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## County Assembly Of Bungoma Adjourns For Long Recess

By Erick Ngobilo



**FILE PHOTO:** Members of the County Assembly of Bungoma attend a plenary session.

The County Assembly of Bungoma on July 30th, 2026 adjourned for its long recess following the approval of the motion on the alteration of the Assembly Calendar and adjournment. The motion that was unanimously approved brought forward the long recess to run from 31st July to 31st August 2026.

The adjustment has been informed by cultural considerations, particularly the traditional circumcision ceremonies observed across many communities in Bungoma County during the month of August. The adjournment further provides Hon. Members with an opportunity to engage with their constituents.

The adjournment motion was moved by the Leader of the Majority Party Hon. Joseph Juma and seconded by the Minority whip Hon. Aggrey Mulongo. Hon. Members who contributed to the motion amongst them Hon. Johnstone Ipara (Tongaren Ward), Hon.

George Makari (Musikoma Ward) and Hon. Ali Machani (Maraka Ward) supported the adjournment as timely and meant to give Hon. Members an opportunity to relax and participate in cultural activities.

Before the motion of adjournment, the House considered and approved a motion by the Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning seeking the adoption of its report on the disbursement schedule to the County Assembly Fund for the Financial Year 2026/2027. The report is expected to guide the timely and structured release of funds to support the Assembly's operations.

Other Motions approved by the House include the approval of Hon. Members to serve in various committees, and Report of the sectoral committee on Health services on status of equipment in Bungoma County referral

### Message from the Clerk

This refreshed identity reflects our renewed commitment to transparency, efficiency, and excellent public service delivery to the people of Bungoma County.

The new look symbolizes a modern, vibrant, and people-centered legislative institution that is ready to serve you better. We remain steadfast in our mandate of representation, legislation, and oversight.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we embark on this new chapter.

Best regards,



Mr. Charles Wafula

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Regular sittings of the House will resume on Tuesday, 1st September 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

## The County Assembly Of Bungoma Labour Committee Reviews Progress Of County Public Service Board Office Block

By Erick Ngobilo

The Committee on Labour Relations, Members' Services and Facilities of the County Assembly of Bungoma held a consultative meeting to review the progress and completion status of the County Public Service Board (CPSB) office block.

The meeting, chaired by Hon. Martin Cheseto, brought together the Chairperson of the County Public Service Board, Mr. Fredrick Wanyonyi, the Director of Public Works, Mr. Humphrey Silungi who is the project supervisor and the project contractor Mr. Benson Mbaisi.

The Chairperson informed the committee that both the contractor and the project supervisor had previously been invited to appear before the committee and that a site visit had earlier been conducted, during which the contractor had committed to resume work. However, little progress had been recorded thereafter, prompting the committee to seek further clarification on the status of the project.

During the deliberations, the contractor attributed the delays in completing the office block to prolonged payment processes. He explained that the release of funds after the submission of payment certificates often takes a

considerable amount of time, disrupting construction activities and affecting the implementation schedule. Consequently, the original contract period lapsed before the works could be completed.

The committee was informed that the total contract sum for the project is KSh 52 million, out of which KSh 12 million has so far been paid, leaving an outstanding balance of KSh 40 million. Members further noted that an allocation of KSh 13 million is currently available but has not yet been absorbed.

The Director of Public Works explained that the processing of

met by the contractor. Nevertheless, both the CPSB and the Public Works Department supported the contractor's request for an extension of the contract period up to December 2026 to allow for the completion of the remaining works.

The CPSB chairperson assured the committee of its commitment to seeing the project through to completion and expressed confidence that significant progress would be realized by the end of August. The Board also called for proper and updated documentation to facilitate the smooth implementation of the remaining works.



The Chairperson of the County Public Service Board, Mr. Fredrick Wanyonyi; the Director of Public Works, Mr. Humphrey Silungi; and the project contractor, Mr. Benson Mbaisi. appear before the Committee on Labour Relations, Members' Services and Facilities of the County Assembly of Bungoma, chaired by Hon. Martin Cheseto, to review the progress of the County Public Service Board (CPSB) office block.

## County Assembly Of Bungoma Feted As Kenya's Only County Assembly Implementing Productivity By NPCC

By Rosemary Wachiye

The County Assembly of Bungoma has been applauded as the only county government entity in Kenya to have implemented productivity main-

streaming, according to officials from the National Productivity and Competitiveness Centre (NPCC) led by its Secretary, Dr Nahashon L. Moitalel.

Speaking during a training session for the Productivity Mainstreaming Committee of the County Assembly of Bungoma held on Thursday, 16th July 2026, at Milimani Gardens, Dr

Moitalel noted that the County Assembly had taken productivity seriously. He added that, following resolutions made at the Productivity

and Performance Conference, all arms of county governments in Kenya will be required to undertake productivity and performance processes, in line with the practice already followed by national government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

Dr Moitalel commended the County Assembly of Bungoma for taking the lead in incorporating productivity mainstreaming and performance management into the institution's processes. He noted that productivity is anchored under Article 230(5)(c) of the Constitution of Kenya, which empowers the Salaries and Remuneration Commission to take into account the need to recognise productivity and performance.

Similarly, he said, Article 232(1)(b) provides that the values and principles of public service include efficiency, effectiveness and the economic use of resources; all of which can be attained through productivity mainstreaming.

A director at the National Productivity and Competitiveness Centre, Mr Jerry Kugo, who facilitated the training, announced the shift from performance contracting to productivity and performance contracting (PPC). He pointed out that



performance contracting has, to date, addressed effectiveness by up to 80 per cent, and that productivity would bridge the remaining gap by addressing efficiency in the public service.

"Performance is driven by productivity. The two concepts are interrelated, each carrying equal weight, and neither is superior to the other," Mr Kugo said.

Facilitating the session, Ms Wilbroda Okaka, an officer from the National Productivity and Competitiveness Centre, took the committee through the productivity mainstreaming cycle, which begins with productivity measurement, followed by analysis, planning and improvement. She emphasised that productivity is primarily driven by the needs of



the customer.

"Last year, productivity carried a weight of 3. This year, it will carry a weight of 10, and next year it will rise to a weight of 50," Mr Kugo said, adding that the indicators under the PPC framework had changed, and that the NPCC would henceforth award the best-performing institutions annually.

They informed the Committee of a planned pilot project targeting three County Governments encompassing the County Assemblies, County Executives and County Public Service Boards, while 15 other counties were expected to be sponsored to begin productivity mainstreaming.

*Officials from the National Productivity and Competitiveness Centre (NPCC), led by its Secretary, Dr. Nahashon L. Moitalel, along with NPCC Directors Ms. Wilbroda Okaka and Mr. Jerry Kugo, sensitise the Productivity Committee to productivity mainstreaming.*

Speaking during the official opening of the training on behalf of the Clerk of the County Assembly, the Deputy Clerk in charge of Legislative Services, Dr Leonard Momos, said productivity would add value to the work of the Assembly through the measurement of performance.

Representatives from the NPCC then proceeded to validate the productivity reporting data submitted by the Assembly, its first such submission, for the Financial Years 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and 2025/2026. This data will be essential to the NPCC's computation of the productivity index.

The process marks the culmination of each department submitting data, supported by evidence, against the productivity metrics developed at the beginning of the cycle, in accordance with the Assembly's approved guidelines and policy framework.

## County Assembly Engages Media on Collaboration and Quality Oversight

By Erick Ngobilo

The County Assembly of Bungoma held a sensitization workshop for members of the media aimed at strengthening collaboration and enhancing quality oversight reporting.

The forum brought together journalists, Public communica-

tion officers, and the County Assembly management led by the Clerk for a structured engagement focused on promoting accurate, ethical, and impactful reporting on legislative processes.

Participants were taken through the critical role of the media in supporting transparency,

accountability, and public participation in governance. Discussions centered on how journalists can effectively utilize Assembly records such as Hansard reports, committee proceedings, and plenary sittings to produce evidence-based stories.

Speaking during the session, the

the Clerk Mr. Charles Wafula emphasized the need for mutual trust and professionalism between the media and the County Assembly. He noted that informed reporting plays a vital role in strengthening oversight by ensuring the public remains aware of legislative actions and government performance.



*The County Assembly of Bungoma management, led by the Clerk of the County Assembly, Mr. Charles Wafula, organised a sensitisation workshop for members of the media in collaboration with the Media Council of Kenya.*

Media practitioners, on their part, welcomed the initiative, noting that such engagements provide an opportunity to better understand legislative procedures and improve the accuracy of governance reporting.

The sensitization workshop forms part of the County Assembly's broader strategy to foster openness, build strategic partnerships with the media, and promote good governance through quality oversight

# Hon. Speaker Addresses Students On Attachment On Professionalism And Internship Expectations

*By Marsh Misiko*

**T**he Speaker of the County Assembly of Bungoma, Hon. Emmanuel Situma on 26th June 2026 held a meeting with students on attachment at Paskari Nabwana hall to motivate them and challenge them on future emerging issues.

The session brought together the attaches, Heads of Departments, and senior officers to reflect on the students' performance during their attachment period and emphasize the importance of discipline, professionalism, and continuous learning.

Hon. Situma expressed concern over the poor preparedness displayed by some students who had appeared for interviews for internship opportunities at the County Assembly despite having undertaken their attachment at the Institution.

guided by each student's performance, commitment, work ethic, and initiative throughout the attachment period.

"Students must earn their recommendations through hard work, discipline, and dedication. The Assembly cannot recommend individuals who did not take their attachment seriously," he stated.

Hon. Situma encouraged the attaches to view industrial attachment as more than an academic requirement, describing it as a valuable opportunity to build practical skills, professional networks, and a strong foundation for future careers.

While acknowledging the usefulness of artificial intelligence as a learning tool, Hon. Situma cautioned students against overreliance on AI and technology. He encouraged the students

He pointed out that several shortlisted applicants were unable to answer basic questions on the County Assembly operations. He also cited cases of improper dressing and lack of seriousness among some students, stressing that professionalism and preparedness are essential qualities for anyone aspiring to join the public service.

The Speaker announced that the Assembly will no longer issue blanket recommendation letters to attachment students. Instead, recommendation letters will be awarded on an individual basis,



*The Speaker of the County Assembly of Bungoma, Hon. Emmanuel Situma, alongside Heads of Departments at the County Assembly, pose for a photo with students on attachment at the institution.*

students to seek guidance from their supervisors and undertake independent research to deepen their understanding of their respective fields.

The Speaker also urged the students to acquaint themselves with plenary proceedings, organizational structures, and workplace regulations, noting that such knowledge would enhance their professional competence and interview preparedness.

He reminded the attachees that the Assembly often prioritizes individuals it has previously trained for internship opportunities, as they already understand the institution's culture, values, and expectations. He encouraged the students to prepare themselves as future officers capable of taking up leadership and administrative roles in public institutions.

The Deputy Clerk in charge of Administration Ms. Joselyne Situma, Departmental Heads and other Senior officers from varied departments addressed the students.

## County Assembly Of Bungoma Holds Sensitisation On Model Procedures For Preventing Corruption

*By Marsh Misiko*

**T**he County Assembly's Corruption Prevention Committee (CPC) has reaffirmed its commitment to promoting integrity, transparency and accountability through a sensitisation programme on the Model Procedures for the Prevention of Bribery and Corruption. The forum, held at Paskari Nabwana Hall on Friday 24th July, 2026, brought together officers from various departments to deepen their understanding of institutional anti-corruption procedures and strengthen ethical standards in the conduct of Assembly business.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Principal Internal Auditor, CPA Alfred Makokha, the Clerk of the County Assembly reminded officers that integrity, transparency and accountability remain fundamental pillars of effective

public service and good governance. He emphasised that preventing corruption is a shared responsibility requiring commitment from every officer, regardless of rank or designation.

The Clerk observed that, as a constitutional institution mandated to legislate, oversee the Executive and represent the people, the County Assembly had a duty to uphold the highest ethical standards in order to maintain public confidence. He further encouraged officers to participate actively in the deliberations, share their experiences openly, raise concerns, and propose practical solutions to strengthen the Assembly's institutional integrity framework.

He noted that the proposed Model Procedures were intended to provide clear guidance on the prevention, detection, reporting and management of bribery and corruption, while enhancing compliance with the Constitution of Kenya, the Leadership and Integrity Act, the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, the Bribery Act 2016, the Public Finance Management Act, the Public Officer Ethics Act, and other applicable legal and regulatory frameworks.

During the sensitisation, the Secretary to the Corruption Prevention Committee, Mr Peter Mbito, presented an overview of the Committee, outlining its mandate, functions and strategic role in promoting ethical conduct and preventing corruption within the Assembly. He explained that the Committee is responsible for coordinating

corruption prevention initiatives, strengthening integrity systems, and supporting officers in upholding the highest standards of professionalism in the discharge of their duties.

Mr Mbito further informed participants that the Corruption Prevention Committee (Integrity Committee) and the Integrity Assurance Officers Committee (IAOC) were established in 2021, following an advisory issued by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) on 22nd October 2021. Their operationalisation was further strengthened through the EACC Corruption Prevention Committee Guidelines No. 1 of June 2023.

He outlined the legal and policy framework guiding the Committee's work, including the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2011, the Leadership and Integrity Act 2012, the Bribery Act 2016, the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act 2003, Sessional Paper No. 2 of 2018 on the National Ethics and Anti-Corruption Policy, the Bungoma County Assembly Corruption Prevention Policy 2024, and the Whistleblower Policy 2024.

A key highlight of the programme was a presentation by ICT Officer Mr Philip Sinoya, who guided participants through the Model Procedures for the prevention of bribery and corruption. He outlined practical mechanisms for reporting, preventing and managing corruption-related issues within the institution, while emphasising operational procedures designed to improve service delivery, enhance accountability,



*The Principal Internal Auditor, CPA Alfred Makokha, delivers a speech on behalf of the Clerk of the County Assembly during the County Assembly's Corruption Prevention Committee (CPC) sensitisation on model procedures for preventing corruption.*

ensure consistency in decision-making, and strengthen compliance with legal and institutional requirements.

The presentation further underscored the importance of safeguarding public resources, avoiding conflicts of interest, promoting ethical decision-making, and encouraging the timely reporting of unethical conduct through established institutional mechanisms.

Participants engaged actively during an interactive plenary session, seeking clarification on various aspects of the Model Procedures, sharing practical experiences from their respective departments, and proposing recommendations to strengthen anti-corruption measures within the Assembly. The discussions demonstrated the officers' commitment to fostering an organisational culture that embraces openness, professionalism, and zero tolerance for bribery and corruption.

The County Assembly of Bungoma continues to invest in institutional capacity building as part of its broader governance agenda. By equipping officers with practical knowledge on corruption prevention, ethical conduct and accountability mechanisms, the Assembly is strengthening its internal systems, safeguarding public resources, and enhancing public confidence in its legislative and administrative processes.

## County Assembly Hosts Health Sensitization Sessions to Promote Preventive Care

By Marsh Misiko



*Dr. Julia Omusebe and Ms. Nicole Osundwa from the Aga Khan Bungoma Medical Centre hold a medical health sensitisation session at Paskari Nabwana Hall.*

The County Assembly of Bungoma, in collaboration with Aga Khan Bungoma Medical centre today held a session to promote staff wellness through comprehensive health sensitization sessions held at Paskari Nabwana Hall.

The session was facilitated by a team of doctors and healthcare professionals with a focus on preventive healthcare, access to medical services, and healthy living practices.

Staff from the County Assembly led by the Senior Human Resource Officer Ms. Anne Wekesa attended the session. The sessions aimed at equipping participants with knowledge on common health conditions and encouraging early medical intervention.

Speaking during the sessions, Dr. Diana Osoro highlighted a wide range of services offered, including outpatient care, surgical services, dental care, ENT, eye clinic services, and physiotherapy. She noted that the hospital

continues to enhance service delivery and had introduced measures to improve patient experience, particularly at the reception area.

Dental health featured prominently in the discussions, with Dr. Julia Omusebe and Ms. Nicole Osundwa emphasizing the importance of proper oral hygiene and healthy dietary habits. They explained that excessive consumption of sugary foods contributes to tooth decay, gum disease, and staining. The specialists outlined available dental services such as tooth cleaning, fillings, braces installation, and minor surgical procedures, while also highlighting cosmetic options like dental bleaching. Participants were encouraged to seek early treatment to prevent complications.

Eye health was also addressed by optometrist Abraham Keter, who underscored the importance of regular eye examinations, particularly for individuals above 40 years and those with underlying conditions such as diabetes and hypertension. He discussed

common eye conditions including refractive errors, dry eye syndrome, and binocular vision disorders, noting that some conditions may be hereditary. He further informed participants that the hospital was offering free eye consultations during the month of July.

Additional presentations focused on maternal and child healthcare services, with the nursing department outlining antenatal care, vaccination options, and comprehensive pregnancy support. The physiotherapy team also highlighted the growing prevalence of musculoskeletal conditions such as lower back and neck pain, urging individuals to seek professional medical attention for proper diagnosis and treatment.

Participants expressed appreciation for the initiative, noting that the sensitization sessions were informative and impactful. They were encouraged to take advantage of ongoing medical offers, including free consultations and upcoming health services.

# County Assembly Of Bungoma Inducts Newly Recruited Interns Ahead Of Deployment

By Rosemary Wachiye | Ian Wangila



*The School Director of the Kenya School of Government, Baringo Campus, and Deputy Director, Learning and Development, Mr John Napoo, and the Speaker of the County Assembly of Bungoma, Hon. Emmanuel Situma, address interns during the closing ceremony of the induction workshop, alongside County Assembly Service Board (CASB) Vice Chairperson, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa; Commissioner Ms Jessica Mayabi; and Hon. Ali Machani.*

**T**he County Assembly of Bungoma organized a five-day induction training programme for its newly recruited interns at the Kenya School of Government, Baringo Campus, to prepare them for effective, ethical, and professional service ahead of them.

The programme, which ran from Monday, 3rd August 2026 to Friday, 7th August 2026, comprised both practical and theoretical training sessions facilitated by professionals and experienced experts in governance and public service.

The induction course sensitized the interns on the public service code of conduct, financial management, government communication, performance targets, appraisal tools and reporting

timelines. The interns were also taken through public records management, customer service standards and complaints handling, workplace etiquette, occupational safety, human resource policies, internship guidelines and terms of engagement, among other critical topics.

In his opening and welcoming remarks, the Director of the Kenya School of Government, Baringo Campus, Dr. Wesley Kiprop, challenged the interns to embrace the training and uphold professionalism in the discharge of their duties, while maintaining respect and accountability at all times.

He further urged them to be responsible and dependable, both in and out of the office. "Since you are our future leaders, remember that how you handle

assignments, carry yourselves, submit reports and execute the general duties assigned to you will impact on the face of the County Assembly," said Dr. Kiprop.

The closing ceremony was officiated by the Speaker of the County Assembly of Bungoma, Hon. Emmanuel Situma, and brought together the interns, staff of the County Assembly, the Deputy Clerk, Administration, and members of the County Assembly Service Board.

In his remarks, Hon. Situma congratulated the interns upon successfully completing the programme and encouraged them to maintain discipline and uphold professionalism, integrity, accountability and excellence throughout their one-year internship period. He further

urged them to desist from political inclinations and to uphold public service conduct at all times.

The Deputy Clerk, Administration, Ms. Josylyne Situmah, who represented the Clerk of the County Assembly, called upon the interns to embrace a results-based approach in their work, noting that the institution is ISO 9001:2015 certified, which calls for a culture of excellence that they will be expected to embody from that day forth.

Ms. Situmah further challenged the interns to begin their professional journey on a smart footing by registering with their respective professional bodies early and beginning to accumulate CPD points, noting that this would position them competitively in an increasingly demanding job market.

Representing the School Director was Mr. John Napoo, Deputy Director, Learning and Development, who appreciated the County Assembly for organising the induction, noting that it had equipped the interns with skills relevant to the job market.

The Speaker was accompanied by Hon. Joseph Juma, Leader of Majority; Ms. Jessica Mayabi, Member of the County Assembly Service Board; Ms. Josylyne Situmah, Deputy Clerk, Administration; Dr. Abraham Simiyu, Principal Human Resource Officer; and other members of staff.



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