

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 31st July, 2019

The House met at 2.47 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Mwangangi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good afternoon, Hon. Members. Yes, I saw while I was away there was some very good development.

(Applause)

You had a very effective Madam ‘Speakerlet.’

(Laughter)

Congratulations, Hon. Mwikali.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwikali: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I saw it at the tail end in my Chambers and you did a fantastic job. Keep it up.

(Applause)

So, we can start our sitting this afternoon. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
PUNGUZA MIZIGO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BILL, 2019

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, there is one communication. It is on the Punguza Mizigo Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2019. Hon. Members, you have been reading in the press and hearing also in other media of this particular Bill that is a popular initiative by one of the political parties in the Republic. I want to communicate that on the 22nd July, 2019 the office of the Speaker received a letter referenced IEBC/VREO/2/12/98 dated 18th July, 2019 from the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) communicating on and forwarding to the

Assembly the Punguza Mizigo (Constitutional Amendment) Bill, 2019 pursuant to the provisions of Article 257(5) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

Hon. Members, under the Constitution, the Assembly is required to consider the Bill and make a decision on it within three months from the 22nd of July, 2019, when it was received in the office of the Speaker from the IEBC.

Hon. Members, for your information, kindly further note that, after the consideration of the Bill, the Assembly is required to submit its decision to the Speakers of the National Assembly and the Senate and that is under Article 257(6) of the Constitution. However, Hon. Members, you have noted or heard from the media that the High Court has issued one of the Constitutional Petitions filed by some parties that I do not have details of, issued orders staying the processing of the Bill by County Assemblies. I have not been served with that order to appreciate its purpose and extent.

However, because we are a House of order and law, this House should not appear to be in conflict with any orders issued by a court of law so what I have done is to communicate to you the fact of the Assembly receiving that Bill. As to the way forward on processing of the Bill, the after Office of the Speaker will give the House directions after it receives the court order if there is any and after the Speaker appreciates the details and content of that Court Order. So, Hon. Members be notified by it accordingly. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

PAPER LAID

RECRUITMENT OF THE 4TH AND 5TH MEMBERS OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by the Hon. Caleb. Hon. Caleb Mule.

Hon. Mule: Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday, the 31st day of July, 2019; the report on the recruitment of the 4th and 5th Members of the Machakos County Assembly Service Board. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: I am waiting to see that Paper laid; Table Clerks.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Thank you, Hon. Caleb. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

RECRUITMENT OF THE 4TH AND 5TH MEMBERS OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have again one business by the same Hon. Caleb Mule.

Hon. Mule:

Madam Speaker, that aware that Section 12 of the County Governments Act No.17 of 2012 read together with Sections 4(1), 8, 9 and 46 of the County Assemblies Services

Act No. 24 of 2017 provides for the establishment of the County Assembly Board consisting of:

- a. The Speaker of the County Assembly as the Chairperson.
- b. The Vice-Chairperson elected by the Board from the members appointed under paragraph (c).
- c. Two Members of the County Assembly nominated by the political parties represented in the County Assembly according to their proportion of Members in the County Assembly;
- d. One man and one woman appointed by the County Assembly from amongst persons who are experienced in public affairs, but are not Members of the County Assembly;

Aware that, the positions of part (d) above, two positions of the County Assembly Service Board have been vacant hence the Board advertised, shortlisted, interviewed and recommended the best candidates for the positions;

Acknowledging that pursuant to the First Schedule of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017, the County Assembly Service Board placed an advertisement in the Daily Nation Newspaper of 8th November, 2018, notifying the public of the vacancies for the 4th and 5th Member in the County Assembly Service Board;

Aware that, Section 2 of the First Schedule of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017 stipulates that any person qualified in accordance with this Act may make an application to the Secretary within 14 days of the publication of the notice. Section 3 of the same Schedule provides that the Board shall, within fourteen days after the last date of submission of the applications under paragraph 2, consider the applications, shortlist, conduct interviews and recommend one man and one woman for the positions;

Madam Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that this House discusses and approves the report on the recruitment of the 4th and 5th Members of the Machakos County Assembly Service Board.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Caleb Mule. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

MOTION

RECRUITMENT OF THE 4TH AND 5TH MEMBERS OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by the same Hon. Caleb Mule to start with; we will have another business later by the Hon. Majority Leader, Mark Muendo. Hon. Caleb, please proceed.

Hon. Mule:

Madam Speaker, that aware that Section 12 of the County Governments Act No.17 of 2012 read together with Sections 4(1), 8, 9 and 46 of the County Assemblies Services Act No. 24 of 2017 provides for the establishment of the County Assembly Board consisting of:

- a. The Speaker of the County Assembly as the Chairperson.

- b. The Vice-Chairperson elected by the Board from the members appointed under paragraph (c).
- c. Two Members of the County Assembly nominated by the political parties represented in the County Assembly according to their proportion of Members in the County Assembly;
- d. One man and one woman appointed by the County Assembly from amongst persons who are experienced in public affairs, but are not Members of the County Assembly;

Aware that, the positions of part (d) above, two positions of the County Assembly Service Board have been vacant hence the Board advertised, shortlisted, interviewed and recommended the best candidates for the positions;

Acknowledging that pursuant to the First Schedule of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017, the County Assembly Service Board placed an advertisement in the Daily Nation Newspaper of 8th November, 2018, notifying the public of the vacancies for the 4th and 5th Member in the County Assembly Service Board;

Aware that, Section 2 of the First Schedule of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017 stipulates that any person qualified in accordance with this Act may make an application to the Secretary within 14 days of the publication of the notice. Section 3 of the same Schedule provides that the Board shall, within fourteen days after the last date of submission of the applications under paragraph 2, consider the applications, shortlist, conduct interviews and recommend one man and one woman for the positions;

Madam Speaker, I wish to move the Motion that this House discusses and approves the report on the recruitment of the 4th and 5th members of the Machakos County Assembly Service Board.

I call upon Hon. Grace Mutwiwa to second my motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Grace Mutwiwa.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutwiwa: Thank you Madam Speaker. I strongly support the motion given that these positions have been vacant for so long. So I support the motion.

Hon. Speaker: You second.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutwiwa: Sorry. I second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, Hon. Caleb and Hon. Grace. Hon. Caleb, you still come back to the Table.

Hon. Mule: Hon. Members, I am presenting a Report on the recruitment of the 4th and 5th Member of Machakos County Assembly and I will go straight to the background.

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Establishment of the Machakos County Assembly Service Board

Madam Speaker, the County Assembly is established under Article 176(1) of the Constitution of Kenya. In order for the County Assembly to be able to adequately execute its mandate, there is

need of having the County Assembly Service Board pursuant to Section 12 of the County Government Act No. 17 of 2012, read together with Sections 4, 8, 9 and 46 of the County Assembly Services Act No. 24 of 2017 which provides for its establishment.

Madam Speaker, the constitution of the Board is provided by Section 46 of the County Assemblies Services Act, 2017 is as follows:

- a) The Speaker of the County Assembly, as the Chairperson.
- b) A Vice-Chairperson elected by the Board from the members appointed under paragraph (c).
- c) Two members of the County Assembly nominated by the political parties represented in the County Assembly according to their proportion of members in the County Assembly.
- d) One man and one woman appointed by the County Assembly from amongst persons who are experienced in public affairs, but are not members of the County Assembly.

Further to the requirement of part (d) above, two positions of the County Assembly Service are vacant so the Board advertised, shortlisted, interviewed and recommended the best candidates for the positions for approval by the County Assembly.

1.2 Mandate of the Board

Madam Speaker, the mandate of the Board is provided for under Section 12(7) of the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012, that the Board shall;

- a. Provide services and facilities to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of the County Assembly;
- b. Constitute offices in the County Assembly Service, and appointing and supervising office holders;
- c. Prepare annual estimates of expenditure of the County Assembly service and submitting them to the County Assembly for approval, and exercising budgetary control over the service;
- d. Undertake, singly or jointly with other relevant organizations, programs to promote the ideals of parliamentary democracy; and
- e. Perform other functions-
 - i. Necessary for the well-being of the members and staff of the County Assembly; or
 - ii. Prescribed by national legislation.

1.3 Current Membership of the Machakos County Assembly Service Board

Madam Speaker, the current membership of the Board is:

1. Hon. Florence Muoti Mwangangi - Chairperson/Speaker.
2. Hon. Grace Munini Mutwiwa - Second Member representing the Majority Assembly Party.
3. Hon. Caleb Mutiso Mule -Third Member representing the Minority Assembly party as the Vice Chair.
4. Mr. Felix Gitari Mbiuki - Secretary to the Board/ Clerk.

2.0 Procedure for appointment.

Madam Speaker, paragraph 2 of the First Schedule of the County Assembly Services Act No.24 of 2017, stipulates that any person qualified in accordance with this Act may make an application to the Secretary within 14 days of the publication of the notice. Paragraph 3 of the same

Schedule provides that the Board shall, within 14 days after the last date of submission of applications under paragraph 2, consider the applications, shortlist, conduct interviews and recommend name of one applicant qualified for the position.

2.1 Advertisement for the position

Madam Speaker, pursuant to those provisions of law, the Board placed an advertisement in the Daily Nation Newspaper of 8th November, 2018 (See annexure 1) notifying the public of vacancies for the 4th and 5th Member in the CASB. The vacancies attracted a total of 15 applicants. The following are 15 applicants:

S/N	Name	National ID. No.	Gender
1.	Isaac Mutuku Muinde	11624520	Male
2.	Alex Nyamai Kitili	21649294	Male
3.	Dr. Samuel Mwachiro Mwawasi	11655730	Male
4.	Dr. Hassan Kinyua Omari	21229124	Male
5.	Janet Mwikali Kimeu	12534948	Female
6.	Rita Ndunge Ndunda	11767355	Female
7.	James Mutiso Mutua	21853946	Male
8.	Christopher Mathoka	0951343	Male
9.	John Nzomo Nzioka	21356843	Male
10.	Robert Sukya Nzioki	4827188	Male
11.	Christopher Musyoka Muteti	Not Indicated	Male
12.	Thomas Ngui	14472023	Male
13.	Lydia Mburia	23763037	Female
14.	Flora Maghanga	8470941	Female
15.	Phillis Koki Kilonzo	6276381	Female

2.2 Requirements for Appointment

Madam Speaker, pursuant to Section 9(1) of the County Assembly Services Act No. 24 of 2017 and as indicated in the advertisement, the requirements for appointment are as follows:

- i. Be a Kenyan Citizen;
- ii. Holds a degree from a recognized University in Kenya;
- iii. Has at least 10 years' experience in public affairs; and
- iv. Meets the requirements of Leadership and Integrity in Chapter Six of the Constitution.

2.3 Selection Process

Madam Speaker, in the selection process the Board was guided by the above cited provisions of Section 9 of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017 in addition to Section 8 of the Act which provides that in nominating or appointing any person as a Member of the Board, the County Assembly shall have regard to:

- (a) The national values and principles set out in Article 10 of the Constitution; and
- (b) Community and cultural diversity of the County.

Madam Speaker, based on the above, the following ten (10) candidates were shortlisted for the interviews:

NAME	ID	GENDER
1. Dr. Samuel Mwachiro Mwawasi	11655730	Male

2. Rita Ndunge Ndunda	11767355	Female
3. Isaac Mutuku Muinde	11624520	Male
4. Alex Nyamai Kitili	21649294	Male
5. Janet Mwikali Kimeu	12534948	Female
6. Thomas Ngui	14472023	Male
7. Phillis Kilonzo	6276381	Female
8. Flora Maghanga	8470941	Female
9. John Nzomo Nzioka	21356843	Male
10. Robert Sukya Nzioki	4827188	Male

2.4 Notice for the interviews and notification to the public

Madam Speaker, via a newspaper advertisement, the shortlisted candidates were notified to attend for interviews on various dates between 21st February and 5th March, 2019 (See annexures 4). The interviews were done in public in sessions attended by some members of the public and the media. The interviews were oral and were recorded on the Assembly HANSARD (See Library Management System LMS).

In line with provisions of Section 4 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval Act) 2017 the candidates were interviewed on the basis of the assessment form set out in the Second Schedule of the Act to ensure objectivity (See annexure 5).

Each panelist scored the candidate out of 100 per cent against the answers the candidates gave to the questions put. At the end of the interview for each candidate, the Board obtained an average score which formed the basis of the ranking of the candidates.

ACTUAL APPROVAL HEARINGS FOR EACH CANDIDATE

MR. ALEX NYAMAI KITILI

Hon. Speaker, the candidate appeared before the Board on 21st February, 2019 at 10. 00 a.m. From the documents provided by the candidate and the oral interviews the candidate scored as follows; Hon. Members, you can see there is a table there with panelists 1, 2 and 3 and on the far left are the questions which the candidates were asked---

Hon. Speaker: Just to assist Hon. Caleb and the House as well; you look at those tables and instead of going through the contents of each table, you can tell the Members, there are sections one, two up to six and what each of them entails then you just come and give the total score and the mean score so that you don't have to keep reading each column for each member. Proceed, please

Hon. Mule: Thank you. The first candidate Alex Nyamai Kitili, as you flip through page 8, 9 you can see the total mean score of Nyamai Kitili was 87 per cent.

JOHN NZOMO NZIOKA

The second candidate appeared before the Board on 21st February, 2019 at 11.10 a.m. From the documents provided by the candidate and the oral interviews, the candidate scored as follows: if you go to page to page 12 you can see the mean score of Nzioka John Nzomo as 85 per cent.

MR. ROBERT SUKYA NZIOKI

Hon. Speaker, the candidate appeared before the Board on 21st February, 2019 at 12.15 p.m. From the documents provided by the candidate and the oral interviews the candidate scored as

follows: Hon. Members, you can flip through page 13 and go to page 15 on top; Sukya Nzioki scored 70 per cent.

RITA NDUNGE NDUNDA

Hon. Speaker, the candidate appeared before the Board on 22nd February, 2019 at 9.50 a.m. From the documents provided by the candidate and the oral interviews the candidate scored as follows: we flip through page 16 we go to page 17 you can score the mean score of Rita Ndunge Ndunda as 65 per cent

JANET MWIKALI KIMEU

Hon. Speaker, the candidate appeared before the Board on 22nd February, 2019 at 10.35 a.m. From the documents provided by the candidate and the oral interviews the candidate scored as follows: you flip through page 19 and 20, the candidate scored 91 per cent.

ISAAC MUTUKU MUINDE

Hon. Speaker, the candidate appeared before the Board on 22nd February, 2019 at 11.10 a.m. From the documents provided by the candidate and the oral interviews the candidate scored as follows: we flip through page 22, the candidate scored 81 per cent.

PHYLLIS KOKI KILONZO

Hon. Speaker, the candidate appeared before the Board on 5th March, 2019 at 10.32 a.m. From the documents provided by the candidate and the oral interviews the candidate scored as follows: we go down to page 23, 24, 25, you can see the mean score of that candidate is 58 per cent.

FLORA MAGHANGA MTUWETA

Hon. Speaker, the candidate appeared before the Board on 5th March, 2019 at 11.06 a.m. From the documents provided by the candidate and the oral interviews the candidate scored as follows: we flip through to page 28 where that candidate scored 72 per cent.

DR. SAMUEL MWACHIRO MWAWASI

Hon. Speaker, the candidate appeared before the Board on 5th March, 2019 at 11.36 a.m. From the documents provided by the candidate and the oral interviews the candidate scored as follows: his score is on page 30 of 68 per cent

DR. THOMAS KATUA NGUI

Hon. Speaker, the candidate appeared before the Board on 5th March, 2019 at 12.10 p.m. From the documents provided by the candidate and the oral interviews the candidate scored as follows: we go to page 33, the candidate scored 79 per cent.

RANKING OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF THE 4TH MEMBER

MR. ALEX NYAMAI KITILI	- 87
MR. NZIOKA JOHN NZOMO	- 85
MR. ISAAC MUTUKU MUINDE	- 81
DR. THOMAS KATUA NGUI	- 79
MR.ROBERT SUKYA NZIOKI	- 70

DR. SAMUEL MWACHIRO MWAWASI - 68

OBSERVATIONS

Madam Speaker, from the above, the Board observed the following:

- a. All the candidates interviewed for the position of the 4th Member of the CASB met the criteria advertised for the position as guided by the applicable laws.
- b. From the oral interviews, the candidate who performed best is Mr. Alex Nyamai Kitili who scored 87 points out of a possible 100 per cent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board recommends that Mr. Alex Kitili Nyamai be appointed to the position of the 4th Member of the Machakos County Assembly Service Board (CASB).

(Applause)

RANKING OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF THE 5TH MEMBER

JANET MWIKALI KIMEU	-91
MRS. FLORA M. MAGHANGA MTUWETA	-72
MS. RITA NDUNGE NDUNDA	-65
MRS. PHYLLIS KOKI KILONZO	-58

Observations

Madam Speaker, from the above the Board observed the following:

- a. All the candidates interviewed for the position of the 5th Member of the CASB met the criteria advertised for the position as guided by the applicable laws.
- b. From the oral interviews, the candidate who performed best is Ms. Janet Mwikali Kimeu who scored 91 points out of a possible per cent.

(Applause)

(Whistling)

Hon. Speaker: I just heard some noise that is not part of the language of this House. The language of this House is sign language and that is not sign language; is noise language. Then there is English and Kiswahili; it was from this side. Proceed, Hon. Caleb.

Hon. Mule:

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board recommends that Ms. Janet Mwikali Kimeu be appointed to the position of the 5th Member of the Machakos County Assembly Service Board (CASB).

(Applause)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Madam Speaker, may I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Board, the office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk for their dedication and participation in this process. On behalf of the Board, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House the County Assembly Service Board report on the appointment of the 4th and 5th Members of the Machakos County Assembly Service Board. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Caleb.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, the motion is ready for debate. Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for catching my eye. Madam Speaker, I want to start by congratulating the Board and the Hon. Member who has tabled this report for a job well done. Madam Speaker, I want to say out of the reports which have ever been tabled in this House by the Board, this is the best.

(Applause)

I will request the Hon. Members, because I can see the mood of the House, Madam Speaker, we may not spend a lot of time on this. Last time a report was brought to this House but it was quite different from what we have now. So, Madam Speaker, I want to say I support the report 100 percent and request other Hon. Members to do the same. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Hon. Rozina Kanini.

Hon. (Ms.) Kanini: Thank you Madam Speaker, for catching my eye. Madam Speaker, this report is neither debatable nor is it questionable and I support it wholly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Rozina. Hon. Museku?

Hon. Museku: Thank you Madam Speaker, for catching my eye. Madam Speaker, I am here to support the report 100 percent and to give a big thank you to the County Assembly Service Board, the Chair and the Vice-Chair and the other members for finally giving this House a report which is very thoroughly done and to commending people to fill those positions so that we can be able to have a fully functional County Assembly Service Board. Madam Speaker, I support. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Museku. Hon. Minority Leader, Kamitu?

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I stand here to really say thanks for the mover of this motion and at least say that through your leadership Madam Speaker, and through the board of the County Assembly Board, you have been staying without those two members and it is overdue and through the notes and the report that we have been given it was a

thoroughly done job so this time round Madam Speaker, I would kindly request as you see the mood of the House, if you could just ask then we finish up this motion we go home.

Otherwise, I stand here to support. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kamitu. Hon. Cosmus?

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. From the majority side---

(Laughter)

Madam Speaker, mine is just to say thanks to the Committee on Appointments; in fact, Madam Speaker, this was overdue. We have been waiting for this report and Madam Speaker, we are happy that the persons who have been recommended are fit for the job. Otherwise, Madam Speaker, we wish the Board nice time and so to the two new board Members. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cosmus. Hon. Betty.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, first and foremost, I want to congratulate the board for the good job they have done. Madam Speaker, this is not the first time that we get these reports to the Assembly but today I can say it is a great day for us all because it is a new start for us. You did not get tired of us as Members of Assembly because of deferring the report. So, Madam Speaker, I am really humbled and I want to fully support the report 100 percent. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Betty. Hon. Margaret Mwikali.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwikali: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to congratulate the County Assembly Service Board and thank the whole House because it is actually four times since we debated this.

Hon. Speaker: It is three times.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwikali: It is three times; thank you, Mheshimiwa Speaker. Now this baby has actually been weaned and we thank you for bringing a proper baby to the House which has no questions. I support it 100 percent, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwikali. Hon. Majority Leader, Mark Muendo?

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me also say congratulations to the County Assembly Service Board and also to the mover of the report because last time he was almost sweating but I can see now he is smiling. Let me say Madam Speaker, if you allow me, I will thank the Board because this time the report is very clear and when the reports are clear the members of Assembly have no problem.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, you know we could have filled these positions two years ago and I think we were waiting to get the right candidates and I think Madam Speaker, from where we are

now, the Board is going to be fully operational. Let me say Hon. Speaker, the County Assembly Service Board is the engine of the Assembly and maybe most of these.....what we have put down as not happening like the development of building the chamber and doing other things maybe they are not coming up because the Board does not have enough members.

This time Members, I assure you the board is fully constituted and you know we have to do our chamber and Madam Speaker, I will urge the board as it is now fully constituted to sit down look for a good model for a chamber because we want to leave a landmark of a beautiful chamber in Kenya. Let us Members, give the Board we can support give them. Let us stop assuming the Board members are more privileged than us; they work for us and with all due respect, you know Members, I gave up that seat because I wanted unity in this House.

I am supposed to be sitting in the board like any other Majority Leader in Kenya but I did it because I want unity in this House. Hon. Members, I am very happy to see this House well united more than ever.

(Applause)

Let me take this opportunity to thank you and say Hon. Speaker we are from the same family let us avoid small squabbles and things which cannot make us live well. Everybody Hon. Speaker comes from somewhere and he goes back somewhere; we come here for business. If something is good let us call it good, let us not oppose for the purpose of because Hon. Mark Muendo is supporting, I must be on the other side; Ndawa is supporting, I should be on the other side. Hon. Members we can move forward.

Hon. Speaker: Who is Ndawa?

Hon. Muendo: Sorry, Hon. Judas Ndawa, Madam Speaker. So, that was thank you very much to allow me to give that small advice and I am very happy now the board you should give this House what this House deserves. Thank you very much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Mark Muendo. Hon. Angela.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you Madam Speaker. I wish to congratulate the board for coming up with an accurate, precise and elaborate report. This is what the House was waiting for and I think it is obvious that everybody is happy with the report and I support the report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Angela. Hon. Johana.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support this report. Madam Speaker, I want to be specific and thank the Members of the board, Hon. Florence Mwangangi the chairperson, Hon. Caleb Mutiso the Vice Chairperson, Hon. Grace Mutwiwa the third member for the wisdom displayed.

In fact, Madam Speaker, this House debated a report from very qualified consulting firms but the board outwitted the consultancy firms and today we are discussing a report well thought of, well worked on and that is why everybody is very happy and willing to really pass this report. So, thank you Madam Speaker. I support the report.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Johana. Hon. Jeremiah.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here to support the report. Madam Speaker this is a report which has been long overdue and I want to thank the board for the good job that they have done and quoting a Swahili saying which says *mwenda pole hajikwai*. We have taken quite some time but when we look at the report, we can see it is really impressing the Members of this assembly.

Madam Speaker, it is my belief that now the Board is well constituted with all the Members, we are expecting the good results and we are expecting the Members to get what is rightfully theirs. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah. I call upon the mover of the motion to reply. Hon. Caleb.

(Applause)

Hon. Mule: Thank you, Madam Speaker; thank you, Machakos County Assembly for giving me a 100 percent support and giving the Board support. It has not been easy, it has been quite a journey; not once but twice I have brought this motion in this House and sent parking.

(Laughter)

Madam Speaker, I am humbled. Thank you.

(Applause)

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, how times change. The last time we were on this motion, you were saying disband the Board and banish them to Iceland; Iceland is where nobody lives and today you are giving 100 percent to the board. What does that mean?

(Applause)

That you reprimand, they go and do a fantastic job. So the same *wembe* you are using to shave the Board will also be used on you. When you don't perform, you will be reprimanded by the Chair but when you perform well, you will get 100 percent marks. Thank you very much Hon. Members.

Hon. Members, still on the Order No. 8, we have another motion by the Hon. Mark Muendo Leader of Majority.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ADJOURNMENT FOR SHORT RECESS FROM 1ST AUGUST, 2019 TO 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2019

Hon. Muendo: Thank you Madam Speaker, I have a motion.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Standing Order 24(1) provides that except for the session commencing immediately after a General Election, the regular sessions of the Assembly shall commence on the second Tuesday of February and terminate on the first Thursday of December;

Aware that this Third Session of the Second Assembly began on 12th February, 2019; Noting the crucial business has been transacted during this Session including approving the budget estimates, the Machakos County Appropriation Bill, 2019, County Integrated Development Plan (2018-2023) and various Committee reports; Acknowledging that the House approved an Assembly Calendar pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) and aware that the calendar of the Assembly guides the House on when to have a break and when to resume sittings;

Aware that the approved Assembly Calendar indicates that the Assembly will go for a short recess from 1st August, 2019 to 2nd September, 2019;

Aware that the recess will afford Committees time to compile various Committee reports and also conduct site visits within the County to motions referred to them.

Further aware that the Standing Order 25(3) provides that on a day when the Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the Assembly Calendar, the Leader of the Majority Party or Minority Party or any member of the House Business Committee shall move a motion of adjournment which shall be debated for not more than three hours after which the Assembly shall adjourn without question put;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that pursuant to the approved Assembly Calendar for the third session, this Hon. House goes on a short recess from Thursday, 1st August, 2019 to Monday, 2nd September, 2019.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Who is to second your motion Hon. Majority Leader?

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I request Hon. Kamitu Minority Leader in the House to second my motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to second the motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo and Hon. Kamitu Minority Leader, Hon. Members, this is just a procedural motion because even without passing it, your calendar shows that you are supposed to proceed for recess after the sitting but it is also good practice that it is brought to the attention of Members because some of them may have forgotten or overlooked the Calendar and usually this is a motion where you just express a few sentiments but there is no voting that is going to be done.

Do we have any member who wants to commend on this motion? Hon. Mueni and Hon. Ndawa, one after the other. Hon. Mueni first.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine is to congratulate you by making this House to be one, I think you can see everybody now is here and that was wisdom. This time, I think people can laugh and they can congratulate Hon. Caleb for the good report he has brought. He has been crying in this House but because of your wisdom, now he can laugh. I ask the members to go and see now we have gone half of our term, it is half of the time now and it is two years so you just go and see the person who is next to you so that when you come back you can be working on that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mueni. Very briefly, Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want also to air views on this and I want to say it is healthy and it is in order for this House to adjourn. Madam Speaker, apart from being politicians and elected leaders we are family men and family ladies so we need to have time with our family members and we also need to have time to interact with our electorates.

Madam Speaker, during the vacation, it is the time that we mingle with our electorates and we get to know exactly what they would wish us to come and deliberate in this House. So, Madam Speaker, I do support the motion, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. With that, the Chair wishes every member here a fruitful rest but remember committee sittings will continue as you are on recess so that you are still working for the people who put you in this House.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: With that, Hon. Members, the House adjourns to Tuesday the 3rd day of September, 2019 at 10 a.m.

The House rose at 3.45 p.m.