

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TURKANA**  
**HANSARD**

**Wednesday Afternoon, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.**

*The County Assembly met at the County Assembly of Turkana Chamber at 2:30 p.m.*

*Deputy Speaker (Hon. Philip Ekuwam) in the Chair.*

**PRAYER**

**STATEMENTS**

**D. Speaker:** We had one response from the chairperson of the department of Health and sanitation. I don't know if the chairperson is ready or the vice Chair. Honorable Echeme, member representing Kalapata, yo may respond.

**Hon. Echeme:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Sir, I did not have the response because I was not alerted. I'm not aware of this. Thank you.

**D. Speaker:** The chairperson or the vice chair has now pleaded before the house that he has no response. We have no alternative other than the maybe deffering the response to the next sitting of the assembly. What is it the leader of minority Honourable Samwel.

**Hon. Lomodo:** Honourable Speaker sir, I raise on a point of order and I stand on standing order number 39 on the Quorum of the county assembly. Honourable Speaker, order number 39 says, the quorum at the commencement of the county assembly; A quorum of the county assembly or of a committee of the whole house shall be a third of its members. If there is no quorum present, when the chair is taken at the time, appointed for meeting of the county assembly immediately after saying of the prayer, the Speaker shall order the bell to be rang for five minutes.

If no quorum is present at the expiry of five minutes, the speaker may direct that the bell be rang for further five minutes. If there is no quorum present, the Speaker shall adjourn the county assembly forthwill to the next sitting. Honourable Speaker, I want to confirm to you that this honorable house doesn't have the quorum for us to transact any business today.

**D. Speaker:** You are right but in your self presentation before the house, you are out of order. Your dressing code is not acceptable before the house. You must be in the attire of the house, the honorable leader minority. So, I think you must be in attire that you are a presentable before the house otherwise you are out of order. Honorable Lawrence Lopayo.

**Hon. Lopayo:** Thank you honorable Speaker, I rise on a point of information.

**D. Speaker:** Whom do you want to inform the Honourable Lopayo?

**Hon. Lopayo:** I wish to inform the entire house.

**D. Speaker:** Proceed.

**Hon. Lopayo:** It is indeed true Honourable speaker that we do not have a quorum. But again, according to standing orders, number 39 (2) if if there is no quorum present, when the chair is taken at the time, appointed for the meeting of the county assembly, immediately after saying the prayer. Honorable Speaker, I think that point of order is out of time. We are already ahead of the order paper. So, I don't think if it is a point of order.

**D. Speaker:** Okay. Honourable members, indeed the Honorable Lawrence is right, because you were supposed to alert the speaker immediately after saying the prayer that there is no quorum in the house. That is in order. However, the leader minority is right, because the speaker does not have the eyes but any member of the House can alert the speaker that indeed we don't have the the quorum to carry on with our proceedings.

Although he was not in the official attire of presenting his case, he was right. So, I now direct the sergeant at arm to ring the bell for five minutes. And thereafter we can confirm if the quorum is attained. Honourable Members I can now confirm that there is quorum. Because the quorum of the assembly is a third of its members and I think we are a little bit above that. So, we can proceed Clerk next order.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**D. Speaker:** Honourable Members, there being no other business, the house stands adjourned until tomorrow 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

*House Rose at 2:40 p.m.*