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**DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION
AND INNOVATION**

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**REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION,
INFORMATION AND INNOVATION ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE TECHNOPOLIS BILL, 2024
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 6 OF 2024)**

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DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

BPO	Business Process Outsourcing
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
ICT	Information, Communication Technology
ITES	Information Technology Enabled Services
KICA	Kenya Information and Communications Act
KoTDA	Konza Tecchnopolis Development Authority
MP.	Member of Parliament
N.A	National Assembly
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
TDA	Technopolis Development Authority
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

This report contains the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation's proceedings on its consideration of Senate Amendments to the Technopolis Bill (*National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2024*). The Bill was published on 2nd February 2024, and read the First Time on 9th April 2024. It was subsequently committed to the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation for review and reporting to the House pursuant to Standing Order 127.

The Bill seeks to provide for a comprehensive framework for the establishment of a Technopolis in Kenya, and to create the Technopolis Development Authority which will be responsible for the development, planning, management, improvement and maintenance of every Technopolis established.

The Committee undertook consideration of the Bill, involved various stakeholders in its consideration, and subsequently tabled its Report on the Bill in the National Assembly. Upon passage of the Bill by the National Assembly, the Bill was forwarded to the Senate for concurrence. The Senate, in its consideration of the Bill, proposed several amendments aimed at enriching the proposed legislation. The National Assembly received these proposed amendments on the Bill from the Senate on 15th November 2025. The proposed amendments were thereafter committed to the Committee for consideration. The Committee considered and approved of the Amendments on 5th March 2026.

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation and pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 199 (6), it is my pleasant privilege and honour to present to this House the Report of the Committee on its consideration of Senate Amendments to the Technopolis Bill (*National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2024*). The Committee is grateful to Offices of the Speaker and Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during its sittings.

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Honourable Members of the Committee and the Committee Secretariat who made useful contributions towards the preparation and production of this Report.

It is my pleasure to report that the Committee has considered the Senate Amendments to the Technopolis Bill (*National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2024*) and hereby submits its Report with the recommendation that the Senate amendments to the Bill be APPROVED by the House.

Hon. John Kiarie Waweru, CBS, MP
Chairperson,
Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation.

PART ONE

I.0 PREFACE

I.1 Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

1. The Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation is one of the Departmental Committees of the National Assembly established under Standing Order 216 whose mandates pursuant to the Standing Order 216 (5) are as follows:
 - i. **To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments;**
 - ii. *To study the programme and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;*
 - iii. *on a quarterly basis, monitor and report on the implementation of the national budget in respect of its mandate;*
 - iv. *To study and review all legislation referred to it;*
 - v. *To study, assess and analyse the relative success of the ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;*
 - vi. *To investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;*
 - vii. *To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (Committee on Appointments);*
 - viii. *To examine treaties, agreements and conventions;*
 - ix. *To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation;*
 - x. *To consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and*
 - xi. *To examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.*
2. In accordance with the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to oversee: Communication, information, media and broadcasting (except for broadcast of parliamentary proceedings), information technology, communication technology, including development and advancement of technology, data protection and privacy, cyberspace and cyber-security, artificial intelligence, block-chain technology, and other emerging technologies.
3. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy.

I.2 Committee Membership

4. The Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation was constituted by the House on Thursday, 27th October 2022 and comprises the following Members:

Chairperson

Hon. John Kiarie Waweru, CBS, MP
Dagoretti South Constituency
UDA Party

Vice Chairperson

Hon. Alfah Miruka Ondieki, CBS, MP
Bomachoge Chache Constituency
UDA Party

Hon. Shakeel Shabbir Ahmed, CBS, MP
Kisumu East Constituency
Independent Member

Hon. (Dr.) Gideon Kipkoech Kimaiyo MP
Keiyo South Constituency
UDA Party

Hon. Erastus Kivasu Nzioka, MP
Mbooni Constituency
WDM-K Party

Hon. Flowrence Jematiah Sergon, MP
Baringo County
UDA Party

Hon. Joseph Kipkosgei Tonui, MP
Kuresoi South Constituency
UDA Party

Hon. Mark Nyamita, MP
Uriri Constituency
ODM Party

Hon. Bensuda Joyce Atieno Osogo, MP
Homabay County
ODM Party

Hon. Kakuta Maimai Hamisi, MP
Kajiado East Constituency
ODM Party

Hon. Bernard Kibor Kitur, MP
Nandi Hills Constituency
UDA Party

Hon. Khalif Ali Abdisirat MP
Nominated Member
UDA Party

Hon. Njoroge Wainaina, MP
Kieni Constituency
UDA Party

Hon. Mumina Gollo Bonaya, MP
Isiolo County
Jubilee Party

Hon. Umulkher Harun Mohamed, MP
Nominated Member
ODM Party

I.4 Committee Secretariat

1. The Committee is facilitated by the following staff secretariat:

Mr. Finlay Muriuki
Lead Clerk/ Head of Secretariat

Mr. Sakana Saoli
Clerk Assistant II

Mr. Thomas Ogwel
Fiscal Analyst I

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Principal Legal Counsel I

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Ms. Florence Wanja
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PART TWO

3 OVERVIEW OF THE TECHNOPOLIS BILL, 2024

3.1 Introduction of the Bill

5. The Technopolis Bill, 2024 (*National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2024*), is a Bill is sponsored by Hon Kimani Ichung'wah, EGH, MP, the Leader of the Majority Party.
6. The Technopolis Bill, 2024 was tabled in the House for first reading and thereafter committed to the Departmental Committee on Communication Innovation and information pursuant to Standing order 127.
7. The National Assembly considered the Bill in all stages and passed it with amendments on 19th November, 2024. The Bill was subsequently forwarded to the Senate for consideration. The Senate considered and passed the said Technopolis Bill on Wednesday, 12th November, 2025 with amendments.

3.2 Brief Overview of the Bill

8. This is a comprehensive framework for the creation, management and development of a Technopolis in Kenya;
9. The Bill is divided into ten parts and has two schedules.
 - a. **Part I (Clause 1-3)** of the Bill provides for the preliminary provisions including the short title; the interpretation and the objects of the Act.
 - b. **Part II (Clause 4-14)** of the Bill provides for the establishment of the Technopolis Development Authority which shall succeed the Konza Technopolis Development Authority established under Legal Notice No. 23 of 2012; the functions of the Authority; the powers of the Authority; the Board of the Authority; vacation of office; powers of the Board; conduct of business and affairs of the Board; seal and execution of documents; delegation of functions and powers of the Board; Chief Executive Officer; Corporation Secretary and staff of the Board.
 - c. **Part III (Clause 16-21)** of the Bill provides for the establishment of a Technopolis; the features of a Technopolis; Buffer Zone of a Technopolis; development of high technology innovation ecosystem; administration of a one-stop shop; and establishment of a Technopolis small enterprise support centre.
 - d. **Part IV (Clause 22-27)** of the Bill provides for the power by the Authority to undertake development control with in a Technopolis; development approval; application and approval of development permit; development compliance; review and appeal of a decision of the Authority; and the offence of non-compliance.
 - e. **Part V (Clause 28-36)** of the Bill provides for a licence to operate or carry out business activities in a Technopolis; application and issuance of a licence; refusal to issue a licence; renewal of a licence; suspension and revocation of a licence; notice of non-compliance; variation of conditions of a licence; review of a decision of the Authority; and register of licensees.
 - f. **Part VI (Clause 37-40)** of the Bill provides for the power by the Authority to undertake inspections to ensure compliance with development control and licensing

requirements; enforcement sanctions that may be imposed by the Authority; compliance with the provisions of the Fair Administrative Action Act, 2015; and coordination with other government entities on the performance of the inspection function.

- g. **Part VII (Clause 41-46)** of the Bill provides for the sources of Funds of the Authority; the annual estimates of revenue and expenditure of the Authority; accounts and audit; expenditure of the funds of the Authority; annual reports of the Authority; and the financial year of the Authority.
- h. **Part VIII (Clause 47- 61)** of the Bill provides for the establishment of the Technopolis Dispute Resolution Tribunal whose members shall be appointed by the Judicial Service Commission; the term of office of the members of the Tribunal; the oath of office; the discipline and removal of members of the Tribunal; appointment of staff of the Tribunal; arrangement of business of the Tribunal; quorum for hearing and determination of a matter before the Tribunal; jurisdiction of the Tribunal; appeals to the Tribunal; procedure before the Tribunal; powers of the Tribunal; decisions of the Tribunal; appeal against the decision of the Tribunal; and rules of the Tribunal.
- i. **Part IX (Clause 62-65)** of the Bill provides for the general provisions including incentives; regulations; offences of provision of false information, non-compliance or obstruction; and general penalty for offences with respect to a development permit and a licence to operate in a Technopolis.
- j. **Part X (Clause 66-67)** of the Bill provides for the transitional and saving provisions and the revocation of Legal Notice No. 23 of 2012.
- k. **The First Schedule** to the Bill provides for the conduct of business and affairs of the Board.
- l. **The Second Schedule** to the Bill provides for oath or affirmation of office by members of the Tribunal.

3.3 Clause by Clause Analysis of the Senate Amendments to the Bill

- 10. **Clause 7 - The Board of directors of the Authority – establishment of the Board which shall oversee management functions of the Authority.** The Board is established in accordance with Mwongozo framework which is the Code of Governance for State Corporations. The criteria for qualifications of the members of the Board is also set out. The Chairperson and the members of the Board shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one further term. The Board shall be composed of:
 - a. the Chairperson appointed by the President;
 - b. the Principal Secretary of the ministry responsible for matters relating to information communication and technology or a designated representative;
 - c. the Principal Secretary for the National Treasury or a designated representative;
 - d. the Attorney General or a designated representative;
 - e. five persons, not being public officers, appointed by the Cabinet Secretary; and
 - f. the Chief Executive Officer who shall be an ex officio member.

The clause establishes the board of directors of the Authority which shall oversee management functions of the Authority.

The Board composition includes both State and Non State Actors which provides the suitable competencies required to provide policy guidance to the Authority.

The board is established in accordance with Mwongozo framework which is the code of Governance for state corporations.

The Board shall compose of 9 members as required by Mwongozo.

The Bill also proposes the qualification for appointment of the Chairperson and independent Board members which inter alia includes at least an undergraduate degree and fifteen years' experience for the chairperson and ten years' experience in any relevant field for the members of the Board.

The Senate proposes a new amendments Inserts a **new paragraph (da)** immediately after paragraph (d): "one person nominated by the **Council of Governors**"

Deletes paragraph (e) and **substitutes** a new paragraph (e): "four persons, not being public officers, appointed by the Cabinet Secretary through a competitive recruitment process.

Deletes the words "subsection (1)(e)" and **substitutes** with "**subsections (1) (da) and (e)**

11. **Clauses 8(1)(f)** of The Bill provides for vacancy in the Board. The Chairperson and a member of the Board shall cease to hold office—
- (a) upon the expiry of their term of appointment;
 - (b) upon resignation;
 - (c) if absent without the permission of the Chairperson from three consecutive meetings of the Board;
 - (d) if convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months without the option of a fine;
 - (e) if adjudged bankrupt; and
 - (f) if incapacitated by prolonged physical or mental illness and incapable of discharging their duties.

The Senate proposes an amendment that **Deletes** the original paragraph (f) and **substitutes** with a new paragraph—

"If incapacitated by **physical or mental illness** and incapable of discharging their duties for a period exceeding **twelve months**".

12. **Clause 13(1): Chief Executive Officer** - (1) There shall be a Chief Executive Officer of the Authority who shall be appointed by the Cabinet Secretary on the recommendation of the Board.

The Senate proposes an amendment that **Deletes** the words "Cabinet Secretary on the recommendation of Board" and **substitutes** with "**Board through a competitive process**".

13. **Clause 16(1) – Establishment of a Technopolis** - (1) The Cabinet Secretary, upon recommendation by the Authority, may establish a Technopolis by a notice in the Kenya Gazette.

The Senate proposed an amendment that Inserts a **new subclause (IA)** immediately after subclause (1)—

"The Cabinet Secretary in exercising powers under subsection (1) shall ensure there is **consultation with persons likely to be affected** by the establishment of a Technopolis".

Clause 17: Features of a Technopolis: A Technopolis shall—

- (a) be equipped with state-of-the-art integrated infrastructure and facilities;
- (b) prioritise and promote the exploration and adoption of emerging technologies and disruptive innovations;
- (c) integrate sustainable practices, green technologies and resource efficient solutions into its operations and infrastructure;
- (d) avail a variety of resources and support services including investment opportunities, mentorship programmes, networking events and funding; and
- (e) host enterprises that address national and global challenges by utilizing research, science, technology and innovation.

The Senate proposed an Amendment that Inserts the words "**universally accessible**" immediately after the words "be equipped with". (Original: "be equipped with state-of-the-art integrated infrastructure and facilities")

14. **Clause 30(4): Application and Issue of License** - 30(4) Upon consideration of the application and where the applicant meets the licensing requirements, the Authority may—
- (a) grant a licence; or
 - (b) grant a licence subject to conditions.

The Senate proposed an Amendment that Inserts the words "**within thirty days**" immediately after the words "the Authority may".

15. **Clause 31(2): Refusal to Issue License** - The Authority shall notify the applicant of its decision to refuse the application.

The Senate proposed an Amendment Inserts the words "**within fourteen days of such decision**" immediately after the words "refuse the application".

16. **Clause 32(4): Renewal of Licence** - Where a licensee does not meet the requirements for renewal, the application shall be rejected.

The Senate proposed an amendment that Inserts a **new subclause (5) and (6)** immediately after subclause (4) that provide as follows—

(5) In exercising power under subsection (4), the Authority shall give reasons for the rejection of an application.

(6) Where an application is rejected under subsection (4), the licensee may submit a new application for renewal of the licence.

PART FOUR

4.0 COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

17. Following the committal of the amendments from the Senate on the Bill, the Committee held a meeting on Thursday 5th March 2026 to consider the amendments.

18. **On Clause 7** - The Board of directors of the Authority

Implication

Proposes the inclusion of a nominee of the Council of Governors in the Board for purposes of representation of county governments.

Reduces the number of appointed persons by the Cabinet Secretary from five to four. This maintains the members at five (four appointed and one Council of Governors nominee).

Committee Observations/ Recommendations

The Committee agreed with the proposal.

19. **On Clause Clauses 8(1)(f)** of The Bill provides for vacancy in the Board

Implication

Specifies that incapacity due to illness must be physical or mental and must persist for a period exceeding twelve months for the member to cease holding office.

Committee Observations/ Recommendations

The Committee agreed with the proposal.

20. **On Clause 13(1)** The Chief Executive Officer

Implication

Transfers the power to appoint the CEO from the Cabinet Secretary (on Board recommendation) directly to the **Board**, with the requirement that the process must be competitive.

Committee Observations/ Recommendations

The Committee agreed with the proposal.

21. **On Clause 16(1)** – Establishment of a Technopolis

Implication

Imposes a new statutory requirement for the Cabinet Secretary to **consult** with affected persons before establishing a Technopolis by notice in the *Gazette*.

Committee Observations/ Recommendations

The Committee agreed with the proposal.

22. **On Clause 17(a)** – Features of a Technopolis

Implication

Requires the state-of-the-art integrated infrastructure and facilities to be **universally accessible**, implying compliance with standards for all persons, including those with disabilities.

Committee Observations/ Recommendations
The Committee agreed with the proposal.

23. **On Clause 30(4)** – Application of Licence

Implication

Introduces a timeline that requires the Authority to notify the applicant of the decision to grant a licence **within thirty days** of considering the application.

Committee Observations/ Recommendations
The Committee agreed with the proposal.

24. **On Clause 31(2)** – Refusal to Issue License

Implication

Introduces a timeline that requires the Authority to notify an applicant of the decision to **refuse** a licence **within fourteen days** of making that decision.

Committee Observations/ Recommendations
The Committee agreed with the proposal.

25. **On Clause 32(4)** Renewal of a License

Implication

New subclause (5) requires the Authority to **give reasons** for the rejection of an application for renewal.

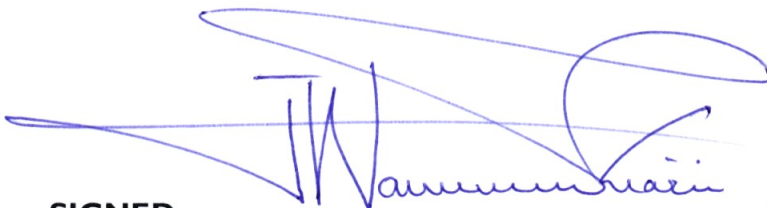
New subclause (6) allows a licensee to **submit a new application** for renewal after an initial rejection.

Committee Observations/ Recommendations
The Committee agreed with the proposal.


PART FIVE

5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

26. The Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation, having considered the Senate Amendments to the Technopolis Bill (*National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2024*) recommends that the House **APPROVES** the proposed amendments.


SIGNED..... DATE..... 01 APRIL 2026

**HON. JOHN KIARIE WAWERU, CBS, MP
CHAIRPERSON
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION AND
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ADOPTION SCHEDULE

We, the undersigned Hon. Members of the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation do hereby append our signatures to adopt; The **Senate Amendments to the Technopolis Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2024)**

No.	MEMBER	SIGNATURE
1.	Hon. John Kiarie Waweru, CBS, MP - Chairperson	
2.	Hon. Alfah Miruka Ondieki, CBS, MP – Vice Chairperson	
3.	Hon. Shakeel Shabbir Ahmed, CBS, MP	
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13th November, 2025

Mr. Samuel J. Njoroge, CBS

Clerk of the National Assembly,

Parliament Buildings,

NAIROBI.

Dear Sir,

RE: PASSAGE OF THE TECHNOLIS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 6 OF 2024)

The above matter refers.

The Senate, on Wednesday, 12th November, 2025, passed the Technopolis Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 6 of 2024) with amendments.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 110 (4) of the Constitution and Standing Orders 46 (2) and 164 (c) of the Senate Standing Orders, I hereby transmit a Message from the Speaker of the Senate conveying the said decision of the Senate to the National Assembly.

I also attach copies of the Votes and Proceedings, the Hansard and the Order Paper of the day the Bill was passed for your reference.

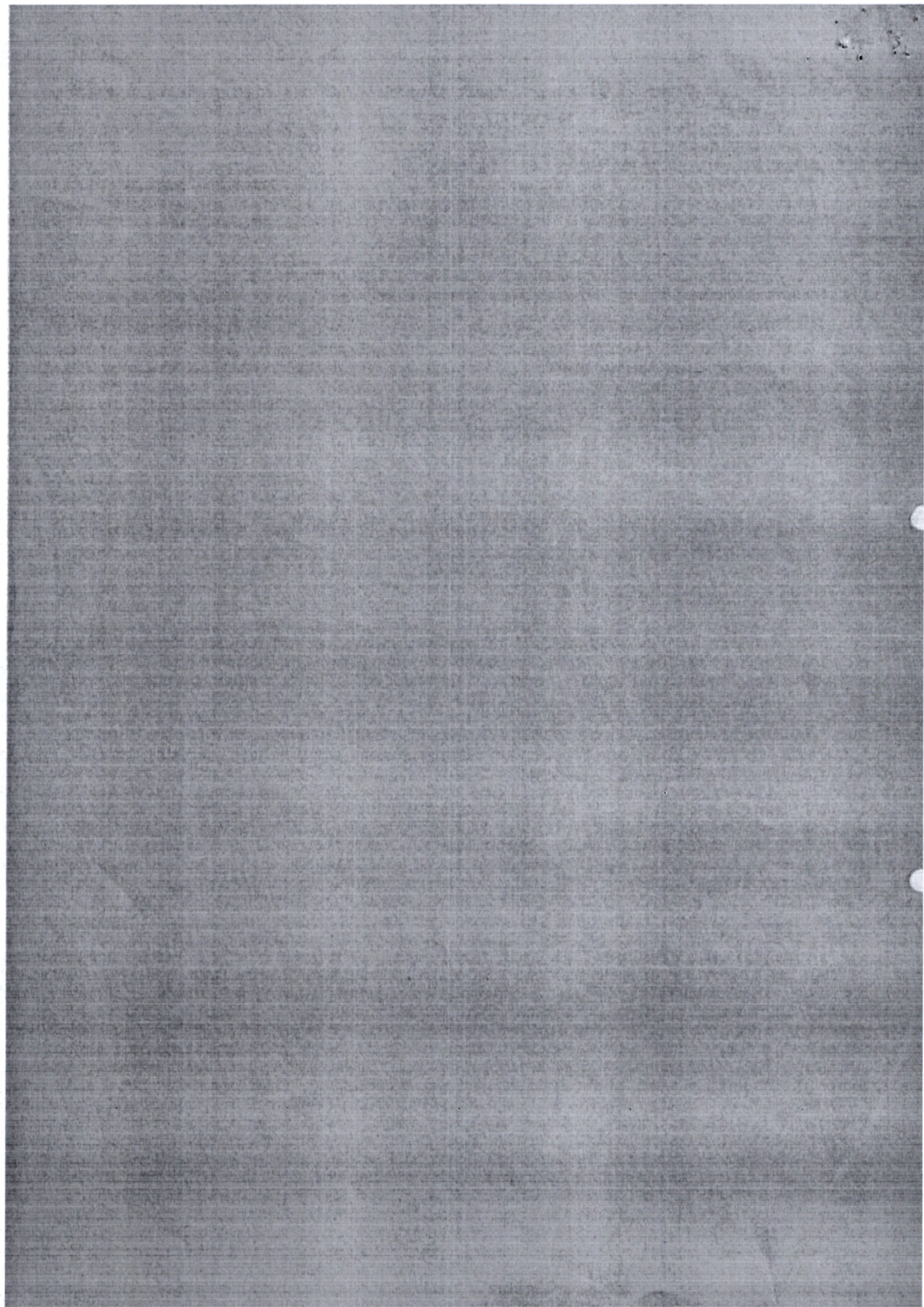
Yours faithfully

For: J. M. NYEGENYE, CBS,
CLERK OF THE SENATE.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

MESSAGES

MESSAGE TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

No. 29 of 2025

SUBJECT: PASSAGE OF THE TECHNOPOLIS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 6 OF 2024)

PURSUANT to Article 110 (4) of the Constitution and the provisions of Standing Order 46 (1) of the Senate Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the Senate –

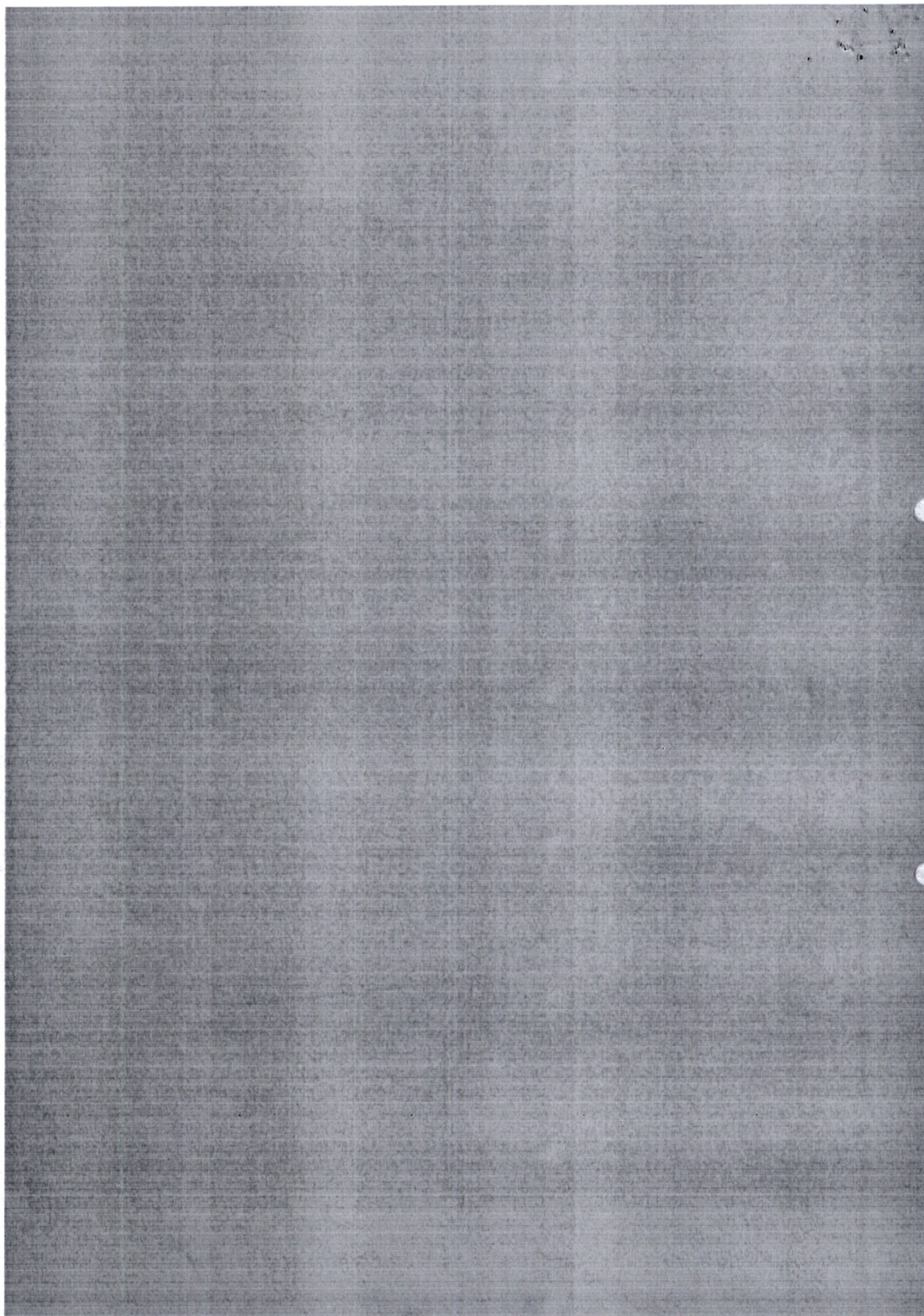
WHEREAS, the Technopolis Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 6 of 2024) was passed by the National Assembly **with amendments** on Tuesday, 19th November, 2024, and thereafter referred to the Senate for consideration pursuant to the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS, the Senate considered and **passed** the said Bill on Wednesday, 12th November, 2025, **with amendments**, as contained in the Schedule of amendments attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 112 (1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Orders 46 (1) and 164 (c) of the Senate Standing Orders, I hereby convey the said decision of the Senate and seek the concurrence of the National Assembly to the Senate amendments.

RT. HON. AMASON JEFFAH KINGI, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

13th November, 2025



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PARLIAMENT OF KENYA
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SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE TECHNOPOLIS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 6 OF 2024)

The following amendments to the **Technopolis Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 6 of 2024)** were passed by the Senate on Wednesday, 12th November, 2025:

CLAUSE 7

THAT clause 7 of the Bill be amended by –

- (a) in subclause (1) by –
 - (i) inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (d) in subclause (1) —
 - (da) one person nominated by the Council of Governors;
 - (ii) deleting paragraph (e) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph in subclause (1) —
 - (e) four persons, not being public officers, appointed by the Cabinet Secretary through a competitive recruitment process; and
- (b) in subclause (3) by deleting the words “subsection (1)(e)” appearing immediately after the words, “of the Board under” and substituting thereof the words “subsections (1) (da) and (e)”.

CLAUSE 8

THAT clause 8 of the Bill be amended –

- (a) in subclause (1) by deleting paragraph (f) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
 - (f) if incapacitated by physical or mental illness and incapable of discharging their duties for a period exceeding twelve months.

CLAUSE 13

THAT clause 13 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by deleting the words “Cabinet Secretary on the recommendation of Board” appearing immediately after the words “appointed by the” and substituting thereof the words “Board through a competitive process”.

Signature: _____

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CLAUSE 16

THAT clause 16 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (1) –

- (1A) The Cabinet Secretary in exercising powers under subsection (1) shall ensure there is consultation with persons likely to be affected by the establishment of a Technopolis.

CLAUSE 17

THAT clause 17 of the Bill be amended in paragraph (a) by inserting the words “universally accessible” immediately after the words “be equipped with”.

CLAUSE 30

THAT clause 30 of the Bill be amended in subclause (4) by inserting the words “within thirty days” immediately after the words “the Authority may” in the introductory clause.

CLAUSE 31

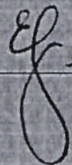
THAT clause 31 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by inserting the words “within fourteen days of such decision” immediately after the words “refuse the application”.

CLAUSE 32

THAT clause 32 of the Bill be amended in subclause (4) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (4) –

- (5) In exercising power under subsection (4), the Authority shall give reasons for the rejection of an application.
- (6) Where an application is rejected under subsection (4), the licensee may submit a new application for renewal of the licence.

Signature: _____

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**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION – 2026
DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES**

**MINUTES OF THE 6TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION & INNOVATION HELD ON 3RD MARCH,
2026 IN COMMITTEE ROOM 16, 3RD FLOOR, MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
AT 12.00 NOON.**

PRESENT

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| 1. Hon. John Kiarie Waweru, CBS, MP | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Alfah Miruka Ondieki, CBS, MP | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Erastus Kivasu Nzioka, MP | | |
| 4. Hon. Shakeel Shabbir Ahmed, CBS, MP | | |
| 5. Hon. Kakuta Maimai Hamisi, MP | | |
| 6. Hon. Joseph Kipkosgei Tonui, MP | | |
| 7. Hon. Anthony Wainaina, MP | | |
| 8. Hon. Bensuda Joyce Atieno Osogo, MP | | |

ABSENT

1. Hon. Flowrence Jematiah Sergon, MP
2. Hon. (Eng.) Mark Nyamita, MP
3. Hon. Bernard Kibor Kitur, MP
4. Hon. Umulkher Harun Mohamed, MP
5. Hon. (Dr.) Gideon Kipkoech Kimaiyo, MP
6. Hon. Khalif Ali Abdisirat, MP
7. Hon. Mumina Gollo Bonaya, MP

SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mr. Finlay Muriuki | - | Committee Lead Clerk |
| 2. Ms. Marlene Ayiro | - | Principal Legal Counsel |
| 3. Mr. Sakana Saoli | - | Clerk Assistant II |
| 4. Mr. Boaz Chebiego | - | Research Officer III |
| 5. Ms. Pauline Njuguna | - | Hansard Reporter II |
| 6. Mr. Danton Kimutai | - | Audio Officer III |
| 7. Mr. Paul K. Shana | - | Serjeant-At-Arms |

Agenda

1. Preliminaries



2. Confirmation of Minutes
3. **Consideration and Adoption of The Senate Amendments to the Technopolis Bill 2024. (NA Bill No. 6 of 2024)**
4. Any Other Business
5. Adjournment

MIN.NO/NA/CII/2026/023: PRELIMINARIES

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:25pm and said the prayer after which self-introductions by Members of the Committee and staff followed.

MIN.NO/NA/CII/2026/024: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The agenda was deferred.

MIN.NO/NA/CII/2026/025: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE TECHNOPSIS BILL 2024. (NA BILL NO. 6 OF 2024)

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the meeting and gave a brief to the Committee. The Committee was informed that the Bill had been placed before the Committee in 2024 and passed with Amendments. And that the Senate had also considered it and reverted in November 2025 for the Committee to consider it.

Specifically, the Senate amendments relate to—

1. **Clause 7** on Composition and qualifications of members of the Technopolis Development Authority Board to include a **nominee of the Council of Governors**.
The Committee carried the Amendment
2. **Clause 8** on Vacancy in the membership of the Board to provide that a vacancy in the Board may arise if a member is incapacitated by **physical or mental illness** and incapable of discharging their duties for a period exceeding **twelve months**.
The Committee carried the Amendment
3. **Clause 13** on Appointment of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) — The Senate proposes that the **CEO be appointed by the Board** and not by the Cabinet Secretary.
The Committee carried the Amendment
4. **Clause 16** on the Establishment of a Technopolis — The Senate proposes to mandate **public consultation** before the Cabinet Secretary exercises the power to establish a Technopolis.
The Committee carried the Amendment
5. **Clause 17** on the Features of a Technopolis — The Senate proposes to enhance the requirement for integrated infrastructure in a Technopolis to include one that is **universally accessible**.



The Committee carried the Amendment

6. **Clause 30, 31 and 32** on Licensing provisions — The Senate proposes **specific timelines for decisions made by the Authority** regarding licensing (Clauses 30, 31, and 32). The amendment to Clause 32 requires the Authority to **give reasons** for the rejection of an application for renewal. It further allows a licensee to **submit a new application** for renewal after an initial rejection.

The Committee carried the Amendment

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Having Considered the Senate Amendments to the Technopolis Bill 2024 the Committee recommends that the House does **Approve**.

MIN.NO.NA/CII/2026/026: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Regular engagements with the Ministry

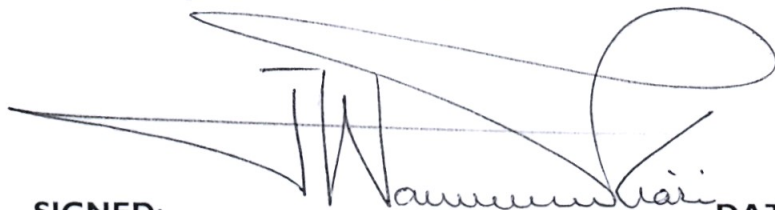
The Committee noted with concern that the regular meetings that were to be held with the Ministry under the Committee's purview had stalled and that it was important to have meetings regularly and not only during budgetary allocation season.

- b. Siaya Digital Summit 2026

The Committee was informed of an invitation by the State Department for ICT & Digital Economy for the Siaya Digital Summit from 6th to 8th March, 2026. The summit themed, "Empowering Siaya's Future: Digital Connectivity, Skills, Jobs and Creative Economy for Sustainable Growth" which shall be graced by **H.E. (Dr.) William Samoei Ruto, CGH** on **8th March 2026**. The summit will bring together ICT industry players, Business Process outsourcing companies, innovators and development partners to deliberate on strategies and opportunities. Members were asked to register their interest to attend the summit for planning purposes.

MIN.NO.NA/CII/2026/027: ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to deliberate on, and the Agenda of the Meeting having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at twenty-eight minutes to two o'clock (1.32 pm.). The next meeting will be held on notice.


01 APRIL 2026
SIGNED: DATE:

HON. JOHN KIARIE, CBS, MP
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION,
INFORMATION AND INNOVATION

