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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 9:30 a.m.

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

ALTERATION OF THE ORDER PAPER

Honourable members, we shall be altering the Order Paper such that Order No.7 shall come after Order No.8 which is motion, so that we can have a proper response in the House. But for now, we shall have that change.

MOTION

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SELECTION OF PANEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 58(A) OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT ACT 2012 (REVISED 2020)

Mr. Speaker: Sorry. Our leader of majority, the Hon. Joseph Nyongesa. Kindly proceed.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Aware that, Section 58A(1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 (Revised 2020) provides that whenever a vacancy arises in the County Public Service Board (CPSB), the Governor shall nominate and, with the approval of the County Assembly, appoint members to a Selection Panel for the purpose of selecting suitable candidates for appointment as members of the CPSB;

Further aware that, Section 58 A (2) of the same Act provides that the Selection Panel shall consist of the following five (5) persons—

- a) A chairperson, not being a public officer;

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- b) One person from the private sector;
- c) An Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, who is a member of the Law Society of Kenya;
- d) An accountant who is a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya;
- e) One person from an association representing workers;

Noting that, Section 58 A (3) provides that in nominating members to the Selection Panel, the Governor shall ensure that not more than two-thirds of the nominees are of the same gender; COGNIZANT THAT, vide a letter dated 6th August, 2025 to the Speaker, the Governor submitted the names of five (5) nominees as follows:

- a) CS Elizabeth Wanyonyi - Chairperson
- b) Advocate Saul Wasilwa - Representing LSK
- c) CPA Rita Nabalayo Manyonge - Member, ICPAK
- d) Chemonges Stephen - Representing Workers' Association
- e) Julius Bakasa - Representing the Private Sector

Appreciating that the nomination complies with the gender rule as required under Section 58A (3), and that the five nominees meet the statutory and professional requirements stipulated in aw;

Now therefore, this House resolves to approve the following five (5) nominees to serve in the Selection Panel for the recruitment of members to the County Public Service Board:

- a) CS Elizabeth Wanyonyi - Chairperson
- b) Advocate Saul Wasilwa - Representing LSK
- c) CPA Rita Nabalayo Manyonge - Member, ICPAK.
- d) Chemonges Stephen - Representing Workers' Association.
- e) Julius Bakasa - Representing the Private Sector

Having read them, Mr. Speaker, allow me to call upon Hon. Vitalis Wangila Minority Leader to second the motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa. Hon. Vitalis Sifuna Wangila, Leader of Minority, proceed.

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am on my feet to second the motion which has been moved by the Minority Leader.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Moved by who?

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: By the Majority Leader, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, thank you for correcting me. It is long overdue; these particular names should have been passed earlier enough to make sure that this County of ours moves on.

And even today, we have a shortage of ECD teachers. So this will give us room to make sure that members of the County Public Service Board are in place so that the current government exercise can move on. I second the motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Now Honourable Members, allow me to propose the motion for debate.

Aware that Section 58 (a) (i) of the County Government Act 2012 (Revised 2020) provides that whenever a vacancy arises in the County Public Service Board, the Governor shall nominate and with the approval of the County Assembly appoint Members to a Selection Panel for the purpose of selecting suitable candidates for appointment as members of the County Public Service Board. I propose the same for debate.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Caleb Peter Wanjala,

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to support the names as read here, just as the Minority Leader has said, if you looked at our ECD and even our Hospitals, we still need people to be hired for the job, so this is timely and looking at the people presented here, I know they are competent. Saul is a person I know very well, he worked as the Managing Director of Nzoia Sugar Factory. He has a very good reputation. I know that he will do a good job. Besides that, I want to believe that names presented here meet the criteria of regional balance. Otherwise, I support the report.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Wanjala. Hon. Anthony Luseneka,

Hon. Anthony Luseneka: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I also rise to support the motion as moved by the Majority Leader. If my memory serves me right, the reason why we returned these names was that we were given six names, and Section 58 (a) (3) provides for five names, and the sixth name was for one Mr. Julius Bakasa who was a former Member of this House, and the condition was he was number six. He was not among the top five and now he is number five on the list, and we have also been given the five names as stipulated in the Act.

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I think there is no reason for us now to reject the names. I just request the House to approve so that we can move on.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Anthony Namunyu,

Hon. Joseph Juma (Mover): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I also want to appreciate members for the support to this Selection Panel because their work is very simple; just to oversee and nominate other members that will serve to the Board.

As we are all aware, the term for most of the members to the County Public Service Board has expired and we are nearing the processes of recruitment. You are aware that in our budget there is provision for employment, there is another issue which is very critical that needs to be handled by the Board, the issue of casuals that went to court. It is high time we approve the panel.

As we approve, we should also consider that this House should also be concerned with the issue of law, because I remember during the submission of the 6 names, most of the members were saying that it has been done elsewhere even if it is more than 5 we can just approve for them to work, but I thank God through the resolution of this House, we returned the 6 names to the appointing authority and now the law has been followed and so I request this House that we approve.

I know that Hon. Waiti is now a happy person because the person that he was agitating for; Hon. Bakasa that served in this House is now being considered. Therefore my humble request is that let us approve for them to work.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, our Leader of Majority, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa Juma for the reply. Honourable members, allow me now put the question that aware that section 58(a)(1) of the County Governments' Act 2012 revised 2020 provides that whenever a vacancy arises in the County Public Service Board, the Governor shall nominate and with approval of the County Assembly appoint members to a selection panel for the purpose of selecting suitable candidates for appointment as members of the County Public Service Board, now therefore this House resolves to approve the following 5 nominees to serve in the selection panel for the recruitment of members to the County Public Service Board

1. CS Elizabeth Wanyonyi - Chairperson
2. Advocate Saul Wasilwa - Representing LSK
3. CPA Rita Nabalayo Manyonge - ICPAK
4. Chemonges Stephen - Representing workers association

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5. Julius Bakasa - Representing Private sector

(Question put and agreed to)

The 5 nominees are approved Clerks at the table ensure it is transmitted to the relevant office for action.

Next item,

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT ON THE PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF TEACHING AND LEARNING MATERIALS FOR ECDE AND EQUIPMENT FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula (Chairperson, Committee on Education): Thank you, Honorable Speaker. On behalf of the Committee on Education and Vocational Training, I have a report on the statement raised by Hon. Bernard Kikechi on the procurement and distribution of teaching and learning materials for ECDE and equipment for vocational training...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honorable Chair, I don't know if you are having a report or a response

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula (Chairperson, Committee on Education): Honourable Speaker, it is a response in form of a report because I am informing the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Proceed, agreed

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Honorable Speaker, I hereby submit a report, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 54 of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders on the statement sought by Hon. Bernard Kikechi in relation to budgetary implementation of the Programme of Teaching and Learning Materials for Early Childhood Development Education and Equipping of Vocational Training Centres in the Department.

The Committee on Education and Vocational Training considered the statement and directed the County Executive Committee Member to provide a response on issues raised in the statement. The committee comprehensively analyzed the response and invited the owner of the statement by the Committee Notice of 28 July 2025 for consideration of the issues raised.

The Committee, together with the members of the Department and the owner of the statement deliberated on the issues that had been raised and the owner agreed to the response but requested

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for the provision of the necessary documentation during the whole procurement process until different schools and VTC centres received learning materials and equipment.

The necessary documentation for the whole procurement process was submitted, which contains of the gadgets, learning materials and equipment that were supplied.

They include, that is, annexure number one, procurement process

1. Requisition
2. Appointment opening
3. Opening reports
4. Evaluation appointment,
5. Professional opinion,
6. Tender award
7. Acceptance of tender
8. LPOs,
9. Invoices,
10. Delivery notes,
11. Inspection appointment letter,
12. Inspection report,
13. S13 form.

We have Annexure No. 2; it contains the distribution and receipts from different schools that received learning and teaching materials for use.

Annexure No.3; this contains tools and equipment received in different vocational training centers in the county. Hon. Speaker, the committee observed that the department had difficulties.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wanjala,

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Honorable Speaker, the reports that the Chair - Education is reading, we are not furnished with it on our gadgets.

(Loud Consultations)

Mr. Speaker: The owner of the statement has it *Mheshimiwa*.

(Loud Consultations)

Just a moment... Yes, Honourable Leader.

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Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Honorable Speaker, I don't know if you are missing a point. When somebody seeks a statement, it's not for own consumption but it's for the whole House.

(Applause)

So you know the matter that is being discussed cuts across the entire County and it touches on our schools the ECDEs and VTCs. So we also need this information for us to compare what the school received and what the department may have dispersed.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you so much for the concern raised, Honourable members. This response has come very late, and courtesy of the concerns being raised by members, I will defer the same so that it will be handled in the afternoon.

(Applause)

I now direct that the offices concerned, the Legislative Office of this Assembly makes sure that the same is circulated to Honourable members so that in the afternoon, during statement time, we shall begin with that. Honourable Chair, you can digest and internalize the same so that during statement and question time, you shall begin with that. I direct the Clerks at the Table to ensure that it's circulated accordingly.

Honourable members, that question is closed, not unless we want to talk about something else.

(Applause)

(Loud consultations)

Next item,

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable members, that being the last item on the Order Paper, we shall adjourn and resume at 2.30 p.m. We adjourn accordingly.

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The House rose at 10:04 a.m.

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