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[Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Let's proceed!

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): There is a notice of motion from Honorable Cheruiyot Bett.

Hon. Cheruiyot Bett (Chairman Education and Child Welfare, Member Ainamoi Ward):

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for allowing me to give notice of the following motion. That this House approves the report on Education and Child Welfare on the vetting of members of Kericho County Bursary Board. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Next order!

**MOTION BY CHAIRMAN EDUCATION AND CHILD
WELFARE**

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Chairman, page six of the report;

Hon. Cheruiyot Bett (Chairman Education and Child Welfare, Member Ainamoi Ward):

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me another opportunity to give the report on the vetting of nominees for the post of members of Kericho County Bursary Board. Mr. Speaker allow me to begin from page number six that is the vetting of Nominees.

7.0 VETTING OF NOMINEES

In conducting the vetting process, the Committee on Education and Child welfare examined the nominees against the criteria, amongst others, as set out in the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017.

The Committee outlined the following as guiding principles to be used during the approval hearing as per the Public Appointments (County Assembly Approval) Act of 2017.

That:-the nominee shall be examined and vetted based on these parameters;

- a) Personal Identification
- b) Academic qualifications
- c) Knowledge of Work
- d) Knowledge of Public Sector
- e) Potential conflict of interest and Integrity

8.0 Mr. Andrew Maritim

Mr. Speaker,

The Nominee Mr. Andrew Maritim is a Kenyan citizen aged 72 (seventy two) years born in the year 1949 and hails from Ainamoi sub-county.

8.1 Educational Background

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Andrew Maritim is a holder of Kenya Advance Certificate of Education and P1 Teacher Certificate from Eregi Teachers Training College.

Mr. Speaker,

The said nominee Mr. Andrew Maritim attended Chepngobob Primary school from the year 1960 - 1966 and proceeded to Londiani Secondary School for his O-levels education from the year 1967 to 1970.

8.2. Employment record

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Andrew Maritim has a wealth of experience in Education management roles having worked as a teacher from time to time having risen to the position of Assistant Education Officer at Kipkelion Division prior to retirement from the public service.

He is currently the County Coordinator Civic Education program offered by URAIA Trust after successful retirement from public service.

8.3. Knowledge of Public Sector

Mr. Speaker,

The nominee has wide knowledge of the public sector both in National and County Governments.

8.4 .Potential conflict of interest

He declared to the Committee that there was no person or issue that brings about the potential conflict of interest in discharging of his mandate as Bursary Board Member.

8.5 Integrity

The nominee submitted a Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority valid up to 12th March, 2022

The nominee provided the Committee with a Certificate of Clearance Higher Education Loans Board dated 28th June, 2021.

The Director of Criminal Investigations issued the nominee with a Police Clearance Certificate Ref.NO.PCC-AAAFPU17 dated 5th July 2021.

The nominee has also been cleared by MetroPol Credit Reference Bureau via CRB Certificate dated 10th June, 2021.

9.0 .Ms. Margaret Chepngetich

Mr. Speaker,

The Nominee, Ms. Margaret Chepngetich is a Kenyan citizen from Kericho- Kipkelion West Sub County and is aged forty one.

9.1. Educational Background

Mr. Speaker,

Ms.Margaret Chepngetich is a holder of Bachelors Degree in Banking and Finance from University of Kabianga and Diploma in Co-operative Management of Cooperative College of Kenya.

Mr. Speaker,

Ms.Margaret Chepngetich attended Kiboybei Primary school from the year 1985 - 1993 and proceeded to Taita Towett Secondary School for her KCPE and KCSE respectively.

9.2. Work Experience

Mr. Speaker,

Ms.Margaret Chepngetich has a wealth of experience in banking roles having worked with Letshego Kenya Limited (Kericho Branch) as Branch Manager and Kenya Women Finance Trust as Branch Manager, Customer Service Manager and Unit Manager.

9.3Knowledge of Public/Private Sector

Mr. Speaker,

Ms.Margaret Chepngetich has wide knowledge of the private sector.

9.4 Integrity

The nominee submitted a Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority valid up to 8th July, 2022.

The nominee provided the Committee with a Certificate of Clearance Higher Education Loans Board dated 5th April 2021.

The Director of Criminal Investigations issued the nominee with a Police Clearance Certificate Ref.NO.LW793RQ dated 9th July 2021.

The nominee has also been cleared by MetroPol Credit Reference Bureau via CRB Certificate dated 9th July, 2021.

10.0 Mr. Charles Mutai

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Charles Mutai is a Kenyan citizen aged thirty nine years born in the year 1982 hailing from Soin Sigowet Sub County.

10.1 Educational Background

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Charles Mutai is a holder of Bachelors Degree in Communication and Journalism from Kenya Methodist University, Diploma in Philosophy from University of Nairobi and Diploma in Mass Communication from Kenya College of Technology.

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Charles Mutai attended S i n g o r o n i k Primary school from the year 1985 - 1995 and proceeded to Singoronik Secondary School for his KCPE and KCSE respectively.

10.2 Work Experience

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Charles Mutai has a wealth of experience in media currently working with the KBC's KITWEK FM as a performing artist.

9.3 Knowledge of Public/Private Sector

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Charles Mutai has deep knowledge of the private sector.

9.4 Integrity

The nominee submitted a Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority valid up to 11th July 2022.

The nominee provided the Committee with a Certificate of Clearance Higher Education Loans Board dated 3rd March, 2021.

The Director of Criminal Investigations issued the nominee with a Police Clearance Certificate Ref.NO.VOMYD4R dated 12th July 2021.

The nominee has also been cleared by MetroPol Credit Reference Bureau via CRB Certificate dated 12th July, 2021.

10.0 Mr. Peter Ngeno

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Peter Ngeno is a Kenyan citizen aged 37 and hails from Cheboin Ward in Bureti Sub-County.

10.1 Educational Background

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Peter Ngeno is a holder of Diploma in Computer Application, Certificate in Computer application of Kericho Vocational Rehabilitation Centre.

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Peter Ngeno attended K a p k w e n Primary school from the year 1987 - 1996 and proceeded to Kiptewit Secondary School for his KCPE and KCSE respectively.

10.2 Work Experience

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Peter Ngeno has experience in private sector having worked with Brookfield Engineering Ltd as a Marketer, Pentacon Ltd and TKM – Maestro as Site Supervisor and Kenya Red Cross as a Volunteer.

10.3 Knowledge of Public/Private Sector

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Peter Ngeno has knowledge of the private sector.

10.4 Integrity

The nominee submitted a Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority valid up to 12th February 2022.

The nominee provided the Committee with a Certificate of Clearance Higher Education Loans Board dated 8th April, 2021.

The Director of Criminal Investigations issued the nominee with a clearance certificate dated 12th July, 2021

Police Clearance Certificate Ref.NO.27R7ZM8 dated 14th July 2021.

The nominee has also been cleared by MetroPol Credit Reference Bureau via CRB Certificate dated 12th July, 2021.

11.0. Henry ISAIAH KIRUI

Mr. Speaker,

The Nominee Mr. Henry Isaiah Kirui is a Kenyan citizen from Kericho County – Belgut sub-county and aged sixty three years.

11.1. Educational Background

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Henry is a holder of Certificate of Primary (CPE) Education and P1 Teacher Certificate having trained as a teacher at Eregi Teachers Training College.

Mr. Speaker,

The said nominee Mr. Henry attended Chepkutung Primary school from the year 1962- 1969 and proceeded to Kabianga high School for his O-levels education from the year 1970 to 1973.

11.2. Work Experience

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Henry has a wealth of experience in Education management roles having worked as a teacher from time to time; he also has experience in management of bursaries having worked as Chairman Chaik ward bursary Committee

11.3 Knowledge of Public/Private Sector

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Henry has wide knowledge of the public sector.

11.4 Integrity

The nominee submitted the following documents for purposes of integrity requirements:

- Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority valid up to 25th July, 2022.
- Certificate of Clearance Higher Education Loans Board dated 26th July 2021.
- Clearance certificates from Criminal Investigations.
- Police Clearance Certificate dated 28th June ,2021
- MetroPol Credit Reference Bureau via CRB.

12.0 Committee observations

The Committee having considered the criteria as provided by vetting tool, Curriculum Vitae and having heard oral submission during the vetting interview, made the following observations on suitability for appointment as bursary board members for the following nominees:

Mr. Andrew Maritim, Ms. Margaret Chepngetich, Mr. Charles Mutai, Mr. Peter Ngeno and Mr. Henry Isaiah Kirui.

1. That they provided all documents as required in chapter six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, about leadership and integrity.
2. That they exhibited impressive knowledge touching on their docket and have requisite abilities and experiences.
3. That the legal requirement of regional balance, gender parity and persons living with disabilities has been fully adhered to, especially the nominee from Cheboin ward is a person with disability.

13.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Hon. Speaker

The Committee upon deliberation and thorough scrutiny of the nominees as demonstrated in this report and pursuant to section 9 of the Public Appointment (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 the Committee recommends:

That, this Honorable Assembly approves the nominees Mr. Andrew Maritim, Ms. Margaret Chepngetich, Mr. Charles Mutai, Mr. Peter Ngeno and Mr. Henry Isaiah Kirui for appointment by H.E the Governor to serve as County Bursary Board Members.

Mr. Speaker we did vet all these nominees and going by what is in this report Mr. Speaker they have what it takes and they fit the bill and more importantly is that the county has never disbursed bursaries, we have for our students that is lying because these are the people who are supposed to disburse the funds as per the Kericho Bursaries Act 2014. So I want to urge the

honorable Members that if we approve these boards today, in fact we should approve as earlier as yesterday so that they go, sit and plan their work. Remember that from one students are reporting this week and we would be facing a lot of challenges because of lack of school fees. Parents from the other forms; form one, two, three and four are on our necks. Personally as a chairperson for Education and Child welfare, I have been receiving a lot of calls from members of the public asking me when the bursaries will be released. So I want to urge this honorable House that we need to speed up, pass this report and these people should sit and begin disbursing Ksh. 81,996,055 held in the CRF account for bursaries. Thank you Mr. Speaker and allow me to humbly request honourable member representing the great women of this county who happens to be honourable Grace Betty Koech, to come and second this very critical motion. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. Hon. Grace Betty!

Hon. Grace Betty (Nominated Member representing Women): Thank you very much honourable Speaker for giving me this opportunity to rise and support this motion. I am so grateful and happy today because these are the people who have been waiting to come on board for a long time and am happy as the chair as clearly indicated. We really sat and vetted these people and am happy that today as we pass their nomination and once they are in the office their experience and all the knowledge they are bringing in, I know they will hit the ground running and the funds are going to be disbursed immediately and some of the challenges which our people in the entire county are facing are going to be sorted out. I am so grateful because this report shows that they are people with integrity as it has been indicated. I support and I would like to ask honourable members that let us support this report and once they are in the office all the issues at least will be sorted. So I support. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. Honourable members before I put the question, I noticed that we are less than ten. We can check on the quorum first. Hon. Cheruyot Bett that is unparliamentary please take your seat, this is not a matatu. Sergeant at arms confirm if the quorum is okay.

(Sergeant at arms does the head count)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): We are only ten and the quorum is supposed to be sixteen.

Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Chief Whip, Member for Kisiara Ward): We are sixteen now.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): We are sixteen now? Thank you.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honourable Eric!

Hon. Eric Bii (Nominated Member representing Youth): Thank you very much honourable Speaker for this opportunity you have given unto me to support the report from the committee on Education and Child Welfare. My comments are, I have heard all these reports from the committee. First and foremost the criteria they used enabled all the nominees to pass. The most important comment I have heard is that from the last three months the board has not been working due to the absence of these members and there is a lot of delays in terms of the disbursement of bursaries. These are very important people and you don't have to leave these section/docket without being filled by these members. So we should not delay with the approval of these members because the schools have reopened and this is first term and students and pupils have not received any bursaries to use. It is important for us to approve it without delays and join their board so that they can make their approval. By approving these, I think there will be no challenge from the sub-county chairs because they are going to select their chairs meaning the vetting of these members is going to do the vetting from the grassroots level of which we know the bottom up approach.....

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Order! Honorable Erick Bii stick to what is in the report.

Hon. Eric Bii (Nominated Member representing Youth): Thank you very much Mr. Speaker I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honorable Hezborn Tonui!

Hon. Hezborn Tonui: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for allowing me to rise and support this report. Thank you very much our Chair Education and Child Welfare, I can see that all the nominees are qualified and they are above 35 years and I have not seen one who is a youth. We are giving out bursaries to youths in secondary school, colleges and universities. I have seen 37,39,41,62 and 72 years and from the report that the chair has given that there is another nominee remaining I would urge the committee on Education to consider the remaining nominee to be a youth so that there is balance for these nominees in the county. Mr. Speaker it is good that the nominees that we vetted are approved so that they can sit quickly and disburse the bursaries to students in various institutions in this country so that they will not lag behind in their education, thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honorable Alex Bett!

Hon. Alex Bett: Thank you Hon. Speaker for also giving me this opportunity that I may speak also on behalf of the great people of Litein ward. But first and foremost let me take this opportunity to really thank the committee on Education and Child Welfare for doing a great job. We are alive to the fact that this report was committed just recently to the committee and because of their efficiency I want to thank them especially the Chair Hon. Cheruiyot Bett. Indeed this is one of the very important boards that are representatives of the people we have been waiting and Mr. Speaker I am one of the people who have been seriously visited by the very needy parents awaiting disbursement of bursaries. Unfortunately because of the delays from the executive they have never constituted a bursary committee, so even as we approve this document we want to send a strong signal to the executive that going forward some of these very important boards should be constituted immediately as soon the other one expires. Mr. Speaker we know that this committee is going to manage a very huge budget but I am glad that the people who were vetted and approved have the necessary experience. We have people who are experienced in finance, in education and more so we have a representative of the people living with disability. I realized that in there is no place that has been reserved specifically for people living with disability and despite the fact that the bursary rule does not spell anything or reservations for

people living with disability, I want to believe that with a representative, he is going to fight for children living with disability. Today I am happy that at least with the approval of this motion we are going to have a committee that is going to sit very soon to approve and to now requisition the money which was carried forward from last financial year to this financial year and not only that we also have a budget that is also for this financial year which should be approved immediately so that parents can apply for the new bursaries, otherwise I stand to support this document. I understand that for sure like honorable member representing the great people of Cheplanget has noticed that there is no representation for the youth and I want to echo a similar request to our very able chairman that the remaining nominee is a youth so that also many youths in this county may have a say. Otherwise, I support. Thank you

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. Is there anyone who is opposing? If there is no one who is opposing this motion, chair please reply.

Hon. Cheruiyot Bett (Chair Education and Child Welfare Committee, Member for Ainamoi Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to respond. I want to thank the honorable members who have contributed positively towards this report and I want to assure them that we are going to ensure that the interest of the youths will be catered for. I also want to inform all of us that we have another ward bursaries committee that has nine members and I want to request the honorable members to liaise with the department so that so that they replace because their term has ended so we need to replace. I want to thank everyone and assure them that we are going to move with speed and make sure that the executive also move with speed to disburse these funds. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Adjournment)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you we adjourn until 2:30pm in the afternoon.

(The house rose at 10:10am)