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COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, SPORTS AND CULTURE

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, SPORTS AND CULTURE ON
THE VETTING OF MR. GODFREY KIMANZI ZAKAYO THE NOMINEE FOR
APPOINTMENT AS COUNTY CHIEF OFFICER DEPARTMENT OF
TOURISM, SPORTS AND CULTURE**

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1.0 PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of the Committee on Tourism, Sports and Culture and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 190(5) (f) it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, report of the Committee on vetting of Mr. Godfrey Kimanzi Zakayo the nominee for appointment as County Chief Officer Department of Tourism, Sports and Culture.

1.1 Committee Establishment and Membership

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee was constituted on Wednesday, 11th October 2017 pursuant to provisions of Standing Orders 190 (1) and as currently constituted it comprises of the following members:-

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| 1. Hon. Elizabeth Ndunge Peter | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Sylvester Munyalo Kitheka | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Munira Mohamed | Member |
| 4. Hon. Alex Ngau Musili | “ |
| 5. Hon. Muteti Nding’uri | “ |
| 6. Hon. Jane Mutua | “ |
| 7. Hon. Mary Ndumbu | “ |
| 8. Hon. Stephen Katana | “ |
| 9. Hon. Ann Mumo | “ |
| 10. Hon. Deiys M. Mukala | “ |
| 11. Hon. Charity S. Mwangangi | “ |

1.2 Committee’s Mandate

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee draws its mandates from Standing Order 190 (5), which states that the Committee shall among others;

To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 184 (Committee on Appointments);

1.3 Acknowledgement

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee wishes to thank the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during the vetting and report writing.

I wish to thank Members of the Committee for their sacrifice and commitment to complete the task within the stipulated period. The Committee is also grateful to the Hansard and communication departments of the County Assembly for coverage thus enhancing accountability and transparency of the vetting.

On behalf of the Committee I have the honor and pleasure to present the committee’s report on vetting of the nominee, Mr. Godfrey Kimanzi Zakayo for appointment as the County Chief Officer in charge of the department of Tourism, Sports and Culture.

Hon: Elizabeth Ndunge Peter

Chairperson: Tourism, Sports and Culture

Signature

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Message from H.E the Governor.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On the 14th March, 2018 the Honorable Speaker communicated to the Assembly that he had received the names of thirteen (13) nominees for appointment as County Chief Officers from H.E the Governor for various County departments.

Subsequently, the Speaker referred the Message from H. E. The Governor to the relevant Committees together with their curriculum vitae for vetting as provided for in Section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No.5 of 2017.

Among the nominees was Mr. Godfrey Kimanzi Zakayo, the nominee for appointment as County Chief Officer department of Tourism, Sports and Culture.

2.2 Establishment of the office of County Chief Officer.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Section 45 (1) of the County Government Act provides that;

The governor shall, when nominating County Chief Officers—

(a) *nominate qualified and experienced County Chief Officers from among persons competitively sourced and recommended by the County Public Service Board; and*

(b) *With the approval of County Assembly, appoint County Chief Officers.*

2.3 Functions of office of the County Chief Officer

- 1) *A county chief officer shall be responsible to respective county executive Member for the county department as provided under section 46 of the county government act, 2012*

2) *The county chief officer shall be authorized officer in respect of exercise of delegated authority.*

2.4 Committee proceedings.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee held one sitting on 23rd March 2018 in which Mr. Godfrey Kimanzi Zakayo appeared before the committee and was vetted in accordance with the provisions of the County Government Act 2012 and Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No 5 of 2017 for appointment as the Chief Officer in charge of the department of Tourism, Sports and Culture.

The Committee firstly agreed on the vetting norms, secondly on the vetting questions and lastly agreed on the expected pass mark for the nominee which was set at 68%.

2.5 Notification to the nominee

The Clerk of the County Assembly placed a notification in the print media on 15th March, 2018 on behalf of the committee notifying the nominee on the date, time and place for holding the Approval hearing as required by Section 7(4) & (5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017.

2.6 Notification to the public

The Clerk of Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on 15th March, 2018 inviting the public to submit memoranda on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee by Tuesday 20th March, 2018 in accordance with section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No.5 of 2017.

2.7 Submission of memoranda

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No.5 of 2017 provides that;

Any person may, prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated.

At the close of business on Tuesday 20th March, 2018, the Committee had not received any memoranda from the public.

3.0 VETTING PROCESS

On Friday 23rd March, 2018, the Committee on Health and Sanitation held a vetting session with the nominee for department of Health and Sanitation in Committee room II of the County Assembly at 10:00 A.M -11:00 A.M. The Committee firstly agreed on the vetting norms, secondly on the vetting questions and lastly agreed on the expected pass mark for the nominee which was set at 68%.

The Committee examined MR. Godfrey Kimanzi Zakayo following the guidelines provided for in the Section 8 of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No.5 of 2017. The Committee examined the nominee against following criteria;

- 1) Academic qualifications
- 2) Knowledge on the subject matter
- 3) Employment and work related experiences
- 4) Professional association
- 5) Public office , political activities and affiliations
- 6) Potential conflict of interests
- 7) Suitability to the position
- 8) Tax compliance
- 9) integrity

4.0 MR. GODFREY KIMANZI ZAKAYO NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS COUNTY CHIEF OFFICER DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, SPORTS AND CULTURE.

Personal background

That he was born in Kitui Rural constituency in the year 1976 and married with three kids.

Academic Qualifications

- He holds a Masters in Science (Facility Management) from the University of Greenwich (London).
- He holds a Bachelors degree in Science, Tourism and Hospitality management from Moi University.
- He sat for Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education at Kisasi Secondary School in the year 1996 and scored a mean of B- (Minus).
- He holds a certificate in Project Management.

Work experience.

The nominee has a cumulative experience of thirteen years. Six (6) years at middle level of management and seven years (7) at senior level of management.

He is currently serving as Senior Investments Officer at Tourism Finance Corporation, a position he has held since April 2011.

Potential Conflict Of Interest

The nominee stated that he has no conflict of interest.

Integrity

The nominee has no integrity issues given that he was cleared by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission any other statutory bodies.

Overall suitability for the position

The nominee had requisite academic qualifications and relevant work experience thus suitable the docket nominated for.

Committee's Observations

- i. The nominee managed to score an average of 70% vis-a-vis the set target of 68%.
- ii. He has never been implicated in any integrity related issues during his official capacity.
- iii. He meets the requirements of chapter six of the Constitution of Kenya, as evidenced in the self-declaration form from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and the certificate of good conduct.
- iv. He has the requisite academic qualifications from various international institutions and experience coupled with management skills on tourism matters which qualifies him for Appointment to the position of County Chief Officer for the Department of tourism, sports and culture.
- v. He understands the functions, responsibilities and the statutory powers vested in the office of the Chief Officer

5.0 COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS

That: pursuant to Article 179 (b) of the constitution, and the nominee having scored an average of 73%, having considered the suitability, capacity and integrity of the nominee and further pursuant to the provisions of section 45 (1) (a) of the County Government Act of, 2012 and section 9 (2) of the public Appointments(County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly approves the nomination and subsequent appointment of Mr. Godfrey Kimanzi Zakayo to the post of County Chief Officer for the Ministry of Health and Sanitation.

REPORT COMPILED BY

Mr. Makuthu Dennis – Procedural clerk