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County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)*

[Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Honorable Members I welcome students from Winners academy Bomet who have joined us in the public gallery with their teachers.

Hon. D. Kirui (Ndaraweta Ward, UDA): Hon Speaker that I the view of the decision of the county assembly yesterday with respect to the motion on the approval of appointment of Julia Chepchirchir Chepkuto as the county executive committee member for trade energy tourism investment and industry and the requirement for unequal decision of the county assembly on such matters I beg to move that pursuant to article 179(2b) of the constitution of Kenya 2010 this county assembly approves the appointment of Julia Chepkuto as the county executive member for trade energy tourism investment and industry. I wish Hon Robert to Second.

Hon. R. Langat (Mutarakwa Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker I rise to second this Motion. We have gone through the CV of the nominee and she deserves the appointment. I wish the Assembly to approve Hon Julia Chepkuto. I Second.

(Question on the Motion proposed)

Hon. B. Langat (Kembu Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker I beg to support the Motion. Hon. Julia has done a lot of projects in our county. Without offending anyone with a different point of view I support Madam Julia Chepchirchir.

Hon. V. Mutai (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker I rise to support the Motion. Having looked at the CV of Hon Chepkuto she has rose in her academic ladder and she has what it takes to be appointed. She served for 3yrs in the last administration and she has put a lot of effort. She managed to construct 199 floodlights in the county with 3 Jua kali sectors. I beg this Assembly to approve Hon Chepkuto.

Hon. K. Ngetich (Leader of Minority, Siongiroi Ward, CCM): Mr. Speaker I rise to support the Motion. I was among the Members on appointment committee and she really tried. She constructed four Bodaboda sheds in my ward and shoe shiner sheds. Siongiroi forest is undergoing renovation and I expect her to start from where she left in the last financial year. I beg to this Assembly that let us be humane, we gave other people Second chance and now I am giving Hon Chepkuto a second trial. She is a mother and we all make mistakes. Hon Speaker kindly read the mood of the Assembly and put the question. I support.

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Hon Speaker I rise to support the Motion. This Assembly has an obligation, the constitution of Kenya 2010 article 179(2a, b, c, d) Hon. Deputy Speaker, I direct that the county government program shall be executive authority of the Governor. This shall be aided by the County Executive Committee members. Therefore, the business of Bomet County Government must move on.

The Select Committee is given a mandate to scrutinize nominees and test their suitability. The Leader of Majority is now appreciating that they were testing the wrong nominee. I must admit that the interviews were not kind to nominee Chepkuto.

I urge members that upon assumption of office by the CEC members, we should do the needful by carrying out a good oversight. We should also guide them through the process and bring back to track when they err.

I support.

Hon. B. Langat (Kembu Ward): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I am sorry for being late. I was assisting a patient at the hospital. I support the appointment of the nominee.

I request the Chair to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Members. Mrs. Julia Chepkuto is accordingly approved as the CEC member for Trade, Tourism, Energy, Investment and Industry.

MOTION

THE FIFTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON THE VETTING OF CEC
MEMBER NOMINEE IN CHARGE OF EDUCATION, YOUTH, SPORTS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Hon. K. Ngetich (Leader of Minority, Siongiroi Ward, CCM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order no. 197 of the County Assembly of Bomet Standing Orders, this Assembly adopts the fifth report of the Committee on Appointments on the Vetting of CEC member nominee in charge of Education, Youth, Sports and Vocational Training and pursuant to Article 179 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 approves the appointment of Ngeno Chepkorir Agnes at the CEC member in charge of Education, Youth, Sports and Vocational Training.

Hon. Speaker, I do not want to repeat the information because the introductory party is same for all the nominees. I also believe that the Members already have their copies.

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Member, kindly proceed from the Committee's observations.

Hon. K. Ngetich (Leader of Minority, Siongiroi Ward, CCM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, after the vetting exercise, the committee made the following observations regarding the nominee;

The nominee holds a Bachelor of Education degree from Moi University, Chepkoilel Campus, a Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education from Moi Siongiroi and a Kenya Certificate of Education from Kiproroget Primary School in Bomet County.

There was no memorandum submitted to the committee challenging or supporting the nomination or otherwise of Ngeno Chepkorir Agnes as the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Education, Youth, Sports and Vocational Training as at the time of vetting and approval hearing

Communication and Presentation (Promptness, appearance, neatness): The nominee has rich experience in academia. She presented herself with decorum and decency.

Education and Training (Relevance to the portfolio): The nominee proved to the Committee that her education and trainings are relevant to the portfolio.

Appreciation and understanding relevant legislation: The nominee is conversant with the relevant laws of Kenya, the relevant policies and the functions of the department of Education, Youth, Sports and Vocational Training as per the Governors Executive order No. 1 of 2022 on the reorganization of County Government

Work experience as it relates to the position: The nominee has experience in the teaching fraternity and thus making her experience relevant to the portfolio being vetted for. She is also a sports enthusiast,

On the decision making and problem-solving skills, the nominee demonstrated practical solution to the challenges affecting Education, Youth, Sports and Vocational Training. 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 pursuant to Section 9 (2) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Am No. 5 of 2017, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly approves the nomination and subsequent appointment of Ngeno Chepkorir Agnes for the position of County Executive Committee Member in charge of Education, Youth, Sports and Vocational Training.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I thank the Members of the Committee for the work done. I request the Assembly to approve the nominee.

I also request Hon. Changmorik to second.

Hon. S. Changmorik (Longisa Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I welcome students from the Winners Academy. We are happy about your visit. Among these students we have leaders of this country. May God bless you as you continue learning.

I thank the Committee for the work done. The nominee was the right candidate for the position. We thank the Governor for identifying the nominee. The nominee has a passion about our county. She is an iron lady and ready to assist our county government. She is a hardworking lady and the way she presented herself and the way she articulated her issues, you can tell that she is a visionary and a hardworking lady who can assist the department of Sports, Youth and Education. Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, let me assure the Assembly that they have got a leader who can take this Assembly to a different level in Education.

In terms of oversight, all the CECMs that we have passed require oversight from our side. We are going to assist the lady and I urge the Assembly to support Agnes to that portfolio that she has been nominated to. I support the Motion.

Hon. P. Kirui (Majority Leader, Ndanai/Abosi): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I rise to support the appointment of Hon. Ngeno Chepkorir Agnes ...

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. P. Kirui, take a seat.

(Question proposed)

Hon. P. Kirui (Majority Leader, Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, thank you. I rise to support the appointment of Agnes Chepkorir Ngeno for the appointment as the County Executive Committee Member for Education, Youth, Sports and Vocational Training. During the vetting process, the nominee proved to be competent and showed that she has a wealth of experience in the field of education. She also proved that she has participated in various sports activities and that she was well conversant with the ECD program which falls in her docket.

Indeed, the nominee has played a key role as a professional teacher and whereby as a secondary school teacher she was handling youth who are at the stage of adolescence and the records that she presented showed that she will be able to handle youth since that will be one of the areas that will fall under her docket. We interrogated her and she was able to communicate properly and her communication skills were of high level and no doubts that this nominee will be able to do well in this docket where she has been nominated to. I therefore beg the Assembly to approve the nominee for the appointment to this docket.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you.

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to contribute on the said matter. Before that, I welcome the pupils from Winner's Academy. They happen to come from my neighbourhood and that is Nyangores ward, where Hon. Joseah Samoei represents. Feel at home and feel welcomed.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I laud the job well done by the Committee on Appointments on matters Ngeno Chepkorir Agnes, who was nominated to serve as the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Education, Youth, Sports and Vocational Training. As I stand here, I represent the largest population in this County who happen to contribute to 65 per cent population of our County. I support her nomination.

Agnes Chepkorir is fit to lead the docket of Education because she is well conversant with the docket, having been a teacher. I know she will perform her duty excellently and she will steer the County to greater heights. Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, having known Agnes when she ran for the Member of Parliament for Bomet Central Constituency, she knows the challenges that our people are facing. She is now on the helm of leadership and I know she will perform to her level best owing to her experience during the campaign period.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Agnes has also served in Sports and it is a privilege since you also served with her in the sports department. I know she will perform on matters Sports and the Youth department. I know Hon. Agnes will perform in fair grounds and she will steer the sports of this County to another level.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, as I wind up, we know about the revolving funds of the comrades who are in the various Universities. This has been a challenge. I have faith in Agnes that she will restore the docket and will make sure that the revolving funds will be available in time and will be shared equally among the comrades who also form the largest population in this County.

The other issue that we must keep the Executive on toes is the issue of milk to our ECDE centres. The only ECDE centres that receive milk are the public centres. We have ECDE centres in the private sector and on public private partnership. We encourage the nominee to speed up the process so that the private centres like the Winners Academy who are here with us also receive milk.

Otherwise, I support the report of the Committee on Appointments to approve Ngeno Chepkorir Agnes into the docket of Education, Youth, Sports and Vocational Training. Article 1 – Power belongs to the People. I recommend what the Committee tabled.

Hon. D. Kirui (Ndaraweta MCA, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, thank you. Before I contribute, I welcome Winners Academy into the public gallery. I am also privileged to have Winners Academy in Ndaraweta ward and I wish them well in this year's KCPE. Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I rise to support the Motion before the Assembly. Agnes Ngeno happens to come from my ward and since I was young and growing up, I have known her to be honest and God fearing lady. I am requesting these Members to approve her nomination because I believe in her and trust in her. In all the fields she has been handling, she has been performing well.

Agnes has happened to have worked for teachers in the entire County. With all due respect, I request this Assembly to give her an opportunity. She will not belong to Ndaraweta alone but will belong to the entire County. Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, thank you.

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet Ward, Independent): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, thank you. First, I welcome the pupils from Winners Academy to this Assembly. I also rise to support the Motion that seeks to approve the nomination of Agnes Chepkorir Ngeno as the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Education, Youth, Sports and Vocational Training. This is one of the dockets that is important to me and being a youth, I urge the Members to support the approval

of Agnes because she is one who is rich in capacity to lead this docket having been a teacher. She has shown passionate interest to leadership in this County.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, this is one lady who has in the recent past contested for the election of Member of Parliament for Bomet Central. I believe that that passion in itself satisfies this Assembly that Agnes is fit and is ready to lead in this particular docket. This is one lady that we have expectation on to roll our programs that target the youth in matters to do with Education and the youth. I urge the Members to pass this Motion. Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you.

Hon. R. Ruttoh (Chemaner Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker, thank you. Though today I have got a challenge in speaking, I believe everyone will hear what I am saying.

Let me take this opportunity to thank our pupils in the public gallery for coming to learn from this honourable Assembly.

On behalf of my people from Chemaner, I wish the grade 6 and the KCPE candidates the best as they wait for their exams.

Allow me also to thank our president, Dr. William Ruto for considering Bomet County to be part of his government. Yesterday, you saw some individual who was identified to work with him, and I am privileged to have one from my ward.

I wish to thank our Governor, prof. Hillary Barchok for the nominees he forwarded to this honourable Assembly. We have been debating since yesterday on different nominees, and we have approved most of them. Today is a great day for Prof. Barchok because he did consider one of our sister who was in the race on the last election, Madam Agnes.

I have known Madam Agnes for the good work she has been doing as t Ndaraweta Girls. I happen to have my child studying at Ndaraweta Girls, and I have seen her fruits. Given a opportunity to head education docket, I will approve her without much ado.

I therefore take this opportunity to say that Agnes can perform her duties without any supervision. We shall all be very happy after we approve her to the office.

I urge this Assembly to approve her to be the CEC education.

Thank you.

Question put and agreed to

Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Agnes Chepkorir Ngeno has been approved by this Assembly as the CEC in charge of education, youths, sports, and vocational training.

MOTION

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I rise to move the motion. THAT pursuant to standing order no. 1(9) (7) of the County Assembly Standing Orders, this County Assembly adopts the fourth report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of the County Executive Committee Member Nominee in charge of Administration, Public Service, Special Programs, and pursuant to article 179, (2), (b) of the 2010 Constitution approves the appointment of Dr. Kirui Kipngetich Joseph.

Having heard the Committee on Appointments, give it time to Dr. K. Joseph.

The Committee observed the following after vetting Dr. K. Joseph.

Integrity

The Committee noted that all the required documents including national ID, KRA compliance, HELB Compliance, EACC clearance, and Certificate from Police department were submitted.

General Observation

The nominee holds a Bachelor's degree in Education Arts from Moi University, having graduated on 4th December, 1998. He also holds Masters degree in Philosophy, Curriculum Development.

The nominee therefore fulfilled Section 35 (3) (b) of the County Government Act of 2012.

Communication and Presentation

The nominee has an understanding of the administration and public service sector.

Education and Training for the Portfolio

The nominee attempted to justify to the Committee that his education and training is relevant to the portfolio.

However, his education and training are not relevant to the portfolio but he promised that he will be able to adjust into the job.

Working Experience

The nominee has more than twelve years in experience. He has served as Acting Registrar, Deputy Principal, Assistant Campus Coordinator at the then Bomet University.

The Committee particularly observed that the nominee has four years' experience in senior position.

Professional and Technical Skills

The nominee possesses administrative skills, having served as a senior position in an institution.

Additional Skills

The nominee demonstrated that he is a good communicator and is conversant in his field of Curriculum Studies and Development.

Knowledge on the Laws of Kenya and Vision 2030

The nominee was able to display to the vetting Committee that he is conversant with the operations of the County Government and the Statutes governing the County Government and Public Service and the Guiding Principles thereof.

Leadership and integrity

The nominee submitted the original documents as required. He therefore satisfied Section 35 (3) (b), and (c) of the County Government Act of 2012.

Decision Making

The nominee was able to provide practical solutions to the challenges in Administration Department, and the County Public Service.

Findings

At the end of that, the Committee having observed the oral submissions by the nominee and documents submitted made the following findings. THAT,

1. The nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of 2010 Constitution on Leadership and Integrity, having obtained clearance from all the statutory bodies.
2. His academic credentials, professional training, and experience comply with Section 7 (b) of the public Appointments County Assembly's Approval Act no. 5 of 2022.

3. Pursuant to Section 35 of the County Government Act of 2012, the Committee found that the nominee is suitable for appointment as a County Executive Committee Member in charge of Administration Public Service, and Special Programs.

While I want to add in my input on the general Observation as a member of the Committee on Appointments, the nominee was able to tackle his questions effectively. He is also a person ready to learn on areas that we found like he was deficient in experience.

The nominee was also able to demonstrate to the Vetting Committee that if approved to this position, he will be able to rally behind the governor's agenda in the success of the Public Service, and the Public Administration.

So, I want to request the hon. members of this Assembly that this nominee is by no means afflicted for this position and I want to also request the hon. members who are keen in transforming the operation of the county government especially at the public service and the public administration within the county government sector that we support this nominee and approve him as soon as possible because there is a lot of work that needs to be done in that docket and that most of the coordination of the programme of the county government will be under his docket, and we expect him to be doing it in support of the governors agenda. Thank you.

I beg to request hon. Kibet to second this motion.

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I second the motion. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Okay, thank you. I now propose the motion THAT pursuant to standing order no. 1(9) (7) of the County Assembly Standing Orders, this County Assembly adopts the fourth report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of the County Executive Committee Member Nominee in charge of Administration, Public Service, Special Programs, and pursuant to article 179, (2), (b) of the 2010 Constitution approves the appointment of Dr. Kirui Kipngetich Joseph.

(The motion is proposed)

Hon. J. Samoei (Nyongores Ward, UDA): Thank you Mr. Speaker, before I proceed, let me welcome the students and teachers from Winners Academy who comes from my ward. I stand here Mr. Speaker to support the appointment of Dr. Kirui Kipngetich Joseph as CEC in charge of administration, public service and special programme. I have known him and he is much capable

of handling this docket. He happens to come from my ward, Nyongores and I know him very well. He has a lot of experience and I beg this hon. Assembly to approve his appointment without further delay. Thank you.

Hon. C. Langat (Boito Ward, UDA): Thank you hon. speaker first let me thank the committee for burning the mid night oil to come up with report. Secondly Mr. Speaker, Dr. Kirui is a qualified officer to be charge of this docket. He is well educated and meets all the statutory requirements so he is fit to head this department. From his presentation, he looks a team player, an honest person and he also communicated well. His approval will streamline the public service and will enhance service delivery for Governor Hilary Barchok. So I urge my colleague's to approve him without further delay and uphold the committees report. Hon. Speaker, as you can read the mood of the Assembly, you rather propose he question. Thank you.

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): I now request the motion mover to reply.

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker before you read the mood of the Assembly; I would like to make a contribution. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support approval of Dr. Joseph Kirui and I would like to congratulate the committee this time round for standing on the decision they made. When I saw Dr. Kirui during the vetting, he is able, resilient and has the energy to perform this duty of public service and administration. Mr. Speaker, I urge this Assembly to approve so that he begins his duties immediately because there is a lot of work that's awaiting him in this county. I want to thank each and every member especially the team for the good work they did. Thank you.

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Let me request the motion mover to give a right of reply.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Thank you hon. speaker, I rise to thank the members and before I go into that, I want to acknowledge the presence of the pupils from Winners Academy. We want ot wish them well even as they journey through their education life. Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank the hon. members for contributing positively to this nominee and I want to sincerely thank everyone who participated in the committee discussions. I urge the members to support and pass this nominee and I know the county will succeed in this docket. Thank you.

(The question is put and agreed to)

Hon. D. Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Dr. Kirui Joseph has been approved by this Assembly as the CEC in charge of administration, Public service and special [programmes. I wish him well as he discharges his duties.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourned to Tuesday 8th November at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 4:25 Pm