

## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



### *THE HANSARD*

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2025

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 9:30 am**

*The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen) in Chair*

### **PRAYER**

## **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

This is a communication from the Chair on the resumption of the Assembly business, majority leadership changes and urgent committee reconstitution. Honorable members, I take this opportunity to welcome you back from the short recess which commenced on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and concluded on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in accordance with the approved calendar of the County Assembly and pursuant to standing order 30.

We now resume business for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session part five, scheduled to run from 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025. In line with Standing Orders 33 (1) the Assembly shall hold sittings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays both in the morning and afternoon sessions. I trust that the recess enabled Honorable members to connect with their constituents and pursue oversight development engagement across the County.

You will recall that I had earlier communicated that the office of the Speaker had received formal correspondence from the Azimio La Umoja Part, the majority party in this house proposing the replacement of Hon. Lentukunye Christopher as Majority Leader with Hon. Loloju Joseph. The Assembly was however restrained from acting on or discussing the matter by interim orders issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 by the Political Parties Dispute Tribunal pending determination of complaint number E001 of 2025.

Christopher Lentukunye and others verses Jubilee Party and others. The tribunal has since issued its ruling dated 21st August 2025 in which:

1. Upheld a preliminary objection raised by the third respondent Hon. Loloju based on the complainant's failure to exhaust internal dispute resolution mechanism as required by Section 40,2 of the political parties Act.
2. Struck out the complaint hereby lifting the legal impediment.
3. Directed that each party bear its own cost in the interest of party cohesion.

Consequently, and pursuant to standing order 22,8, I hereby confirm the removal of Hon. Christopher Lentukunye as Majority Leader and recognize Hon. Joseph Loloju as the duly appointed Leader of the Majority Party with immediate effect.

I thank Hon. Lentukunye for his service and dedication and congratulate Hon. Loloju on his elevation to this critical leadership role. Honorable members I now bring to your attention a matter of urgent procedural importance, the overdue reconstitution of the committee on selection.

The committee on selection along with the committee on appointments and the house business committee was constituted on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and has served nearly three years in accordance with standing orders 173 (1) which states that all committees constituted by County Assembly immediately following the general election shall serve for a period of three years from the date of their constitution and approval of nomination person to standing order 175. Standing order 173 (2) further provides notwithstanding paragraph one, the committee on selection shall be reconstituted three months prior to the constitution of the other committees.

This means the committee on selection is already due for reconstitution and should by standing order begin the process of reconstituting the other committees. Following this reconstitution, the committees shall proceed in accordance with Standing Order 173 (3) which states that immediately after its reconstitution the committee on selection shall begin the process of reconstitution of other committees and shall table the list in the County Assembly for approval at least fourteen days before the lapse of the three years.

Until the committee on selection is reconstituted, no lawful nominations or reassignments to any other committee can be undertaken. In strict compliance with Standing Orders 171, 172, 173, 174 and 175, I hereby direct as follows:

1. That the leader of the majority party and the leader of the minority party through their respective whips submit fresh nominations for membership to the committee on selection as per standing order 171 (1) by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.
2. That upon reconstitution, the committee on selection shall immediately commence the process of nominating members to serve in other committees in accordance with Standing Order 172, nomination of members to committees, Standing Order 174, criteria for nomination, Standing Order 175 approval for nomination.

In conclusion, Honorable members, the County Assembly cannot effectively discharge its constitutional mandate without a fully functional and lawfully constituted committee system. I therefore urge the party leaders and whips to treat this matter with urgency, cooperation and

strict adherence to the Standing Orders. Let us now proceed with the business of the day as outlined in the Order Paper. I thank you.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Honorable members, the time being two minutes to ten o'clock, and there being no other business this assembly now adjourns until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 2:20 pm.