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THE COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING AND LIBRARY

**REPORT ON STUDY VISIT TO PARLIAMENT OF ZAMBIA FROM 9TH -16TH OF
JUNE, 2024**

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

APLESA	Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Eastern and Southern Africa
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
PLC	Parliamentary Caucus on Literacy
MP	Member of Parliament
ZANIS	Zambia News and Information Services
PSC	Parliamentary Service Commission

1 PREFACE

1.1 MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library is established under Standing Order 212D and is mandated to; -

- (i) consider and report on all matters relating to broadcasting of the proceedings of the House;
- (ii) *advise the House on matters related to public participation;*
- (iii) make reports and recommendations to the House, including proposed legislation on matters relating to broadcasting of House proceedings;
- (iv) recommend to and advise the House on matters related to the provision of library, publications, and research services in Parliament, including improvement of the library and research services; and
- (v) assist Members in utilizing the facilities provided by the library and research services, including the use of information and communication technology.

1.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2. The Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library was constituted by the House on 27th October 2022 and comprises the following twenty-one Members; -

Chairperson

Hon. Daniel Epuyo Nanok, M.P.

Turkana West Constituency

United Democratic Alliance Party

Vice- Chairperson

Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu Chege, M.P.

Limuru Constituency

United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Mohamed Mohamed Ali, MP

Nyali Constituency

United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Raphael Sauti Wanjala, M.P.

Budalangi Constituency

Orange Democratic Movement Party

Hon. James Gakuya Mwangi, M.P.

Embakasi North Constituency

United Democratic Alliance Party

The Hon. Moses Malulu Injendi, M.P.

Malava Constituency

Amani National Congress Party

Hon. John Waluke Koyi, M.P.

Sirisia Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. Oscar Kipchumba Sudi, M.P.

Kapseret Constituency

United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Timothy Wanyonyi Wetangula, M.P.

Westlands Constituency

Orange Democratic Movement Party

Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi Murwithania,
M.P.

Buuri Constituency

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Keiyo North Constituency
United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Josses Kiptoo Lelmengit, M.P.
Emgwen Constituency
United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Anthony Kenga Mupe, M.P.
Rabai Constituency
Pamoja African Alliance Party

Hon. Kitilai Ole Ntutu, M.P.
Narok South Constituency
Independent

Hon. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdi, M.P.
Lafey Constituency
Jubilee Party

Hon. Phelix Odiwuor Khodhe, M.P.
Langata Constituency
Orange Democratic Movement Party

Hon. George Gachagua, M.P.
Ndaragwa Constituency
United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Suzanne Ndunge Kiamba, M.P.
Makueni Constituency
Wiper Democratic Movement Party

Hon. (Dr.) John Ariko Namoit, M.P.
Turkana South Constituency
Orange Democratic Movement Party

Hon. Talib Ahmed Abubakar, MP
Nominated
Wiper Democratic Movement Party

Hon. Charles Onchoke Mamwacha, M.P.
Bonchari Constituency
United Progressive Alliance Party

1.3 COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

3. The secretariat supporting the Committee comprises the following staff; -

	Ms. Ella Kendi Clerk Assistant I- Team Leader
Ms. Fidlizah Mwangogo Clerk Assistant III	Ms. Noelle Chelagat Media Relations Officer II
Ms. Mercy Wanyonyi Senior Legal Counsel	Mr. Jarred Onyancha Public Relations Officer III
Mr. Silas Lomutur Research Officer III	Ms. Jacinta Maru Sergeant-At-Arms

1.4 COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION

4. The Committee nominated the following Members of Parliament and staff to undertake the study visit; -

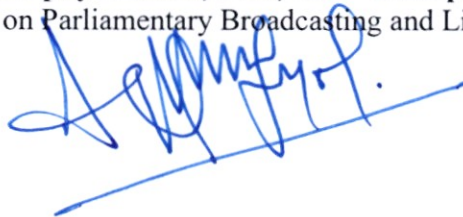
- (i) Hon. Phelix Odiwuor Khodhe, M.P. – Leader of the Delegation
- (ii) Hon. Adams Kipsanai Korir, M.P.
- (iii) Hon. George Gachagua, M.P.
- (iv) Ms. Mercy Wanyonyi, Senior Legal Counsel /Delegation Secretary

1.5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

5. The Committee wishes to record its appreciation to the Office of the Hon. Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for facilitation. The Committee is grateful to the National Assembly of Zambia for making the study visit a success.

6. On behalf of the Members of the Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library, I am pleased and honoured to present to this House the report of the Committee on the Study Visit to Parliament of Zambia from 9th to 16th June, 2024 in Lusaka, Zambia.

Hon. Daniel Epuyo Nanok, CBS, MP – Chairperson
Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library



2.0 BACKGROUND

7. The Constitution of Kenya (2010) prioritizes transparency and public access to Parliamentary proceedings and the parliamentary library. Provisions such as Article 118 ensure open business conduct and public accessibility to sittings, while Article 33 1(a) guarantees the right to seek, receive, and share information, including access to Parliamentary proceedings.
8. Additionally, Article 35 ensures that every Kenyan citizen has the right to access information held by the State or other individuals. These provisions, found in Chapter Four of the Constitution, uphold the Bill of Rights. Supporting the parliamentary library, legal frameworks like the Parliamentary Service Commission and Strategic Pillar III and the Parliamentary Service Act (No. 22 of 2019) further promote public information access and the utilization of technology for effective communication, dissemination, and storage of information.
9. The Library Department is the custodian of Parliamentary documents and plays an important role in providing information and research services to assist the legislative work of Members of Parliament (legislation, oversight, and representation) including Committees and staff.
10. The live broadcast of parliamentary proceedings plays a significant role in promoting transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement in the democratic process. The Broadcasting Unit within the Parliament of Kenya is responsible for capturing and disseminating these live broadcasts to the public through various channels. Its main objectives include disseminating information, demystifying the legislative process, and fostering connections between voters and elected representatives.
11. The Committee in execution of its mandate, deemed it necessary to undertake a study visit to the Parliament of Zambia to learn and appreciate the advances made on broadcasting of Parliamentary proceedings through television, radio stations and social media platforms. Further, the Committee aimed to understand the operations and digitization of the Parliamentary Information & Research Library.

2.1 RELEVANCE/RATIONALE OF THE STUDY VISIT

12. The objectives of the study visit to Parliament of Zambia were—
 - (i) To learn about how Parliament of Zambia engages with citizens and shares information through online platforms, broadcast operations, libraries, and research services. The focus was on improving access to legislative works;
 - (ii) To gain a comprehensive understanding of the legislative document process, including the roles of the Parliamentary Library, and other institutions;
 - (iii) To explore digital initiatives, accessibility options, and preservation efforts for parliamentary documents; and

- (iv) To identify best practices to enhance access, usability, and preservation, thereby promoting research, democratic development, and public information access in Zambia.

2.2 BROADCASTING AND LIBRARY SERVICES IN PARLIAMENT OF ZAMBIA

13. The Zambian Parliament is the legislative body in Zambia and it is a unicameral Parliament with one hundred and sixty-seven (167) Members. The Parliamentary Information and Research Library in Zambia was established in 1953 as a small book collection to service the Legislative Council. After the dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Zambia was allocated the Federal Assembly Library. The library was reorganized to provide up-to-date information on all aspects of Zambian political, social, economic, and developmental areas. The collection has expanded to include diverse subject areas such as agriculture, law, economics, education, and developmental issues. The library's parliamentary papers include Debates, Bills and Acts, Statutory Instruments, Papers-laid-on the Table, Government Ministries and Departments, and Parastatal bodies reports including Budget Speeches.
14. The Parliament Library plays a vital role in providing Members of Parliament with the necessary resources and documents to carry out their duties effectively. With a rich history and a commitment to digitalization, the library ensures that valuable information is readily available to support decision-making.
15. The Library which houses parliamentary documents, is intended for use by Members of Parliament and staff. However, outside individuals may request permission to use it. Members may borrow up to four books for a period of four weeks, while senior additional two weeks. Members have priority in borrowing and other users are asked to avoid selecting current titles until Members' needs are met.
16. The Zambian National Assembly launched its own TV and FM radio stations in 2020 to promote transparency and accountability and to bridge the gap between Parliament and citizens. Parliament TV is available on DSTV Channel 272 and GOTV Channel 100, while Parliament Radio broadcasts parliamentary proceedings nationwide. The use of radio and television channels is an important tool to increase public participation and awareness in the legislative process, and this has encouraged public to take advantage of these additional platforms to follow parliamentary debates in the House and Committee Meetings.

3.0 MEETINGS WITH THE VARIOUS HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS IN THE PARLIAMENT OF ZAMBIA

3.1 Meeting with the Deputy Director, Department of Broadcasting

17. The delegation held a meeting with the Deputy Director, Department of Broadcasting who informed them that —

- i) The Broadcasting Department of the National Assembly of Zambia became a fully-fledged Department in January, 2022 and is responsible for the day to day public relations activities in co-ordination with the media and the national broadcaster especially on critical matters e.g during the Presidential Address and the budget making process;
- ii) The mandate of the Department is to protect and disseminate information in line with their Communication Strategy as contained in their Strategic Plan which seeks to ensure that there is effective service delivery and public participation;
- iii) The proceedings of the National Assembly of Zambia and Committee meetings are always aired live save for committee meetings as only one committee meeting is aired live and the rest are recorded. That the decision is based on the issues under consideration with specific regard to public interest matters;
- iv) The national broadcaster ZANIS is the custodian and distributor of information through live transmission of the proceedings of the House. Additionally, the sittings of the House are streamed live on social media;
- v) The House has collaborated with the national broadcaster to ensure proceedings of the House and committee proceedings are covered not just sporadically but systematically. Additionally, staff from the national broadcaster had been seconded to Parliament;
- vi) The live transmission of the proceedings of Parliament had enabled the institution to earn the trust of the people and also drive the agenda of the country;
- vii) The Parliament leverage on community radio stations to ensure wide coverage of the proceedings of the House.
- viii) There are twenty- six (26) community radio stations with at least two per province. It had been established that the majority of people listen more to the community radio stations as compared to the national broadcaster; and
- ix) That Parliament has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the community radio stations, which are paid on a monthly basis. The proceedings of the House are pre-recorded then transmitted in English and vernacular.

3.2 Meeting with the Second Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia

18. The delegation held a meeting with the Second Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly who informed the delegation that—

- i) The Parliamentary Reforms and Modernisation Committee is established in accordance with Standing Order No. 202 of the 2024 National Assembly of Zambia Standing Orders;
- ii) The Committee comprises of the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Local Government, and six other Members appointed by the Standing Orders Committee, and the Second Deputy Speaker as the Chairperson;
- iii) The functions of the Committee include among others, examining and proposing reforms to the powers, procedures and practices, organisation and facilities of the Assembly. Further, that, from about November 2002, when the parliamentary reform programme commenced, the Committee had contributed to the achievement of the following milestones among many others:
 - a) Alignment of Parliamentary Committees to Government Ministries to enhance policy development and scrutiny, and opening up Committees to the public, which has enhanced public participation in Committee meetings;
 - b) Improving the legislative process, by referring Bills to relevant Committees for more detailed and careful consideration after First Reading, with input from stakeholders and the public; and covering the cost related to the drafting of Private Member's Bills as a way to encourage Members to initiate and introduce Private Member's Bill in the House;
 - c) Increasing the staff establishment and reorienting it to correspond to the new organization structure and work of the Institution, and conducting capacity building of staff, including job evaluation and assessment;
 - d) Provision of support services to Members and Management of the National Assembly of Zambia by establishing, the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) in 2012; Monitoring and Evaluation Department (M&E) in 2019; and Parliamentary Broadcasting Department in 2022.
 - e) The Committee had enhanced its Member – Constituency Relations through the establishment of Constituency Offices in all the 156 Constituencies, which act as information centres for constituents, as well as centres of interaction between MPs and local stakeholders;
- iv) The National Assembly of Zambia had also established the Parliament Radio, Television and National Assembly of Zambia Facebook Page to facilitate the dissemination of information to the public about Parliament and vice versa; and
- v) The establishment of the Parliament Website was a key milestone as it provides key information on major events that take place in Parliament and relevant publications such as the Order Paper, profiles of Members of Parliament, Bills, Ministerial Statements and daily Hansards (parliamentary debates). Further, that the parliamentary website is used to transmit live and recorded programmes from Parliament Radio.

3.3 Meeting with the Director Library Services

19. The delegation also held a meeting with the Director of Library Services who informed the delegation as follows —

- i) The Library was set up to provide Members with information they need to meaningfully and effectively participate in the debate of many issues that come before the House;
- ii) The Library Department is responsible for the intake, processing and arrangement of the main collections of books, pamphlets, newspapers and periodicals; also for the preservation and indexing of all Parliamentary papers and of many other official publications, domestic and foreign; and for the maintenance of specialised indexing;
- iii) Since 2010, the Department embarked on the digitization of library resources. This collection is made available through its institutional repository (D-Space) and can be accessed by the public;
- iv) The digital repository contains a collection of various Parliamentary documents ranging from papers laid on the table of both chambers of Parliament, Committee Reports, Standing orders, Bills, Colonial Ordinances the Hansard, various national government publications among other publications.
- v) The Department has a repository of articles on matters of public interest and daily newspaper alerts on MPs. Additionally, the Department has come with an initiative of identifying a relevant book of the month in order to encourage MPs to read;
- vi) Through the Zambian Parliament, the Library has been able to set up Constituency libraries in the 156 constituencies that are information centres on parliamentary issues;
- vii) Through the Zambian Parliament, the Library is a member of the Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Eastern and Southern Africa (APLESA), which was constituted in 1995. Other members include the Parliaments of Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. The Association facilitates, among other things, the exchange of technical know-how among librarians in the region.
- viii) The leadership of the National Assembly in collaboration with the Department of Library Services had established a Parliamentary Caucus on Literacy (PCL) whose purpose is to add a voice to initiatives in alleviating low literacy or even helping in improving children's literacy right through to adult education which will in turn help the nation to enhance literacy and life learning skills with the aim of eradicating poverty among the vulnerable communities;
- ix) The overall objective of the Caucus is to provide literacy skills to citizens with little or no literacy skills with suitable training designed to meet their basic educational needs to reduce the illiteracy rate as well as maintain and develop them further.

- x) The Specific objectives of the Parliamentary Caucus on Literacy include among others the following:
 - a) Sensitize Members of Parliament on the importance of literacy in national development and policy making;
 - b) Advocate for increased funding towards literacy programmes;
 - c) Advocate for strengthening of the capacity of information centres in the Constituency Offices by mobilizing support from the cooperating partners;
 - d) Advocate and support increased availability of books and learning materials to vulnerable learning centres such as community schools; and
 - e) Mobilize support from cooperating partners
- xi) To achieve the foregoing specific objectives, the Caucus uses the following broad strategies:
 - a) organise open days in Constituencies for Members to encourage Communities to read and access reading materials to be mobilized from cooperating partners;
 - b) engage with the cooperating partners for both financial and material support on literacy activities;
 - c) have a literacy day at Parliament in collaboration with partners to show case literacy outreach activities; and
 - d) flag off distribution books road shows to Communities.
- xii) The expected outcomes of the PLC include increased literacy for the benefit of the general citizenry; increased participation of citizens in governance programmes through access to information and general literature; improved reading culture among the citizenry at local and national level; and enhanced collaboration between Members of Parliament and interest groups on literacy programmes at both local and national level; and
- xiii) That the specific target groups of the PLC are Members of Parliament (MPs), Youths, Women, Children, Adults, Prisoners, Rural Communities and Indigenous Language Speakers.

4.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

20. The delegation made the following observations:

- i) The proceedings of the National Assembly of Zambia are always broadcast live, with the exception of committee meetings. Only one committee meeting is aired live while the others are recorded;
- ii) The live transmission of plenary proceedings and Committee meetings is made possible through a partnership between the Parliament of Zambia and ZANIS, which is similar to the collaboration in Kenya where the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) has partnered with the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) to broadcast the proceedings of the House;
- iii) Similar to the Kenyan Parliament, the Parliament of Zambia has digitized its library resources through its institutional repository, D-Space, which is accessible to the public. The repository contains a collection of various Parliamentary documents ranging from papers laid on the table of both chambers of Parliament, Committee Reports, Standing orders, Bills, Colonial Ordinances the Hansard, various national government publications among other publications;
- iv) Parliament of Zambia leverages on community radio stations to ensure broader coverage of House proceedings, with twenty-six (26) radio stations, at least two per province, as the majority of people prefer community radio stations over the national broadcaster;
- v) The Parliament of Zambia has established Constituency libraries in all the one hundred and fifty-six (156) Constituencies, which act as information centres for constituents, as well as centres of interaction between MPs and local stakeholders; and
- vi) The Parliament of Zambia has established a Parliamentary Caucus on Literacy (PCL) in order to provide literacy skills to citizens with little or no literacy skills with suitable training designed to meet their basic educational needs to reduce the illiteracy rate as well as maintain and develop them further.


5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

21. The delegation recommends that the Parliamentary Service Commission;

- (i) Collaborates with the local vernacular radio stations in order to ensure wide coverage of House proceedings and Committee meetings so as to facilitate effective public participation;
- (ii) Establishes a Parliamentary Caucus on Literacy (PCL) to provide literacy skills to citizens with limited or no literacy, thereby increasing their participation in governance programs through improved access to information and literature, and enhancing effective representation in Parliament.; and
- (iii) Establishes information centers in all constituencies to enhance interaction between Members of Parliament and local stakeholders, thereby facilitating effective public participation.

SIGNED..... DATE.. 1st OCTOBER 2024

**HON. DANIEL EPUYO NANOK, CBS, MP – CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING AND LIBRARY**

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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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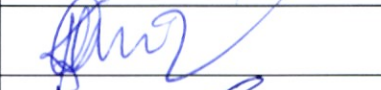




COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING AND LIBRARY

ADOPTION LIST

Report on the Study visit to the Parliament of Zambia

We, the undersigned, hereby affix our signatures to this report to affirm our approval:

	HON. MEMBER	SIGNATURE
1.	The Hon. Daniel Epuyo Nanok, CBS, M.P. - Chairperson	
2.	The Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu Chege, M.P. – Vice-Chairperson	
3.	The Hon. Mohamed Mohamed Ali, MP	
4.	The Hon. Raphael Sauti Wanjala, M.P.	
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19.	The Hon. Phelix Odiwuor Khodhe, M.P.	
20.	The Hon. Suzanne Ndunge Kiamba, M.P.	
21.	The Hon. Talib Ahmed Abubakar, M.P.	

ANNEX 2: MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE 20TH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING AND LIBRARY HELD IN 5TH FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE, ON THURSDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 2024 AT 12.00 PM.

PRESENT

1. The Hon. Daniel Epuyo Nanok, M.P. - **Chairperson**
2. The Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi Murwithania, M.P.
3. The Hon. Charles Onchoke Mamwacha, M.P.
4. The Hon. George Gachagua, M.P.
5. The Hon. Suzanne Ndunge Kiamba, M.P.
6. The Hon. Talib Mohamed Abubakar, M.P.

APOLOGIES

1. The Hon. (Eng) John Kiragu Chege, M.P. - **Vice Chairperson**
2. The Hon. Mohamed Mohamed Ali, M.P.
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SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Ms. Ella Kendi | Clerk Assistant I |
| 2. Ms. Fidlizah S. Mwagogo | Clerk Assistant III |
| 3. Ms. Noelle Chelagat | Media Relations Officer |
| 4. Mr. Silas Korir Lomutur | Research Officer III |
| 5. Mr. Eric Lungai | Hansard Reporter III |
| 6. Ms. Jacinta Maru | Serjeant at Arms |
| 7. Mr. Derrick Cheboi | Audio Officer Intern |

AGENDA

1. Preliminaries
 - i) Prayers
 - ii) Adoption of the Agenda
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous sitting
3. Matters Arising
4. **Consideration of the draft report on benchmarking visit to the Parliament of Zambia**
5. Any other Business
6. Adjournment and date of the next meeting

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2024/082: PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at twenty minutes past twelve in the (12.20 p.m.), followed by a word of prayer and introductions thereafter. The agenda of the meeting was adopted having been proposed by Hon. Suzanne Ndunge Kiamba, M.P and seconded by Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi Murwithania, M.P.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2024/083: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The confirmation of minutes was deferred to the next sitting.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2024/084: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT REPORT ON BENCHMARKING VISIT TO THE PARLIAMENT OF ZAMBIA

The Committee was taken through the draft report on benchmarking visit to the Parliament of Zambia. The report outlined objectives of the study visit to the Zambian Parliament, briefs from various departmental heads, an overview of the history of the Zambian Parliament Library, details on the National Assembly's TV and FM radio stations, as well as the delegation's observations and recommendations.

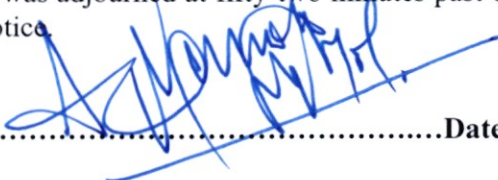
After reviewing the draft report, the Committee highlighted the following lessons from the study visit;

1. Public participation can be enhanced through use of local radio and TV stations as these platforms can be used to inform the citizens about government activities. Often, the general public remains uninformed regarding parliamentary proceedings however, local radio and TV stations can effectively bridge this gap by disseminating relevant information in vernacular languages.
2. Library and Information Centers should be established in each constituency and should be open for free public access for fostering education, community engagement, and information. This initiative will not only promote education and community engagement, but also facilitate the widespread dissemination of information.
3. Parliament should consider having a Parliamentary Caucus on Literacy (PCL) which is key in providing literacy skills to citizens and MPs to reduce the illiteracy rate as well as maintain and develop them further.

It was resolved the secretariat to prepare a summary of the report highlighting key points and identify any shortcomings that need to be addressed in order to improve the PBU. In addition, the report to be prepared for the Committee to adopt and table in the House.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2024/085: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at fifty-two minutes past one p.m. (13.52 pm). The next meeting to be held on notice.

Signed..........Date..... 01ST OCTOBER 2024

**Hon. Daniel Epuyo Nanok, CBS, M.P.
Chairperson**

MINUTES OF THE 22ND SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING AND LIBRARY HELD IN ROOM 7, MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, ON TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 2024 AT 10.00 AM.

PRESENT

1. The Hon. Daniel Epuyo Nanok, M.P. - **Chairperson**
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3. The Hon. James Gakuya Mwangi, M.P.
4. The Hon. Timothy Wanyonyi Wetangula, M.P.
5. The Hon. Oscar Kipchumba Sudi, M.P.
6. The Hon. Adams Kipsanai Korir, M.P.
7. The Hon. Anthony Kenga Mupe, M.P.
8. The Hon. Suzanne Ndunge Kiamba, M.P.

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| 1. Ms. Fidlizah S. Mwangogo | Clerk Assistant III |
| 2. Mr. Silas Korir Lomutur | Research Officer III |
| 3. Mr. Eugene Luteshi | Audio Assistant |
| 4. Ms. Jacinta Maru | Serjeant at Arms |

AGENDA

1. Preliminaries
 - i) Prayers
 - ii) Adoption of the Agenda
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous sitting
3. Matters Arising
4. **Adoption of the report on benchmarking visit to Parliament of Zambia**
5. Any other Business
6. Adjournment and date of the next meeting

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2024/090: PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at twenty-three minutes past ten in the morning (10.23 a.m.), followed by a word of prayer and introductions thereafter. The agenda of the meeting was adopted having been proposed by Hon. John Waluke Koyi, M.P and seconded by Hon. Moses Malulu Injendi, M.P.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2024/091: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the 19th sitting held on Tuesday 13th August 2024 at 12.00 p.m. were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that day having been proposed by the Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu Chege, M.P. and seconded by the Hon. Phelix Odiwuor Khodhe, M.P.

Minutes of the 20th sitting held on Thursday 15th August 2024 at 12.00 p.m. were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that day having been proposed by the Hon. Talib Mohamed Abubakar, M.P. and seconded by the Hon. Charles Onchoke Mamwacha, M.P.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2024/092: MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the 19th Sitting held on Tuesday 13th August, 2024 at 12.00pm

Under *MIN.NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2024/079 on consideration of the Committee Schedule of Activities for the First Quarter of the year FY 2024/2025*

- (i) The joint sitting with the Parliamentary Service Commission Committee on Information and Public Communications, aimed at deliberating on the budgetary requirements of the PBU for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025, was successfully conducted on Thursday, 26th September 2024. During the session, a comprehensive discussion took place on various aspects of the PBU status, including its budgetary needs and the condition of the equipment.
- (ii) Hon. Phelix Odiwuor Khodhe, MP informed the Committee that accompanied by the Clerk of the National Assembly, they visited the PBU and noted that the non-functional air conditioner had been repaired, however, the repairs works on the equipment were yet to commence.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2024/093: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON BENCHMARKING VISIT TO THE PARLIAMENT OF ZAMBIA

The Committee was taken through the observations and recommendations and unanimously adopted the report on the benchmarking visit to the Parliament of Zambia having been proposed by Hon. Phelix Odiwuor Khodhe, MP and seconded by Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu Chege, MP.

Committee Resolutions

- a) The Committee to be provided with an update on the repairs works of the National Assembly broadcast facility.
- b) The Secretariat, accompanied by Hon. Phelix Odiwuor Khodhe and the Head of PBU, to visit PBU to assess the current needs and compile a prioritized list of required actions including the requisite budget for the PBU in both the Senate and the National Assembly.

- c) The Committee to follow-up on the implementation status of the report on “Enhancing reporting of parliamentary business on online platforms”.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2024/094: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at fifty-five minutes past eleven in the morning (11.55 am). The next meeting to be held on notice.

Signed..........Date..... 01ST OCTOBER 2024

**Hon. Daniel Epuyo Nanok, CBS, M.P.
Chairperson**