



KERICHO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY

THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES

**REPORT ON THE APPROVAL HEARINGS OF THE KERICHO COUNTY HOSPITAL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES**

**(Submitted Pursuant to Standing Order 204 and Section 9 of the Kericho County Health
Services Act, 2021)**

AUGUST, 2025

CLERK'S CHAMBERS

KERICHO COUNTY ASSEMBLY BUILDING

KERICHO.

Abbreviations:

APHOK: Association of Public Health Officers of Kenyas

FBO: Faith Based Organizations

ICPAK: Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya

KMA: Kenya Medical Association

NNAK: National Nurses Association of Kenya

NGO: Non-Governmental Organization

PSK: Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya

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1.0 PREFACE

1.1 Mandate of the Committee

The Committee on Health Services is established pursuant to the Kericho County Assembly's Standing Order 204 which states the subject area to be:

All matters relating to county health services, including, in particular county health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria.

The Committee is also responsible for:

1. Oversight over the county executive committee, approval of plans and policies for the management and exploitation of county resources
2. Development and management of its infrastructure and institutions

1.2 Membership of the Committee

The Committee on Health Services was established and approved by the Kericho County Assembly on 3rd December, 2024 following the laid down procedures provided by the Kericho County Assembly Standing Orders.

The Committee members are as follows;

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| 1. Hon. Erick Bii | Chairman |
| 2. Hon. Matker Isaack | Vice chairman |
| 3. Hon. Edina Tonui | Member |
| 4. Hon. Moses Rotich | Member |
| 5. Hon. Philip Rono | Member |
| 6. Hon. Haron Rotich | Member |
| 7. Hon. Maritim David | Member |
| 8. Hon. Kipkoech Albert | Member |
| 9. Hon. Gilbert Ngetich | Member |

2.0 Background of the Approval Hearing Process

1.3.1 Communication from the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Health Services, Hon. Dr. David Ekuwam forwarded to the County Assembly the nomination of thirty (34) persons to serve as Kericho County Hospitals Committee for approval hearing by the Sectoral Committee and consideration for approval by the County Assembly of Kericho for appointment as Kericho County Hospitals Committee

2.1 Committal to Committee on Health Services

The Honorable Speaker of the County Assembly through a communication delivered to the County Assembly on 27th June, 2025 that he had received the notification of the nominations of Kericho County Hospital Management Committee.

The notification of nomination was thereafter committed to the Committee on Health Services on 1st July, 2025 for approval hearing and reporting to the House in accordance with The Constitution of Kenya, 2010; The County Government Act, No.17 of 2012, The Kericho County Public Appointments (County Assembly) Approval Act, 2017, The Kericho County Health Services Act, 2021 and The Kericho County Assembly Standing Orders.

2.2 Approval hearing Process

The approval hearing process is guided by the following Laws;

1. The Constitution of Kenya, 2010;
2. The County Government Act, No.17 of 2012;
3. The Kericho County Public Appointments (County Assembly) Approval Act, 2014;
4. The Kericho County Health Services Act,2021 and;
5. The Kericho County Assembly Standing Orders

The approval hearing focused on candidate's academic credentials, professional training and experience, personal integrity and background as per Section 7 (8) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No.5, 2017.

2.3 Hospital Health Committee Approval Hearing

The health sector is governed by a robust legal framework that ensures the delivery of quality healthcare services to citizens. The devolution of healthcare services to county governments has brought healthcare closer to the people, with sub-county hospitals playing a critical role in the healthcare system.

Thus, the Kericho County Hospital Management Committee is a vital component of the healthcare governance structure, responsible for overseeing the implementation of healthcare policies, monitoring service delivery, and ensuring compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

This legal framework outlines the procedures and guidelines for the approval hearing of the Kericho County Hospital Management Committee, ensuring that the committee's decisions are informed by the law and guided by the principles of good governance, transparency, and accountability.

The relevant laws and regulations governing the health sector include:

1. Constitution of Kenya

Article 43(1)(a) provides for the right to health which states that *every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services, including reproductive health care.*

Also, Article 189 outlines relationships and cooperation between both national and county governments levels when it comes to healthcare.

2. The County Governments Act, 2012

Section 8 (1)(a) gives mandate to county assembly to vet and approve nominees for appointment to county public offices as may be provided for in this Act or any other law;

Section 14(3)(a) and (b) provides that county assembly in considering any appointment, it shall be considered first by a committee of the county assembly for which approval of the county assembly is required under the Constitution, an Act of Parliament or county legislation and the committee's recommendation shall be tabled before the county assembly for approval.

3. Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act

It is an Act of Parliament meant to provide for the procedure for the approval of public appointments by County Assemblies.

Section 8 outlines Issues for consideration by the County Assembly in relation to any nomination to include—

- (a) the procedure used to arrive at the nominee including the criteria for the short listing of the nominees;
- (b) any constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the office in question; and
- (c) the suitability of the nominee for the appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominee's credentials, abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which the nomination is being made.

Section 9(2) provides that at the conclusion of an approval hearing, the committee shall prepare its report on the suitability of the candidate to be appointed to the office to which the candidate has been nominated and shall include in the report such recommendations as the Committee may consider necessary, including a recommendation on whether or not the nominee should be approved for appointment to public office.

4. Kericho County Health Services Act

Is an Act of County Assembly of Kericho meant to provide for implementation of section 2 of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 on County health Services

Section 9 (1) and (2) establishes the Hospital Committee consisting of nine members appointed by the County Executive Committee Member with the approval of the County Assembly. These members consist of;

- (a) a chairperson;
- (b) the Medical Superintendent or Chief Executive Officer of the hospital who shall be the secretary;
- (c) the Sub-County Medical Officer of Health where the hospital is situated;

(d) two officers of the department designated by the County Executive Committee Member from among members of the County health department;

(e) one person representing faith-based organizations nominated by a joint forum of the organizations in the County or sub-County;

(f) one person representing non-governmental organizations providing health services in the County or sub-County nominated by a joint forum of non-governmental organizations in the County or sub-county;

(g) one person nominated by the joint forum of health professional bodies in the County or sub-County, from amongst their members who are not public officers; and

(h) one person who has the knowledge or experience in finance or accounting;

Section 9 (3) states that the hospital committee may co-opt three members with skills and experience whom their presence can improve the efficiency of the committee in discharge of its functions.

Section 9 (4) provides that the County Executive Committee Member shall, while appointing the members of the committee, ensure gender equity, representation of persons living with disability, youth and marginalized groups.

Section 10 outlines the functions of the Hospital Committee to include

(a) overseeing the administration of the hospital;

(b) promoting the development of the hospital;

(c) approving plans and programs for implementing County health strategies in the hospital;

(d) approving estimates before submission to the County Executive Committee Member; a

2.4 Notification to the Public

On 18th July, 2025 the Clerk of the County Assembly, Mr. Martin Epus Patrick notified the public on the nomination of persons to serve as the Kericho County Hospital Health Management

Committee through the Newspaper. The notification on nomination was accompanied by information concerning the nominees.

The time and place for holding the approval hearing was identified as per the Newspaper advertisement dated 18th July, 2025. The approval hearing was held at the County Assembly Chambers.

3.0 Approval Hearing of the Kericho County Hospital Management Committees

In conducting the approval hearing process, the Committee on Health Services examined the nominees against the criteria, amongst others, as set out in the Kericho County Public Appointments (County Assembly) Approval Act, 2017. The Kericho County Health Services Act, 2021 and The Kericho County Assembly Standing Orders.

The set criteria are as follows:

- a. Academic qualifications and;
- b. Professional qualifications.

3.1 The Kericho County Hospital Management Committee

The following appeared before the Committee on 17th July, 2025 as per the advertisement dated 10th July, 2025 against the positions they were nominated to represent;

S/No	Hospital	Name of Nominee	Position	Category	Academic Qualifications	Experience
1.	Kericho County Referral	1.Koros Erick	Chair		Bachelor’s Degree	Over five years
		2.Rev Andrew Tum	Member	PWD/FBO		Over five years
		3.Hellen Ngeno	Member	Professional body (NNAK)	Master’s Degree	Over five years
		4.CPA Joseph Langat	Member	Professional body (ICPAK)		Over five years

2.	Kapkatet County Hospital	5.Kipkemoi Cheruiyot	Chair		Masters Degree and CPA (K)	Over five years
		6.Pst.Vincent Kirui	Member	FBO -AGC		Over five years
		7.Dr. Debra Langat	Member	NGO	Masters Degree	Over five years
		8.Blasto Ooko Philip	Member	Professional body (KMA)	Bachelor's Degree	Over five years
3.	Londiani Sub County Hospital	9.Paul Chumba Kipketer	Chair		Master's Degree	Over five years
		10.Philip Terer	Member	NGO	Bachelor's Degree Higher Diploma & Diploma in Clinical Medicine	Over five years
		11.Alfred Langat	Member	Professional body (APHOK)	Master's Degree	Over five years
		12.Irene Cherono	Member	Professional body (Finance Expert)	Bachelor's Degree	Over five years
4.	Sigowet Sub County Hospital	13.Andrew Kimutai	Chair		Bachelor's Degree	Over five years
		14.Carol Ngetich	Member	FBO	Bachelor's Degree	Over five years
		15.Daniel Rono	Member	NGO	Master's Degree	Over five years

		16.Simon Sigei	Member	Professional body (Laboratory Technologists)	Master's Degree Diploma	Over five years
		17.CPA Josphat Rop	Member	Finance Expert	Master's Degree	Over five years
5.	Roret Sub County Hospital	18.Hillary Mitei	Chair		Master's Degree and CPA (K)	Over five years
		19.Patrick Cheruiyot	Member	FBO	Bachelor's Degree	Over five years
		20.Lucy Kibet	Member	NGO	Diploma	Over five years
		21.Dr. Gilbert Cheruiyot Koros	Member	Professional body (Pharmacists)	Bachelor's Degree	Over five years
		22.Patrick Koech Koske	Member	Finance Expert	Bachelor's Degree CPA(K)	Over five years
6.	Kipkelion Sub County Hospital	23.Clarah Cherotich	Chair	Professional body	Bachelor's Degree	Over five years
		24.Sis Hedrick Yabatsa	Member	FBO - Catholic	Bachelor's Degree	Over five years
		25.Beatrice Wambia	Member	NGO	Bachelor's Degree	Over five years
		26.Philip Kimutai	Member	Professional body (Clinical Officers)	Bachelor's Degree Higher Diploma &	Over five years

					Diploma in Cinical Medicine	
		27. CPA. Kipkoech Nicholas	Member	ICPAK	Master's Degree	Over five years
7.	Fort Ternan	28.Moses Too Kipkoech	Chair		Bachelor's Degree	Over five years
	Sub County Hospital	29.Rev. Goerge Kiplego Maritim	Member	FBO-AIC	Diploma	Over five years
		30.Landancy Kipkirui Cheruiyot	Member	Professional Body (Health Records)	Bachelor's Degree	Over five years
		31. CPA. Josephine Chepkorir	Member	ICPAK	Bachelor's Degree	Over five years

4.0 Committee Observations on Suitability of Kericho County Hospital Management Committee

The Committee having considered the nominees to serve as Kericho County Hospital Management Committees, their academic qualifications, experience and heard their oral submissions during the approval hearing exercise, made the following observations: -

- i. That the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Health Services complied to the provisions of the Kericho County Health Services Act,2021 in nomination/appointment of Kericho County Hospital Management Committee;
- ii. That most of those nominated to serve as the Kericho County Hospital Management Committee are locals/persons living next to the Sub County and County Hospitals;

- iii. That those nominated as the Chairs Kericho County Hospital Management Committee have the minimum academic, professional and experience requirements as per the provisions of the Kericho County Hospital Management Committee;
- iv. That four (4) of the nominees did not attend the approval hearing proceedings and;
- v. That Faith Based Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations and Professional Bodies have been represented in the appointment of Kericho County Hospital Management Committee as per Section 9 (e)(f) and (g) of the Kericho County Health Services Act,2021.

5.0 Committee’s Recommendations

Having considered the suitability, qualifications and capacity of the nominees, and pursuant to The Kericho County Public Appointments (County Assembly) Approval Act, 2017. The Kericho County Health Services Act, 2021 and The Kericho County Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of Kericho County Hospital Management Committees that attended the approval hearings.

6.0 Acknowledgement

Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Committee on Health Services and pursuant to The Kericho County Public Appointments (County Assembly) Approval Act, 2017, the Kericho County Health Services Act, 2021 and the provisions of Kericho County Assembly Standing Order No.204, it is my pleasure and duty to present to this House the Committee’s report on the approval hearing of Kericho County Hospital Management Committees

Also, Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during deliberations and approval hearing exercise. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk for their logistical support accorded to it during the approval hearing process.

Thank You.

Signed.....Date.....

Hon. Erick Bii,

Chairman, Committee on Health Services