

THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TURKANA
HANSARD

Tuesday, 29th October 2024.

The County Assembly Met at the County Assembly of Turkana Chamber at 9:00 a.m.

Rt. Hon. Speaker (Hon. Christopher Nakuleu) in the Chair.

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

A Reflection of the Successful Conclusion of the 5th Edition of the County Assembly Sports Association (CASA) Games, Held in Bungoma County from October 18th to 27th, 2024.

Speaker: Honourable Members, I wish to make the following communication that I am delighted to provide a reflection of the successful conclusion of the 5th edition of the County Assembly Sports Association, CASA Games, held in Bungoma County from October 18th to 27th, 2024. This event marked a significant gathering of talents, sportsmanship and teamwork with participants representing the County Assemblies across the country. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to every team and individuals who took part in these games in their respective disciplines. Your participation alone is a testament to your dedication to both personal and professional growth, as well as the strength and resilience of our County Assembly.

I am thrilled to share that all the teams distinguished themselves through outstanding performance during that event. Honourable Members, I also wish to particularly recognize and celebrate our ladies football team for their outstanding achievement in emerging as the best in their category. Congratulations are also in order for our men's volleyball team for their remarkable journey to the semi-finals. Our pool and darts teams also made the far-reaching way to the quarter-finals and our scramble team for their commendable participation. Our men's football team put forth an admirable effort and demonstrated great resilience throughout their competition. So not advancing as we hoped your participation and efforts demonstrated admirable sportsmanship and perseverance. Your performance in respective disciplines outperformed the expectations of our competing Assemblies.

However, I am concerned that the choir team did not participate in the 5th edition. This occasioned and unprecedented jubilation from other County Assemblies that had felt our County Assembly was a great threat if the results of the 4th edition were anything to go by. I am yet to get an explanation from the office of the Clerk and the planners of these events within this Assembly on why that did happen. Beyond the threat of competition, these games not only gave you the opportunity to exercise and enjoy various sports, but also served as an invaluable platform for networking and fostering connections for both Members and Staff alike. The CASA Games provided a perfect setting to build relationships, exercise, restrain, share experiences and strengthen professional ties with respective colleagues from other Counties. Such interactions are essential in broadening the perspective and fostering a supportive and collaborative environment that benefits all of us.

Honourable Members, as with any large event, certain challenges were encountered. Many of you reported issues regarding officiating of the Games, which affected the flow and outcome of some matches. We recognize that fair officiating is essential in ensuring transparency, sportsmanship and the integrity of the event during competition. We will work closely with CASA through the Speaker's Forum to address these challenges in advocating for consistent, fair officiating standards in future editions. Despite these challenges, each of you represented our Assembly with dignity and pride. Your dedication, hard work and commitment to excellence have brought us immense pride and we are confident that these experiences will fuel even greater achievements in future.

Finally, as we reflect on the achievements and experiences of this year's Games, let us remember that these events need not to be the end of our Members' and Staffs' participation in sports. We encourage everyone to stay active, support each other and continue building on the bonds and experiences that sports provide.

I express my gratitude and pride to each of you who represented our Assembly in Bungoma. Your hard work and discipline have brought us great pride and unity against the backdrop of our logistical challenges that all County Assemblies in the Country encountered. We look forward to seeing a more remarkable achievement in the future as we continue to support sports and the wellness within our County Assemblies. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Honourable Members, before we adjourn, I have further communication to make regarding changes in Minority Coalition leadership. This morning, I received a communication from the Minority Coalition of Parties of this County Assembly. The communication is in regards to the changes in leadership of the Minority Coalition of this House. The communication was informed of minutes by the Majority Coalition meeting.

Honourable Members, Changes are in line with Standing Order No.22 of County Assembly Standing Orders, County Assembly Standing Orders, which is in regards to the Leader of Minority Party and the Deputy Leader of Minority Party, that the second-largest Party or coalition of parties in the County Assembly shall (a), elect a member of the County Assembly belonging to the Party or coalition of parties to be the Leader of Minority. (b), A Member of the County Assembly belonging to the Party or coalition of parties to be the Deputy Leader of Minority. (2) In electing members under Paragraph (1), the second-largest Party or coalition of parties in the County Assembly shall take into account (a). Any existing coalition agreement entered into pursuant to Political Parties Act. (b) It should also consider the need for gender balance, and (c) the interests of special groups.

A member elected under Paragraph (1) may be removed by majority of votes of all Members of the second-largest Party or coalition of parties in the County Assembly. The removal of a Member from office under Paragraph (3), which I have just read, shall not take effect until a member is elected in a manner provided for under Paragraph (1), in his or her place. (5). The Whip of the second-largest Party or coalition of parties in the County Assembly shall follow it upon decision being made under this Standing Order communicate to the Speaker, in writing, the decision together with the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made. A Leader of Minority Party, his or her Deputy, or coalition of parties, shall transact business for a minority government.

Honourable Members, in accordance with the procedural guidelines, the first meeting to address the removal of Honourable Samuel Lomodo Lokaale as the Leader of Minority was convened on 15th October, 2024. During this session, the specific allegations against him were presented, discussed and deliberated upon by Members of the Minority coalition, where the Honourable Member was present as per the minutes shared with me.

Following this initial meeting, a subsequent session was held on 16th October, 2024, during which new officials were elected to represent the Minority coalition interests. The following Members have been therefore been appointed; Honourable Vincent Ekipor for

Leader of Minority, Honourable Lydia Ejore for Deputy Leader of Minority and Honourable Julius Apuron for Minority Whip. The rest of the leadership positions remain as they were. In this meeting, Honourable Samuel Lomodo Lokaale was present but did not participate in the elections of the new leadership of the minority coalition. These changes take effect immediately, and result in automatic adjustments to the respective Committee Membership to reflect the new leadership structure. The House stands properly guided.

Having made that communication, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow, 9.30 a.m.

House Rose At 9:14 a.m.