and what have you.

Lastly, I don't want to support the issue of maybe coming up with impeachment motions in the near future. I just want to beseech these guys...

Mr. Speaker: That line you leave it because we said that in case...

Hon. Violet Makhanu: Yes, I want to beseech these nominees that let them not tempt us to start coming up with these impeachment motions; we want work. We want to serve our people. We don't have time to start like quarrelling and coming up with these Motions. It is up to them to work and ensure that they do what is supposed to be done by them and take their respective departments to where they are supposed to be. I'm sure as an Assembly; we will be able to support them. We support the County because we want this Governor to work.

The Governor has only five years in office. We don't have time to waste and crisscross with the Governor and we know five years is not far. Most of us are still very young, like me I'm still very young. I want to come back to this Assembly.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Time is over.

Hon. Violet Makhanu: I want to come back to this Assembly in 2027. I support the report and looking at the mood of this House, we don't need even to debate much. Just put a question.

Mr. Speaker: That is being mischievous. When you say that you are looking at the mood of the House, before you spoke, you were anxious to speak. So I will allow all of you to speak if you don't agree because I'm seeing like people are still asking.

Hon. Jerusa Aleu: Thank you for giving me this chance so that I can also contribute to this report. First of all, I want to appreciate and applaud the Committee on Appointment for they have done a good work. I want also to thank our Majority Leader for he has really done good work by reading that report though it took a lot of time.

I want to thank my people of Milima Ward for trusting me and giving me this chance to come and represent them in this Honorable House. I don't have a lot to say over this but I want to thank you as the Chair of the Committee. I happened also to have time and sneaked into this House...

Mr. Speaker: You don't sneak. You came in. We don't allow sneakers; you just come and listen to what is going on.

Hon. Jerusa Aleu: I came into this House and I saw how the ground was hot and really those nominees were tasked and they proved that they knew what they were doing. I will be really concerned on the departments of Roads and Health. I hope those ones who were nominated to take those positions as the ministers for those ministries are going to do good work especially Health and Roads. I want to congratulate our Governor for he has really done good work for it is the Governor who follows the Constitution of Kenya. If I may quote, Article 56 of the Constitution of Kenya says that the state shall put in place affirmative action programmes designed to ensure that the minorities and marginalized groups are considered in these Ministries. I'm saying that with reasons and I know most of you know where I'm heading to.

Mr. Speaker: We know where you heading to, so cut it short please.

Hon. Jerusa Aleu: So I want to thank our Governor for he has done a good work. I hope these CECs are going to do a good work. They are not going to start fighting the Honorable Members like the last regime. In the last regime, Honorable Members were really called a lot of names. Most of the Honorable Members were called '*bachurusi*'. I hope that one is not going to take place in this regime. I wondered where a Minister could get time dealing with his phone abusing the Members instead of working. I know this time we are going to do good work and we are going to have a good relationship.

Mr. Speaker: The moment you press once, I see here your name. I will call you. The only way you can avoid it is by not pressing.

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. The mood of the House is almost taking precedence but one thing is that we have gone through the nine nominees but I just want to say that we are here representing the people of this County. The people of this County could be here representing themselves.

Anybody who is coming to work in any office in this County is coming to work in place of other citizens of this County. The only thing that I want to put across is that I'm hoping and thinking loudly that the CECMs that the House is going to approve today are not going to work for their godfathers because, I'm not saying that somebody is being supported somewhere. But I'm saying that let them come and work for the people of this County.

This House has the powers as indicated in our standing Orders to summon any person or any staff or any employee of this County who is carrying himself in a way that he is not serving the people of this County.

I support this Motion as it is though we were to go through one by one but observing the mood of the House, I support.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you Honorable Speaker. I also want to take this opportunity to support the report that has been tabled here. As a friend of the Appointment Committee, I was here to witness and it wasn't an easy job and I must comment the Committee. However, when you go to page 38, the academic credentials or qualifications of Mr. Emacar, they have just mentioned that he holds a Bachelors Degree of Commerce, but they have not mentioned the University that he attended and you can look at the report. I would also like to appreciate the CECM appointed for Gender. She mentioned several stadiums but failed to capture Sudi stadium as one of the stadiums that we have in this County.

Mr. Speaker: The one for Gender?

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: She mentioned Sudi Stadium?

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: She did not mention it but it is in the report.

The one for trade also failed to capture Nzoia Sugar factory which is one of the main economic entity in this County. I wish that as we approve this report, she should also put a lot of efforts in Nzoia Sugar factory because it is one of the major factories that is touching so many lives in this County. Otherwise I pledge to support this report.

Hon. Francis Chemion: Mr. Speaker, I support the report and I want to say that these nominees went through fire. They were grilled, we tested their temperament, IQ and we tested almost every aspect that was supposed to be tested and we ask that you approve them because they proved themselves able to handle those dockets.

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to support the Motion and the report, and approve it. I want to take this opportunity to say that a lot of wisdom was used in appointing the Nominees from the Governor and from the Committee that vetted them, they have vast of experience.

There is regional balance from across the County and I see a face of Bungoma County among all the nominees. There is gender balance and age variation which is very key and maybe to also point out one nominee who apparently is the youngest and most spoken about CECM Caroline Khalayi. I agree with Hon. Museveni that indeed her performance, practical work at the Constituency level made Kabuchai to be among the three best constituencies in Kenya. So let us not focus on how the interview was because I know it was only through practical work and experience that lead to...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Opwora, ours was not the interview but vetting.

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you for correction. I believe the vetting process might have been judged wrongly but I want to second that it is only through the work and experience that can lead the young to maturity. So let us give the young the opportunity because she is going to be a motivation to others who are orphans and I'm happy to say that Caro has studied in Bungoma County. All her education has been in Bungoma County which will be a Motivation that our County can produce people who are indeed up to the task.

So I want to beseech this House that lets us adopt the report and ensure that all the CECM are approved at the same time, but as a House, we have a task to ensure that we keep these CECMs on toes. If they fail then each individual Committees will have failed, because it is our duty to be an oversight and ensure that all that they promised is being done.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Thank you, for giving me this chance to contribute towards this Motion. When I look at these nominees, one Andrew Wekesa Wamalwa, I looked after him when we were in Kimilili and I know as a Chair of this Committee, that the guy qualifies to be in that position because he has gone outside the Country and he will work. Hon. Makari, you are going to have a very good person. CECM Health is a very good person for I know him and have worked with him and I know when he went to Cuba, I recommended him to go.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Mulongo, I had a chance to look at his questionnaire, I didn't see where you were a referee?

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Fine, I did not recommend him to come to this House but I did it locally at home. This Committee has done us proud because the last time we vetted CECMs, when the report was brought here, we did not see the degrees lined up but for this one here, you have done us proud, because we are now dealing with the rightful people in different capacities. If it is education, we placed there someone who is an educationist; if it is Agriculture, we have an Agriculturalist. So I'm standing here to support this report with my full academic qualifications for I have a Masters in...

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Aggrey, you support by your vote not by your academic qualifications.

Order Honorable members! Order!

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: I support this report fully, because I have my learned friend now within my locality.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ali Machani, be brief because if you go past 12:30, you will be forced to move the Motion to extend.

Hon. Ali Machani: I'm very much scared because looking at the...

Mr. Speaker: Honorable Members, those who are telling me to put a question have spoken. Why don't you want your colleagues to express their views? We will arrive at exactly 1:00 p.m because there is no problem. Look at our Standing Orders, if you want to extend it should be 30 minutes to. So before that, the Motion will go up to exactly 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ali Machani: I know as Honorable Members, for majority of us, it is the first time we want to approve the CECMs but mostly I want to thank you and the Committee for giving us a report for us to have a say on it.

I think Members who were on that Committee have played their part; it is only that the same Members are supposed to approve it basing on what is on the wall but when a report is brought in this House, we need to interrogate it seriously and I have seen this happening. This is the third time that when a report comes; don't be anxious of approving it.

I'm happy Members have gone through it so whom I'm I to stop it? What I'm praying is that those given offices, let them be honest to the appointing authority to tell him the truth and also respect the House that is debating on their names.

The only thing is that when Members are approved, as one said, they say that they are our bosses and they want to make the appointing authority to be more superior and I have seen names here that have appeared for the second time and majority of them are friends. I don't want to spoil their soup on the plate. I know no one is perfect and want to pray for them that they be saved and do the right thing this time.

I want to thank the ones who vetted one from Webuye East. I know he is not an angel but we pray for him that when he gets to that office, he will not be serving the Webuye people. There

was a time we had one player in the previous Government who used to play as if he wants to control Webuye. He could traverse going up and down; every time on the Media it was just Webuye.

I have never been privileged to have one from my Ward but I always thank God that they come from Webuye East and I'm a son of Webuye East. So Dr. Wamamili is one of the intellectuals within our County and I'm praying for him because we have a stalemate in Education and majority of you have heard of me pronouncing it over Media. The issue of scholarship, there are people who are suffering. Let me hope that when he comes in, he will be unlocked and guide the executive to do the best, not witch-hunting.

I want to say that those who get those offices, kindly consult, follow the law and don't use your office to campaign to become a Member of Parliament, MCA or incite people against elected leaders. That is what I have seen in my two periods of leadership and these may not be angels.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Machani. Two minutes are over.

Hon. Everlyne Mutiembu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In fact it will be less than two minutes. I also stand to support the report on the nominees of this County Assembly of Bungoma. On behalf of the people from Sirisia, I want to differ from Hon. Tony that the nominee, Emacar is a resident of Sirisia by birth. Let me inform you that Mr. Emacar is not a resident of Sirisia but of Busia County. He is from Malakisi but in Busia County.

I also want to say that Hon. Nancy Kibaba is also a resident of Kabuchai but not Sirisia. That is to say in general that on behalf of Sirisia people...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Mutiembu, you are a member of the Committee. The nominee was here and she was able to clarify.

Hon. Everlyne Mutiembu: We can confirm from the ID of Mr. Emacar, the date of birth and place of birth is from Busia County but not Bungoma County.

Mr. Speaker: Honorable Members, let us not go that direction because if you are a Committee Member and you ask somebody questions then he clarifies it, why are you changing goal posts?

Hon. Everlyne Mutiembu: I want to be on record that in support of our report, I want to urge our Governor that in the slot of Chief Officers, let him consider the people of Sirisia but the CECs slots we are out.

Hon. Mestrine Nangalama: Thank you for giving me this chance. I also stand to support this report. First, let me take this time to congratulate the Committee on Appointment for taking us through this report and at the same time the work that I did. I also want to say thank you Hon. Nyongesa for taking us through the report. I have one comment about Dr. Wamamili. It is not because he comes from our constituency but this is a person that I have

known more than 15 years. I think the Committee on Education or Bungoma County at large we are not going to regret.

Dr. Wamamili is a renowned academician, whose experience runs over 30 years, meaning he knows how to deal with the challenges that face education. Mr. Wamamili is a soft spoken guy, humble and he has no harsh words. He is a man who respects himself and is respected by all Members of Bungoma. I have mingled with him several times but I don't think he is going to let us down.

The committee finds him satisfying, the academic portfolio and has satisfied the requirements as the provisions of the Approval Act. I support that we approve Hon. Wamamili.

Hon. Waiti Wafula: My points were aired out by Hon. Professor Mulongo, so I support the Motion.

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Thank you. Mine is just to...

Mr. Speaker: Honorable Members. Let me be able to advice on something small. If it reaches 10 minutes to, it will go up to 2:30 p.m. because we are going to vote at every single name, not as a block. So I will allow Honorable Majority leader to reply. Tomorrow is also a day for you to debate so be alive to that Members.

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Mine is just to thank the entire Committee that vetted these CECMs. You looked at their competences and their qualifications. You were looking at service delivery. I would like to single out one Dr. Andrew whom I have known for some time. He is a doctor by calling and you have taken the right person for that job. Above all, let all these Ministers be appointed to serve all regions without bias.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. You know once you request to speak, I see it. That is my duty.

Hon. Franklyn Simotwo: I stand to support the Motion that we approve these names and we go back to work.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Honorable. First, let me appreciate all Members to have found time to contribute to this report overwhelmingly. It also gives the Committee great chance that they have trust in us that what we did shows that we are equal to the task.

There are few things that Members have identified especially Hon. Caleb. The issue of may be Hon. Emacar lacking a degree.

He is a degree holder from Nairobi University done in 1987. It is within the annexure. The issue of Sudi stadium, I know it is a private stadium, so we shall be looking into it when time comes. Otherwise the only worrying thing is that Members doubt the relationship between CEC members and the Assembly. As it is said, once bitten, twice shy but we know with the guidance of the appointing authority, all shall be well. Thank you, Members for supporting the report. We wish them well; let's cooperate with them so that we ensure that our people get what they require.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Honorable Majority and all Honorable Members for your contribution. The last stage of this Motion will be voting on every individuals name for approval. It is not a blanket approval of the report. Each individuals name will be put to question for your approval or rejection.

Honorable Members, a Motion was moved and seconded that the House adopts the report by the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of the nominees for appointment to the offices of the County Executive Committee Members in Bungoma as follows; Having conducted the approval hearing for the nominees pursuant to Article 179(ii) of the Constitution of Kenya, Section 4,7,8 of the Public appointments(County Assembly approval Act) number 5 of 2017, and Standing Order number 208, the Committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of Dr. David Wamamili Wanyonyi for appointment as the County Executive Committee Member for Education and Vocational Training by his Excellency the Governor of Bungoma County.

(Question put and agreed to)

The nominee Dr. David Wamamili Wanyonyi is hereby approved by this House accordingly.

(Applause)

Honorable Members, the Committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of Mr. Herbert Wanjala Kibunguchi or appointment as the County Executive Committee Member for Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.

(Question put and agreed to)

The nominee Mr. Herbert Wanjala Kibunguchi is hereby approved by this House accordingly.

(Applause)

Honorable Members, the Committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of Miss. Caroline Khalayi Makali for appointment as the County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Energy and Industrialization by his Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.

(Question put and agreed to)

The nominee Miss. Caroline Khalayi Makali is hereby approved by this House accordingly.

(Applause)

Honorable Members, the Committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of Bonventure Chengek Chemaket for appointment as the County Executive Committee Member for Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.

(Question put and agreed to)

The nominee Bonventure Chengek Chemaket is hereby approved by this House accordingly.

(Applause)

Honorable Members, the Committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of one Dr. Andrew Wekesa Wamalwa for appointment as the County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation by his Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.

(Question put and agreed to)

The nominee Dr. Andrew Wekesa Wamalwa is hereby approved by this House accordingly.

(Applause)

Honorable Members, the Committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of Miss Nancy Charity Kibaba for appointment as the County Executive Committee Member for Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports by his Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.

(Question put and agreed to)

The nominee Miss Nancy Charity Kibaba hereby approved by this House accordingly.

(Applause)

The Committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of one Miss Monica Solano Fedha for appointment as the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.

(Question put and agreed to)

The nominee Miss Monica Solano Fedha is hereby approved by this House accordingly.

(Applause)

The Committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of Mr. Wekesa Douglas Sasita for appointment as the County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Urban, Physical Planning, Housing and Municipalities by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.

(Question put and agreed to)

The nominee Mr. Wekesa Douglas Sasita is hereby approved by this House for appointment accordingly.

(Applause)

The Committee recommends that the House approves the Nomination of Mr. Benedict Esiromo Emacar for appointment as the County Executive Committee Member for Public Service Management and Administration by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma County.

(Question put and agreed to)

The nominee one Mr. Benedict Esiromo Emacar is hereby approved by this House for appointment accordingly.

(Applause)

Lastly, according to Public appointments County Assembly approval Act No. 5 of 2017, section 11, the Clerk of the County Assembly shall notify the appointing authority of the decision made here today of the County Assembly within 14 days of the decision.

Equally, the Appointing authority shall upon approval of the Nominee for appointments by the County Assembly and subject to the applicable written law appoint the nominees within a period of 7 days from the date of the notification of the decision of the Assembly under sub section 1 according to the Clerk of the County Assembly is hereby directed to forward the outcome of this exercise to the Governor for formal appointments.

(Applause)

Honorable Members, looking at the Order Paper, that was the only Motion. The House will adjourn and resume its sitting on Wednesday 16th November, 2022 in our 2:30 p.m. sitting.

(House adjourns)