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Dr. Joyce Laboso Centre at 2:30 p. m

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*(The Assembly met at 2:30 p m in the
County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)
[Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich) in the Chair]*

PRAYER

PETITIONS

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Members, the Petition before us here has been deferred to the next Sitting.

PAPERS

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. S. Changmorik

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. Hon. Speaker, having walked day and night, we are ready with the report of the Committee on Health which was supposed to be tabled tomorrow. I beg to table the report following the inquiry into the construction of a fuel station at Longisa County Referral Hospital.

(Hon. Member proceeded to table)

MOTION

THE NINTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON THE
VETTING OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
IN CHARGE OF MEDICAL SERVICES

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I rise to Move the following Motion;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 197 of the County Assembly Standing Orders, this County Assembly adopts the ninth report of the Committee on Appointments on the Vetting of County Executive Committee Member in charge of Medical Services and pursuant to Article 197 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 approves the appointment of Dr. Joseph Sitonik as the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Medical Services.

The Committee on Appointments is established pursuant to Standing Order 197(1). The Standing Order 197(4) mandates the Committee on Appointments to consider, for approval by the County Assembly, the appointments of County Executive Committee Members under Article 179(2) of the Constitution.

The Committee on Appointments was constituted on 13th October, 2022 and comprises of the following members: -

No	NAME	POSITION
1.	Hon. Cosmas Korir	Chairperson
2.	Hon. Leonard Rotich	Vice -Chairperson
3.	Hon. Paul Kipyegon Kirui	Member
4.	Hon. Stephen Changmorik	Member
5.	Hon. Kibet Ngetich	Member
6.	Hon. Rosaline Cheptoo	Member
7.	Hon. Eric Kirui	Member

Hon. Speaker, all the Committee Members appended their signatures on the report and because all the Members have the report on their official communication gadgets, I will move fast to the last page on the Committee findings and then the Committee observations

Hon. Speaker, the Committee having observed the oral submissions by the nominee and the documents submitted to it, made the following findings:

1. THAT, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having obtained clearance from the following statutory bodies; the Kenya

Revenue Authority (KRA), the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), and the Higher Education Loan Board (HELB).

2. THAT, as at Friday, 9th December, 2022, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) had not responded the letter of the Clerk of the County Assembly dated 1st December, 2022 requesting for reports with respect to the nominee on the ethics and integrity.
3. THAT, his academic credentials, professional training and experience comply with section 6(7) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2022.
4. THAT, pursuant to Section 35 of the County Government Act, 2012; the Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Medical Services.

On the recommendation of the Committee, at the end of the vetting process, the Committee unanimously made the following recommendation: -

That having considered the suitability, capacity and integrity of the nominee, and pursuant to Section 9 (2) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly approves the nomination and subsequent appointment of Dr. Joseph Kiprutto Ngeno Sitonik for the position of County Executive Committee Member in charge of Medical Services.

Hon. Speaker, I beg this Assembly to adopt the report and approve the appointment of this CECM. Based on the report of the Committee, we have found out that he fits to hold the position. I beg this Assembly to adopt the report and ask Hon. K. Ngetich to Second.

Hon. K. Ngetich (Siongiroi Ward, CCM): I Second.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Members, the floor is now open for debate. Hon. Leader of Majority

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): I beg to support the appointment of the nominee to this position. Dr. Sitonik proved to be someone with a lot of experience in this field and he has served for some time. For the few allegations that were raised, he gave reasons why he was not

able to deliver and he proved to be honest. I therefore support him because of his wealth of experience. Thank you.

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Kirui.

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet Ward, INDEPENDENT MCA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support the nomination of Dr. Sitonik to be the CECM in charge of Health. Dr. Sitonik has served in the docket for the last five years and his competence cannot be underscored. Some of the allegations that have been put out before are questions that were answered satisfactorily by the nominee during the vetting process.

Hon. Speaker, his qualification is justified and he is capable of running that docket. I urge the Assembly to support him so that the health services in the county can improve. Let us support this nominee. Thank you.

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Anne

Hon. A. Chepkemai (Silibwet Township, Independent MCA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I rise to support the appointment of Dr. Sitonik. Dr. Sitonik is an experience person and I urge this Assembly to approve his appointment. Thank you.

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Richard

Hon. R. Ruttoh (Chemaner Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I also rise to applaud the Chairperson of the Committee for recommending Dr. Sitonik for approval as the CECM in charge of Health. We have interacted with Dr. Sitonik in this field of Health, and he is someone who can answer any question he is asked. Being a member of the Committee on Health, he has appeared before the Committee to elaborate on some of the issues touching on Health and from the way he answered his questions, if given a chance and supported, he can do very well in this docket.

Secondly, Hon. Speaker, the Health sector is an important sector which needs someone who is conversant with that department. Being a doctor, he can uplift the standard of health in our county. I therefore support the nominee and also applaud Prof. Barchok for forwarding his name. I therefore support.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

THE TENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON THE
VETTING OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER IN CHARGE OF
LAND, HOUSING AND URBAN PLANNING

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Kibet

Hon. K. Ngetich (Siongiroi Ward, CCM): I beg to move the following Motion;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 197 of the County Assembly Standing Orders, this County Assembly adopts the tenth report of the Committee on Appointments on the Vetting of County Executive Committee Member in charge of Land, Housing and Urban Planning and pursuant to Article 197 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 approves the appointment of Mr. Joseph Kipngeno Kirui as the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Lands, Housing and Urban Planning.

Hon. Speaker, if I am not wrong, the report has been sent to our smart phones. For the interest of time, I am going to read the recommendations and findings.

At the end of the vetting process, the Committee made the following recommendation:

That, having considered the suitability, capacity and integrity of the nominee, and according to Section 9 (2) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No.5 of 2017, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly approve the nomination and subsequent appointment of Joseph Kipngeno Kirui as the CEC member in charge of Lands, Housing and Urban Planning.

As you are aware, Hon. Speaker, the said nominee was in charge of the Constituency Development Fund for five years and he did a good work in the delivery of services. Let me request this Assembly to approve him so that he can deliver especially in planning within our towns. I request Hon. ‘Kerichot’, Hon. Eric Kirui, to Second.

Hon. Eric Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I rise to support the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Members, let us stick to the official names of the Hon. Members.

(Question proposed)

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): The floor is now open for debate. Hon. Cheptoo.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support the appointment of Mr. Joseph Kipngeno Kirui to be the CECM in charge of Lands, Housing and Urban Planning. Being a member of the Committee on Appointment, we realized during vetting that he is a good person and is ready to work with the County Government of Bomet and through his experience, we realized that he has worked in the CDF Committee being the Chairperson and during his tenure he completed most of the projects and left a good legacy.

I therefore urge that the Assembly approve Mr. Joseph Kirui for appointment as CECM in charge of Lands, Housing and Urban Planning. Thank you.

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Busienei

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I rise to support the appointment of Mr. Joseph Kirui. I have known him since he worked in our sub-county in Sotik Constituency. He is a straight forward person, I have known him as a born again Christian and has experience in education relevant to this docket. I chair the Committee on Urban and I was keen since I know that this is the person that we will work with if this Assembly approves.

Hon. Speaker, going by age, I know that most of the Members would want youth, but old is gold. I know that a person of his status can perform effectively. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

THE ELEVENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON THE
VETTING OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER IN CHARGE OF
ROADS, PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I rise to move the Motion;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 197 of the County Assembly Standing Orders, this County Assembly adopts the eleventh report of the Committee on Appointments on the Vetting of County Executive Committee Member in charge of Roads, Public Works and Transport and pursuant to Article 197 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 approves the appointment of Mr. Erick Kipkoech Ngetich as the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Roads, Public Works and Transport.

The Committee on Appointments is established pursuant to Standing Order 197(1). The Standing Order 197(4) mandates the Committee on Appointments to consider, for approval by the County Assembly, the appointments of County Executive Committee Members under Article 179(2) of the Constitution.

The Committee held a sitting on Monday, 12th December, 2022 to deliberate on the approval hearings and noted the following —

THAT, the nominee had not notified the Clerk of the County Assembly of his withdrawal from the approval process as outlined under section 7(12) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. THAT, Article 179(2) of the Constitution requires H.E. the Governor to nominate and with the approval of the County Assembly, appoint members of the County Executive Committee. THAT article 179 (3) of the constitution provides that the CECM appoint under class 2(b) shall not exceed 1/3 of the number of Members of the County Assembly.

In compliance with the provision of article 179, the governor has nominated three of the CECM and County Secretary.

The Committee found out that the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya. The committee found the nominee suitable as the CECM in charge of Roads public works and transport.

The committee made the following unanimous recommendation THAT, having considered the suitability, capacity and integrity of the nominee and pursuant to section 9(2) of the public appointments county assemblies Act 5 of 2017 the committee recommends that the county assembly approves the nominee and subsequent appointment of Erick Kipkoech Ngetich for the Position Of CECM in charge of Roads public works and transport.

I Urge Hon Members to approve him and ask Hon Roseline to Second.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): Hon Speaker I rise to support the appointment of Mr. Erick Kipkoech Ngetich as the CEC in charge of roads, public works and transport.

(Question on the Motion Proposed).

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Mr. Speaker I rise to support the Report before the Assembly on the approval of Erick Kipkoech Ngetich as the CEC in charge of roads, public works and transport. I know Mr. Erick as a person of high integrity and has experience having served as the CO in that department. I can assure the Assembly that we have the right person. He has been participating on charitable work in the wards. Thank you Mr. Speaker I support.

Hon. D. Kirui (Ndaraweta Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker I rise to support the motion. Mr. Erick has been the CO roads in the last 5years and has good record. We thank the governor for choosing Mr. Erick. I urge the Members to approve Mr. Erick Kipkoech.

Hon. V. Mutai (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon Speaker I rise to support the Motion. Having gone through the CV of the nominee, he has served in the same department and has enough experience. The road network in our county is good. I urge the Assembly to support his nomination.

Question put agreed to.

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 197 of the County Assembly orders, this County Assembly adopts the 12th report of the Committee on appointment on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the Position of County Secretary and pursuant to Section 44 (2b) of the county government acts 2012 approves the nomination of Mr. Simion Langat for the appointment as the County Secretary of the County Government of Bomet.

Mr. Speaker the Committee on appointment sat and vetted Mr. Simion and after the vetting the Committee made the following observation,

That, He had all the requirement of Chapter 6 of the Constitution.

He had academic qualifications and communicated sufficiently.

He had relevant work experience. Pursuant to section 44(2) of the County Government act the Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the county Secretary.

Having considered the suitability, capacity and integrity of the nominee and pursuant to section 9(2) of the public appointments county assemblies Act 5 of 2017 the committee recommends that the county assembly approves the nominee and subsequent appointment of Mr. Simion Langat for the Position of the County Secretary.

I urge the Assembly to approve the appointment and I request Hon. Changmorik to second.

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): Hon Speaker I rise to second the nominee for the position of the County secretary.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. C. Langat (Boito Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, before I contribute on the Motion, I give my condolence to Hon Evaline who was in this Assembly during the first and second assembly. Hon. Speaker Simion Langat comes from Konoin. He served as CO Education and has been acting County secretary. He has all the requirements and experience. I urge members to approve Simion Langat as the County Secretary.

Hon. E. Rotich (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker I rise to support the Motion on the appointment of Mr. Simion Langat as the County Secretary. While he served as CO Education, he portrayed vast knowledge in working as CO. he has rose from being a principal to CO and now County Secretary. I believe he will streamline the County Government. I urge the Members to support.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Mr. Speaker I rise to move the Motion that, Pursuant to Standing Order 192(6), this County Assembly adopts the report of the Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives on the vetting of Mr. Paul Mutai Kipkemoi, the Chief Officer nominee for Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives pursuant to Section 45 (1) (b) of the county government Acts 2012 approves the nomination of Mr. Paul Mutai Kipkemoi for the appointment as the County Chief Officer In Charge Of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives.

The Governor submitted the name of the nominee to the County Assembly for vetting and approval by the County Assembly for appointment as the County Chief Officer In charge Of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives.

The Committee found out that the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya. That his academic credentials professional training and experience comply with Section 7(8) of the public appointments, County Assembly's Approval Act 5 2022.

THAT pursuant to section 45 of the County Government Act 2012 the committee found the nominee suitable for the appointment as the County Chief Executive Officer in charge of trade, energy, tourism investment and industry.

At the end of the vetting the committee made the following recommendation, THAT having Considered the Suitability, capability and integrity of the nominee and according to Section 9(2) of the Public Appointments Act, 2017, the committee recommends that the County Assembly approve the nomination and subsequent Appointment of Mr. Paul Kipkemoi Mutai for the position of County Chief Officer in Charge of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives. I request Hon Busienei to Second.

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon Speaker I rise to Second the Motion. Mr. Mutai has experience and knowledge on the docket. I urge the Members to support. He studied in the University of Bowmen and went to Tanzania, Rwanda. He has served in Nairobi, and he would want to give back to the society through this County. I urge this Assembly to approve the appointment of this officer.

Thank you. I second.

(Question proposed on the Motion)

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Nathan?

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I stand to support the approval of Mr. Paul Mutai Kipkemoi the nominee for Trade, Tourism, and Cooperatives.

During the vetting process, I managed to attend as a friend to the Committee, and realized that Mr. Paul Mutai Kipkemoi answered all the questions that were asked. He also has a wealth of experience.

I therefore want to give assurance to this Assembly that I have known Paul Mutai Kipkemoi for a very long time, and given a chance, he will deliver.

I want to urge this Assembly to approve the nominee.

Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. V. Mutai (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. That pursuant to Standing Order 192 (6), this County Assembly adopts the report of the Committee on Trade, Energy, Tourism, and Cooperatives on the vetting of Mr. Erick Chepkwony Kipyegon, the Chief Officer nominee for Cooperatives, and pursuant to Section 45(1) (b) of the County Government Act, 2012, approves the nomination of Mr Erick Chepkwony Kipyegon for appointment as the County Chief Officer in charge of Cooperatives.

Mr. Erick Chepkwony Kipyegon appeared before the Committee on Trade, Energy, Tourism, and Cooperatives during vetting, and the following are the findings. The Committee, having observed the oral submissions by the nominee, and documents submitted to it, found out that the nominee met the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

Pursuant to Section 45 of the County Government Act, 2012, the Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the County Chief Officer in charge of Cooperative Service.

At the end of the vetting process, the Committee made the following recommendations, that, having considered the suitability, capacity, and integrity of the nominee, and according to Section 9 (2) of the Public Appointment County Assembly's Approval Act no. 5 of 2017, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly approves the nomination and subsequent appointment of Mr. Erick Kipyegon Chepkwony for the position of the Chief Officer in charge of Cooperative Service.

I urge this Assembly to approve the nomination of Mr. Erick Kipyegon Chepkwony as the Chief Officer in charge of Cooperative Service. This is one of the gentlemen with wealth of experience and knowledge in terms of Cooperative Society.

I therefore urge honourable Naomi to second the Motion.

Thank you.

Hon. C. Naomi (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I beg to second the Motion.

(Question proposed on the Motion)

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Kiprotich?

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I rise to put my effort on the nomination of Erick Kipyegon Chepkwony as the Chief Officer in charge of Cooperative Service.

I wish to thank the Committee on Trade, Energy, Tourism, and Cooperatives for work well done during the vetting exercise throughout to the moving of this Motion today.

On behalf of the People of Chepchas, I do register our appreciation to the Prof. Hillary Barchok, and the Public Service of Bomet for considering our able Erick Kipyegon Chepkwony to steer the docket of Cooperatives as the Chief Officer.

Mr. Erick Chepkwony comes from my ward, and as the people of Chepchas, we are indebted to this Assembly, and to the appointing authority.

I wish to state that Erick is workaholic man, no nonsense individual, and has assisted this County as the head of accounts, and in charge of financial reporting, normally used by the PAC/PIC. He also works as a director of KTDA, and also chairs the board of KTDA Group of Companies. This is an indication that he is capable and is going to steer this department to greater level.

I do urge this Assembly to approve the nomination of Mr. Erick Chepkwony.

Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker, thank you. I rise to move the Motion, that pursuant to Standing Order 192 (6), this County Assembly adopts the report of the Committee on Energy, Environment, Water, and Natural Resources on the vetting of Mr. Solomon Kimeto Kiprotich, the Chief Officer nominee for Water, Sanitation, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, and pursuant to Section 45(1) (b) of the County Government Act, 2012, approves the nomination of Mr. Solomon Kimeto Kiprotich for appointment as the County Chief Officer in charge of Water, Sanitation, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change.

The Committee having observed the oral submissions, and the documents submitted to it, made the following findings, that the nominee met the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution, and that pursuant to Section 45(1) (b) of the County Government Act, 2012, the Committee found

the nominee suitable for appointment as the County Chief Officer in charge of Water, Sanitation, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change.

At the end of the vetting process, the Committee made the following recommendations, that, having considered the suitability, capacity, and integrity of the nominee, and according to Section 9 (2) of the Public Appointment County Assembly's Approval Act no. 5 of 2017, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly approves the nomination and subsequent appointment of Mr. Solomon Kiprotich Kimeto for the position as the County Chief Officer in charge of Water, Sanitation, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change.

I request this Assembly to support the nomination of Mr. Solomon Kiprotich Kimeto for the position as the County Chief Officer in charge of Water, Sanitation, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change.

During vetting, Mr. Solomon showed that he has been working with the Diligence Echo Safety Service Limited as a Consultant in the field of environment. One of the challenges that Bomet County has been facing is the issue of shortage of water, but Mr. Solomon confirmed to us that he will work day and night to ensure that the people of Bomet get water. Also about BOMWASCO, which has been a big challenge, he assured us that he has the solution, and being the chair of that department, I believe we will work together to consider that water is given to the people of Bomet County.

I now request honourable V. Mutai to second the Motion.

Hon. V. Mutai (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I rise in support of approval of Mr. Solomon Kiprotich Kimeto for the position as the County Chief Officer in charge of Water, Sanitation, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change.

As the Committee, we vetted Mr. Solomon, and he proved to have wealth of experience and knowledge in Water, and Sanitation.

I urge this Assembly to support and approve the nomination of Mr. Solomon as the County Chief Officer in charge of Water, Sanitation, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change.

Thank you. I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Ernest?

Hon. Ernest (Mogogosiek Ward): Mr. Speaker, thank you. I rise to support the appointment of Mr. Solomon as the County Chief Officer in charge of Water, Sanitation, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change.

Mr. Solomon comes from my Ward, and I can confirm to this Assembly that he is a man of integrity, and from the experience that he has, the problems that have been bedeviling this County on matters water, will be resolved. He has been working in a firm as a consultant.

Mr. Solomon is also coming in at the time when we have challenges on climate change. When we interviewed him, we realized that he has had a consultancy firm on the E-waste.

I wish to tell this Assembly without much ado that this is the right person.

Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. N. Kibet. V (Siongiroi Ward, CCM): Mr. Speaker, thank you. Pursuant to Standing Order 192 (6), this County Assembly adopts the report on the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the vetting of Dr. Kibet Sitienei, the chief Officer nominee for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, pursuant to Section 45 (1) (b) of the County Government Act 2012 approves the nomination of Dr. Kibet Sitienei for appointment as the chief Officer in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

At the end of the vetting process, the Committee made the following recommendations, that, having considered the suitability, capacity, and integrity of the nominee, and according to Section 9 (2) of the Public Appointment County Assembly's Approval Act no. 5 of 2017, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly approves the nomination and subsequent appointment of Dr. Kibet Sitienei for the position of Chief Officer in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

I urge these honourable Members to approve Dr. Sitienei to serve in this docket.

I therefore request honourable Changmorik to second.

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I stand to second the nominee, being his area MCA.

Having worked in the big Estates, he has done a lot of research, has knowledge in soil, and all those kinds of agricultural works. He was also the best in the research he has done in agriculture docket.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg the Members to adopt the Report.

(Question of the Motion proposed)

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Chesoan Ward, UDA): Hon. Members, the Motion is now open for debate.

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I support the Motion. The nominee has a wealth of experience and the requisite knowledge needed to handle the department. Agriculture is the backbone of our culture and with Dr. Kibet Sitienei is right for the docket. Having worked at Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) there is a direct link to the department nominated for.

I support the report. Thank you.

Hon. M. Manyei (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I support the nomination of Dr. Kibet Sitienei because he is from my Ward and I know him as a result oriented person. He has excellence skills and relevant experience. I urge the Assembly to approve him.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Chesoan Ward, UDA): Hon. Members, I recognize the members of the public sitting in the public gallery. You are all welcome.

Hon. J. Samoei (Nyongores Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move a Motion that pursuant to the Standing Order No. 30 (3) (a), this County Assembly resolves to extend today's afternoon sitting until the business appearing in the Order Paper is dispensed with.

I request the Leader of Majority to Second.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Paul Kirui, Ndanai/Abosi Ward): Hon. Deputy Speaker, there is still more business ahead of us. So, we need more time to finalize the whole business.

(Question of the Procedural Motion put and agreed to)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENDER, CULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE VETTING OF
MRS. PAULINE KORIR CHEMUTAI THE COUNTY CHIEF OFFICER NOMINEE IN CHARGE OF GENDER,
CULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Hon. J. Cheruiyot (Embomos Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move a Motion that pursuant to the Standing Order No. 193 (6), this County Assembly adopts the Report of the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services on the vetting of Mrs. Pauline Korir Chemutai the County Chief Officer nominee in charge of Gender, Culture and Social Services, and pursuant to section 45 (1) (b) of the County Governments Act, 2012 approves the nomination of Mrs. Pauline Korir Chemutai for appointment as the County Chief Officer in charge of Gender, Culture and Social Services.

The Committee observed that the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution having obtained clearance from the following statutory bodies; the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), and the Higher Education Loan Board (HELB). He also submitted a copy of a received self-declaration form from the EACC pursuant to the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012.

Her academic credentials, professional training and experience comply with section 7(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2022.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Government Act, 2012; the Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the County Chief Officer in charge of the Department of Gender, Culture and Social Services. At the end of the vetting process, the Committee made the following recommendation:

That; having considered the suitability, capacity, and integrity of the nominee, and according to Section 9(2) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly approve the nomination and subsequent appointment of Mrs. Pauline Korir Chemutai for appointment as the County Chief Officer in charge of Gender, Culture and Social Services.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg the Members to approve the appointment of the nominee. She is qualified and the best to head the Department. I beg Hon. A. Chepkemai to Second.

Hon. A. Chepkemoi (Silibwet Township Ward): Hon. Deputy Speaker, during the approval hearing exercise, she proved mature, knowledgeable and answered questions well. She wants to tell us that, sex is not a sin and not a curse.

(Laughter)

As women, we are in safe hands when she is the County Chief Officer in charge of Gender, Culture and Social Services.

(Question of the Motion proposed)

Hon. V. Katam (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I assure the Assembly that with the nominee's wealth of experience from Rongo University, she will protect the interest of both genders in our communities. She will spearhead the formulation of a number of policies including the Gender Mainstreaming Policy and the Gender Based Violence Policy. There are still many cases on GBVs in our villages. She also promised to introduce a Social Protection Policy and implement the Compassionate Act. In her submission, she told us that she will fight for equal rights of the persons enabled differently.

(Question of the Motion put and agreed to)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS ON THE VETTING OF DR. JOHN
KETER KIPROTICH THE COUNTY CHIEF OFFICER NOMINEE IN CHARGE OF EDUCATION AND
VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Hon. E. Rotich (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move a Motion that pursuant to the Standing Order No. 193 (6), this County Assembly adopts the Report of the Committee on Education, Youth and Sports on the vetting of Dr. John Keter Kiprotich the County Chief Officer nominee in charge of Education and Vocational Training and pursuant to section 45 (1) (b) of the County Governments Act, 2012 approves the nomination of Dr. John Keter Kiprotich for appointment as the County Chief Officer in charge of Education and Vocational Training.

After the approval hearing the Committee observed that the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution having obtained clearance from the following statutory bodies; the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and the Higher Education Loan Board (HELB). He also submitted a copy of a received self-declaration form from the EACC pursuant to the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012.

His academic credentials, professional training and experience comply with section 7(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2022.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Government Act, 2012; the Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the County Chief Officer in charge of the Department of Education and Vocational Training. At the end of the vetting process, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly approve the nomination and subsequent appointment of Dr. John Keter Kiprotich for appointment as the County Chief Officer in charge of Education and Vocational Training.

Hon. C. Cherono (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I rise to Second the nomination of Dr. Dr. John Keter Kiprotich. During the vetting exercise, he proved that his education and training is relevant to the portfolio. The nominee has more than ten years of experience having served as a High School teacher since 2005. Currently, he is serving as a lecturer at Kabianga University.

I Second.

(Question of the Motion proposed)

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Chesoen Ward, UDA): Hon. Members, the Floor is now open for debate.

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I support the Committee's Report. The nominee was my schoolmate. However, he is younger than me. He was the leading student in Korara Primary School having obtained 82 points. He proceeded to Starehe Boys School. He performed well there and proceeded to the university and later taught at Mulot High School. He later joined the Kabianga University as a lecturer.

Normally, in our village, we usually send students to be mentored by him on career advice. He is also an assistant pastor of Mulot African Gospel Church. He is a hardworking. He is a very useful person. We worked together at Korara Day Secondary School which was started in the year 2014 and now it's a performing school with around 500 students. The person guiding the board of management and the school is Dr. Keter. In Education as the chair said, we need a learned person and I can affirm that he is very learned and he will assist you more in performing your duties. Thank you.

Hon. B. Langat (Kembu Ward, UDA): Thank you hon. speaker, I think for the case of Dr. Keter, I being the member of Education, he deserves the best. When we were interrogating him, we noticed this position is a junior position for him and I believe he will do the best. The chairman can attest to it. I urge the Assembly that we approve him. Thank you.

Hon. L. Rotich (Deputy Speaker): I want to put the question that pursuant to standing order 192(6), this County Assembly adopts the report of the committee on Education, Youths and Sports for the vetting of Dr. John Keter Kiprotich, the chief officer nominee for Education and Vocational Training and pursuant to Section 45(1) (b) of the County Governments Act 2012 approve the nomination of Dr. John Keter Kiprotich for appointments as the County Chief Officer of Education and Vocational Training.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

Hon. Nathan. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): that pursuant to standing order 192(6), this County Assembly adopts the report of the committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the vetting of Ms. Milcah Chepkoech, the chief officer nominee for Finance, Economic Planning and pursuant to Section 45(1) (b) of the County Governments Act 2012 approve the nomination of Ms. Milcah Chepkoech for appointments as the County Chief Officer in charge of Finance, Economic Planning and ICT.

Mr. Speaker, the committee on Finance, Economic Planning is established Pursuant to Standing Order 201 and Second Schedule of the Standing Orders. The nominee appeared before the committee on Finance and they made some observation. The nominee submitted his national Id and sworn self-declaration form from EACC as required under the Leadership and Integrity Act. On general observation on Academic qualification, the said nominee has a Bachelor's degree in Economics and therefore qualified to be the Chief Officer in that department.

On the Committee Findings, the Committee having observed the oral submission by the nominee and the documents submitted to it, made the following findings:

1. That the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and Integrity having obtained clearance from the following statutory bodies, KRA, DCI and HELB.

2. That her academic credentials professional grading and experience comply with Section 7, subsection 8 of the Public Appointment County Assemblies Approval Act no. 5 of 2022.
3. That pursuant to Section 45 of the County government 2012, the committee found the nominee suitable for this position.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

At the end of the vetting process, the committee made the following recommendation:

That having considered the suitability capacity and integrity of the nominee and according to Section 9 subsection 2 of the public appointments Acts, County Assembly Approvals Acts no. 5 of 2017, the committee recommends that the County Assembly approves the nomination and subsequent appointment of Ms. Milcah Chepkoech for this position. Mr. Speaker after coming up with the report, we shared with the hon. members. I want to urge this Assembly to approve this nomination. I want to request hon. Joseph Samoei to second.

Hon. J. Samoei (Nyongores Ward, UDA): Thank you. I second.

Hon. L. Rotich (Deputy Speaker): I now propose that pursuant to standing order 192(6), this County Assembly adopts the report of the committee on Finance, Economic Planning on the vetting of Ms. Milcah Chepkoech, the chief officer nominee for Finance, Economic Planning and ICT and pursuant to Section 45(1) (b) of the County Governments Act 2012 approve the nomination of Ms. Milcah Chepkoech for appointments as the County Chief Officer in charge of Finance, Economic Planning and ICT. Now the floor is open for debate.

Hon. P. Mutai (Sigor Ward, UDA): Thank you before I support this motion, allow me to register my condolences to the family of hon. Evaline Chepkemoi from Chesoen. It's our high time to also send our condolences through you Mr. Speaker, I urge that towards the end of today's business, we observe some minutes to show she was one of us in the first and the second assembly and may her soul rest in peace. On the motion, I want to reiterate what the other members have said about Ms. Milcah, I urge this Assembly that we approve her.

Hon. L. Rotich (Deputy Speaker): I now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

Hon. P. Langat(Merigi Ward, INDEPENDENT MCA): That pursuant to standing order 192(6), this County Assembly adopts the report of the committee on Administration, Legal Affairs and Citizen Engagements on the vetting of Mr. Erick Cheruiyot Langat the chief officer nominee for Devolution and Special Programmes and pursuant to Section 45(1) (b) of the County Governments Act 2012 approve the nomination of Erick Cheruiyot Langat for appointments as the County Chief Officer in charge of Devolution and Special Programmes.

On the Committee Findings, the Committee having observed the oral submission by the nominee and the documents submitted to it, made the following findings:

1. That the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and Integrity having obtained clearance from the following statutory bodies, KRA, DCI and HELB.
2. That her academic credentials professional grading and experience comply with Section 7, subsection 8 of the Public Appointment County Assemblies Approval Act no. 5 of 2022.
3. That pursuant to Section 45 of the County government 2012, the committee found the nominee suitable for this position.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

At the end of the vetting process, the committee made the following recommendation:

That having considered the suitability capacity and integrity of the nominee and according to Section 9 subsection 2 of the public appointments Acts, County Assembly Approvals Acts no. 5 of 2017, the committee recommends that the County Assembly approves the nomination and subsequent appointment of Mr. Erick Cheruiyot Langat for the position of the County Chief Officer in charge of Devolution and Special Programmes. I therefore request hon. Victor Rop to second.

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Thank you, I would also like to second this motion. I must attest to the fact that I was present and within the premises of the assembly when the interview was conducted. The nominee did an exemplary performance on the question he was asked owing to the fact that the docket is new. We haven't had another CEO or a predecessor on the same docket but upon his talk, he portrayed that he is equal to the task. He promised that he will serve diligently. I beg to second.

(Hon. W. Kiprotich rose on a point of order)

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchas Ward): I would kindly ask you to ask hon. P. Langat to state categorically that he was moving the motion and not proposing because that proposal of the motion is only a provocative of the Speaker. He can only say I moved.

Hon. P. Langat (Merigi Ward): Ok, I moved.

Hon. L. Rotich (Deputy Speaker): Thank you hon. member for noting what the member actually said instead of moving the motion he talked of proposing. So far so good, the motion has been moved and seconded. I now propose that pursuant to standing order 192(6), this County Assembly adopts the report of the committee on Administration, Legal Affairs and Citizen Engagements on the vetting of Mr. Erick Cheruiyot Langat, the chief officer nominee for Devolution and Special Programmes and pursuant to Section 45(1) (b) of the County Governments Act 2012 approve the nomination of Mr. Erick Cheruiyot Langat for appointments as the County Chief Officer in charge of Devolution and Special Programmes. Now the floor is open for debate.

Hon. A. Mutai (Silibwet Township Ward, IDEPENDENT MCA): Thank you. I rise to support this motion. Erick comes from my area of jurisdiction and I know he is fit and capable to discharge his duties. Thank you.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret, UDA): I support the nomination of this nominee, during his vetting, I was among the members who were vetting and he showed that he has the capability to discharge his duties.

Hon. L. Rotich (Deputy Speaker): Ok I now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Thank you hon. members for the great work done this afternoon. Let me also register my condolences to the family of hon. Evaline Chepkemai (*Chonjo Jiket*) who served in this Assembly diligently. As per the instruction of the Speaker this morning, he suggested that we can have some members visiting the family. The fund drive will be on Thursday and burial on Saturday. Let's briefly remain after this session and the welfare chair to deliberate on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. L. Rotich (Deputy Speaker): There being no other business to be transacted, this Assembly is adjourned to 2nd Tuesday February 2023 at 9.30 am.

The assembly rose at 4:40 p.m