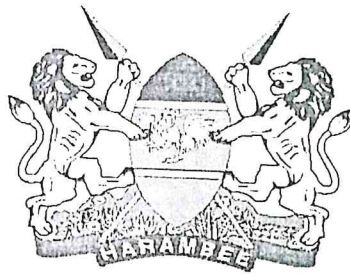


REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NYAMIRA
THE SECOND ASSEMBLY – THIRD SESSION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SELECTION ON REVIEW OF
COMPOSITION OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

CLERK CHAMBERS
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NYAMIRA
30TH JUNE, 2019

1.0 PREFACE

1.1. Establishment of the Committee

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Committee on Selection, designated as Selection Committee, is formed under Standing Order No. 153 of the Nyamira County Assembly Standing Orders.

1.2 Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The mandate of the Committee on Selection is set out in Standing Order No. 153(2) of the County Assembly of Nyamira Standing Orders as:

“The Committee on Selection shall nominate members to serve in Committees, save for County Assembly Business Committee and Committee on Appointments.”

1.3 Limitation of Mandate

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 178 of the Nyamira County Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee on Selection is confined to the mandate set out on Standing Order No. 153(2). The Committee did not deliberate on any matter that is without its mandate.

1.4 Committee Membership

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The County Assembly in its Sitting on 28th September, 2017, approved the following membership to the Committee on Selection:

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| 1. Hon. Duke Masira | - | Leader of Majority (Chairperson) |
| 2. Hon. Dennis Nyaribo | - | Leader of Minority |
| 3. Hon. Robinson Mochache | - | Member |
| 4. Hon. Benson Sironga | - | Member |
| 5. Hon. Charles Barongo | - | Member |
| 6. Hon. Charles Maroko | - | Member |
| 7. Hon. Thaddeus Nyabaro | - | Member |
| 8. Hon. George Morara | - | Member |
| 9. Hon. Jane Mokaya | - | Member |
| 10. Hon. Monica Mwamba | - | Member |
| 11. Hon. Abigail Matini | - | Member |

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

1. Hon. Alfayo Ngeresa - Majority Whip
2. Hon. Irene Sese - Minority Whip
3. Hon. Richard Onyinkwa
4. Hon. George Abuga

1.5 Committee Sitzings

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee held its normal sittings at the Majority Leader's office and thereafter proceeded for report writing. The Committee obtained views and feedback from honourable Members which have informed deliberations of the Committee.

1.6 Adoption of the Report

Mr. Speaker Sir,

We, the Members of the Committee on Selection have adopted the report and affixed our signatures to affirm our approval and confirm the validity, accuracy and authenticity of this report. A schedule of signatures is herewith attached.

1.7 Acknowledgement


Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee acknowledges with immense gratitude, the time and effort of Members of this Committee and the Members of the County Assembly for their input and commitment to smooth running of County Assembly Committees. The Committee appreciates the views and feedback from honourable Members, basis on which this report is made.

The Committee appreciates the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support extended to this Committee in the execution of its mandate. We particularly appreciate the technical and professional input of the members of staff attached to this committee.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

It's my humble pleasure and duty, on behalf of the Committee, to present this Report to this Honorable House for consideration and adoption.

Signed..........Date.....11/2/19.....

HON. DUKE OYAGI MASIRA, MCA

Chairperson – Committee on Selection

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that the legislative authority of the County is vested in, and exercised by its county assembly.

A county assembly may make any laws that are necessary for, or incidental to, the effective performance of the functions and exercise of the powers of the county government under the Fourth Schedule.

A county assembly, while respecting the principle of the separation of powers, may exercise oversight over the county executive committee and any other county executive organs.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Section 14 of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides that a county assembly may establish committees consistent with its Standing Orders in such a manner and for special purposes and for general or special purposes as it may consider fit, and regulate the procedure of any committee so established.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

We underscore the importance of assembly committees in the exercise of the noble duty bestowed upon this House. These committees help to organize the most important work of this assembly - considering, shaping and passage of bills and other legislative documents, oversighting county departments and agencies, programs and activities within their jurisdictions; and determination of matters that come to the deliberation of this House.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee on Selection is committed to diligence, balance and fairness in the composition of Committees of the Assembly. The Committee is bound by principles of equity, gender balance, diversity of abilities and strengths, and protection of interests of minorities as set out in Article 197 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and Standing Orders 154(2) of the Nyamira County Assembly Standing Orders.

2.2 CONSIDERATION OF VIEWS AND FEEDBACK FROM HONOURABLE MEMBERS

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee received views and feedback from honourable Members regarding the composition of County Assembly Committees. The views and feedback received are:

- a) Some Members had shown relative disinterest in some committees. It was reported that some Members could not be productive in certain committees because they lacked capacity and/or interest. It had been suggested that nomination to Committees should be based on interest.
- b) Some committees had become inactive because either the Chairs or their Members or both are not as vibrant as would be expected
- c) Non-attendance of committee meetings was affecting the quality of deliberations. Poor attendance has been reported in many committees.
- d) Members had petitioned realignment of committees to reflect balance and equity, and harmonize grievances from honourable Members.
- e) Hon. Hezinali Mokuia had petitioned the Committee on Selection to reconsider her membership to committees as she was uncomfortable in the current composition.
- f) There was need to appraise committees and institute a monitoring and evaluation system for committees with a view of improving their performance.
- g) Hon. Irene Mayaka should be procedurally nominated to County Assembly Committees

2.3 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee having analyzed all the views and feedback, made the following recommendations:

- a) The Committee on Selection to hold a meeting with Committee Chairpersons to discuss strategies to strengthen committees. The meeting will be a forum for Chairpersons to discuss the challenges they are facing and find solutions. The Chairpersons will have an opportunity to launch complaints and get guidance on way forward. Thereafter, the committee will organize a meeting of the Whole House with a view of brainstorming on these issues, reinforce discipline and attendance to committee meetings, and remind Members on their role in running of the Committees. Deliberations of the meeting will guide decisions of the Committee on Selection on realignment of Committees. Parties are requested to give advice regarding this matter.
- b) The Committee recommends a continuous appraisal, monitoring and evaluation of Committee performance and especially that of Chairpersons. The objective of this appraisal is to ensure that Members and Chairpersons remain vibrant and committed to the course.
- c) Deliberate efforts should be made to ensure that members are comfortable. The Committee on Selection will ensure balance, equity and fairness is reflected in the composition of Committees.

3.0 CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker Sir,


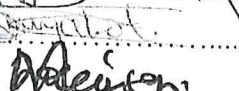
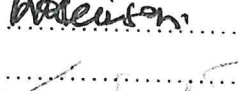
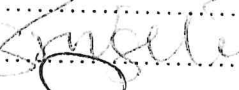

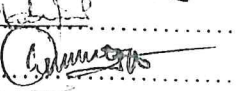




The Committee on Selection is committed to equity, balance and fairness in the composition of assembly committees. We strive to ensure renewed synergy and vibrancy in committees by addressing gaps, if any, in the membership of committees. The Committee will utilize all mechanisms at its disposal to ensure that Members are comfortable and active. While we acknowledge that it may not be possible to satisfy every Member's interest, we will strive to see that grievances are minimized. The Committee supports the course for unity of this House and will address challenges arising from composition of committees that may jeopardize House unity.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee urges this House to consider approving the recommendations as contained in this Report with or without amendments.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SELECTION ON COMPOSITION OF
COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

We, the undersigned Members of the Committee on Selection do hereby append our signatures to confirm that the accuracy, authenticity and validity of this report -

NAME		DESIGNATION	SIGN
1. Hon. Duke Masira	-	Chairperson	
2. Hon. Dennis Kebaso	-	Vice Chairperson	
3. Hon. Robinson Mocheche	-	Member	
4. Hon. Benson Sironga	-	Member	
5. Hon. Charles Barongo	-	Member	
6. Hon. Charles Maroko	-	Member	
7. Hon. Thaddeus Nyabaro	-	Member	
8. Hon. George Morara	-	Member	
9. Hon. Monica Mwamba	-	Member	
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