

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU
THE HANSARD

Tuesday 2nd June, 2026

*The Assembly met at the
Main Chambers, at 2:30 p.m.*

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Notices of Motion.

NOTICE OF MOTION

*ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIABLE MARKETS FOR FARM AND AQUATIC
PRODUCE IN LAMU COUNTY*

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following Notice of Motion: -

THAT, aware that agriculture and aquaculture are key economic activities in Lamu County and a major source of livelihood for a significant portion of the population:

FURTHER AWARE THAT farmers and fisherfolk in the County often face challenges in accessing reliable and profitable markets for their produce, leading to exploitation by middlemen and low returns on their investments:

COGNIZANT THAT lack of organized markets and structured pricing mechanisms result in post-harvest losses, wastage of aquatic resources, and discouragement among producers;

RECOGNIZING THAT the identification and establishment of ready markets with fair and competitive prices would enhance income levels, promote sustainable production, and improve food security in the County;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING THAT strategic partnerships with local, regional, and international buyers can open up new opportunities for value chains in both agricultural and aquatic sectors;

THIS ASSEMBLY THEREFORE RESOLVES THAT:

1. The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture develops and implements a comprehensive strategy to identify and secure ready markets for farm and aquatic produce from Lamu County;
2. The Department of Agriculture establishes structured market linkages between
3. The County Government formulates guidelines to protect producers from farmers, fisherfolk, cooperatives, and buyers to ensure fair and stable prices; exploitation and ensure minimum guaranteed prices where applicable;
4. The Department facilitates capacity building for farmers and fisherfolk on quality standards, packaging, and value addition to meet market requirements;
5. The County Executive explores partnerships with national government agencies, private sector players, and export markets to expand opportunities for local produce; and
6. The County Government provides necessary infrastructure and logistical support, including storage, transport, and aggregation centers, to enhance efficient access to markets.

Thank you.

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Mr Deputy Speaker, I have another Notice of Motion.

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Kindly proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

INTRODUCTION OF THE LAMU COUNTY GENDER REPRESENTATION BILL

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following Notice of Motion: -

THAT, aware that gender equality and inclusivity are fundamental principles enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya, which provides for equitable representation of men and women in elective and appointive positions;

FURTHER AWARE THAT despite existing legal frameworks, gender imbalance in leadership, decision-making processes, and access to opportunities remains a challenge within Lamu County;

COGNIZANT THAT the promotion of gender equity enhances social justice, strengthens governance, and ensures that diverse perspectives are incorporated in policy formulation and implementation;

NOTING THAT the absence of a comprehensive County-specific legal framework has hindered the effective realization of gender balance and inclusion in County institutions and programs:

RECOGNIZING THAT the introduction of a Lamu County Gender Representation Bill would provide a structured mechanism to promote compliance with the two-thirds gender principle and enhance participation of women, youth, and marginalized groups;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING THAT such a Bill would strengthen institutional accountability and align County policies with national values and international commitments on gender equality;

THIS ASSEMBLY THEREFORE RESOLVES THAT:

1. The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Gender, Youth, and Social Services, in collaboration with the County Attorney, prepares and submits to the County Assembly the Lamu County Gender Representation Bill;
2. The proposed Bill provides for the implementation of the two-thirds gender principle in all County appointments, boards, and committees;
3. The Bill establishes mechanisms to promote equal opportunities in employment, leadership, and access to County resources;
4. The County Executive undertakes public participation to ensure inclusivity and stakeholder engagement in the development of the Bill;
5. The proposed legislation provides for monitoring, evaluation, and reporting frameworks to ensure compliance and accountability; and
6. The County Government allocates adequate resources for the implementation of the provisions of the Gender Representation Act once enacted.

Thank you.

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion.

MOTION

*APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, GENDER AND EQUALITY ON THE VETTING OF TWO
NOMINEES FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY BURSARY BOARD*

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion: -

THAT, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Departmental Committee on Education, Gender and Equality on the Consideration and Vetting of the County bursary Board Nominees laid on the table of the Assembly on Thursday 14 May, 2026 at 2.30pm. and approves Mrs Julia Wambui and Mr. Shahibu Hussein to the Position of County Bursary Board Members.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, allow me to read the report.

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Kindly proceed.

*REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,
GENDER AND EQUALITY ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEES
FOR THE POSITION OF
THE COUNTY BURSARY BOARD MEMBERS:*

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Mr Deputy Speaker, this report contains the Committee's proceedings of the approval hearing of Mrs. Julia Wambui Njuguna and Shahibu Hussein as County Bursary Board Members.

The above nominees had been nominated by H.E the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section (II) of the Lamu County Bursary Fund Act, 2019 which requires the appointing authority to nominate a person/person for appointment as a County Bursary Board Members with approval of the County Assembly. Having been forwarded to the County Assembly, the House is obligated to conduct approval hearings and decide of the nominees' suitability or otherwise within 21 days after the first sitting of the relevant committee as provided for in Section 9(1)(2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. The Honorable Speaker referred the names of the nominees and their curriculum vitae to the Departmental Committee on Education for vetting as per the Standing Orders.

1.1 Mandate of the Departmental Committee on Education, Gender and Equality

The Committee on Appointment is one of the Select Committees of the County Assembly established under the provisions of Standing Order 184 and is mandated to:

- (a) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned
- (b) vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, this includes Standing Order 42(1)(2)(3)(4)
- (g) Make reports and recommendations to the Assembly as often as possible,

1.2 Committee Membership

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir,

The Departmental Committee on Education, Gender and Equality currently comprises follows: -

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| 1. Hon. Mohamed Aboud Abubakar | - Chair |
| 2. Hon. Beatrice Wamaitha Munge | - Vice Chair |
| 3. Hon. Bwana Mohamed Bwana | - Member |
| 4. Hon. Hope Wanjiku Mwaura | - Member |
| 5. Hon. Francis Gakonga Ngure | - Member |
| 6. Hon. Ahmed Hamid Omar | - Member |
| 7. Hon. Mercy Riziki Nzai | - Member |

1.5 Committee Proceedings

Based on its mandate, the Select Committee on Education, Gender and Equality

vetted Mrs Julia Wambui and Shahibu Hussein on 12th May 2026 at Assembly building (Mokowe). In conducting the vetting exercise, the committee was guided by the Constitution of Kenya, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act of 2017, the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012 and the Assembly's Standing Orders.

1.6 Committee Observations and Recommendations

1.6.1 Observations

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir,

- a) The Committee noted that due process was followed on the recruitment pursuant to the provisions of Section (II) of the Lamu County Bursary Fund Act, 2019.
- b) The Committee noted that, both nominees had vast experience in education sector since Mrs Julia and Mr. Shahibu served as a teacher and a P.T.A respectively.

1.6.2 Recommendation:

The Committee's findings, as outlined in this report, enabled it to conclude that Mrs. Julia Wambui and Mr. Shahibu Hussein were suitable to serve and accordingly approve their nominations for appointment as County Bursary board Members.

2.0 APPROVAL HEARINGS

The Committee sat for their first sitting on 30th April 2026 to discuss and arrange for the vetting. The Committee prepared the local public notices for vetting and agreed on the vetting date to be 12th May 2026 and prepared all the necessary for the success of the day.

The Committee conducted approval hearings on Tuesday, 12th May 2026 as required under the provisions of the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012 and

the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017. During the process, the committee was guided by the constitution; County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012 and the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017; Standing Orders and other relevant statutes.

Specifically, the nominees were examined on the following criteria as set out in the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017: -

- (i) Academic qualifications
- (ii) Employment record
- (iii) Professional affiliations
- (iv) Potential conflict of interest
- (v) Knowledge of the relevant subject
- (vi) Integrity

4.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, having conducted the approval hearing of the nominees and pursuant to the provisions of the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012; the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and the County Assembly Standing Orders; the Committee adopted their report unanimously pursuant to Standing Order 193(2) and recommends that the Assembly approves the nomination of Mrs. Julia Wambui and Mr. Shahibu Hussein to the position of the County Bursary Board Member.

Thank you.

Seconder

MCA Mercy Riziki Nzai (Nominated): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, nimesimama kuunga mkono mswada huu. Hawa wawili wana uzoefu wa kutosha kwa sababu wametumikia serikali kwa muda mrefu. Tukimwangalia Julia, tunaona kuwa ni mkaazi wa Lamu na maekuwa mwalimu kwa muda

mrefu.

(Motion Proposed)

Members' Contributions

MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (Nominated): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, nimesimama kuunga mkono mswada huu kwa sababu ripoti inaonesha kuwa kamati imefanya uchunguzi wa watu hawa wawili wakifwatilia sifa za kitaaluma katika sekta ya elimu, uaminifu na rikodi ya ajira kwa hivyo mimi sina pingamizi yoyote.

Mover's Response

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika pamoja na waheshimiwa wenzangu kwa kuchangia na kuunga mkono mswada huu na naomba waheshimiwa waliobaki ndani ya jumba hili waunge mkono ili mswada uweze kupita kwa manufaa ya jamii.

(Question put and Agreed Upon)

ADJOURNMENT

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 3:15 p.m.

