Annex 1: Minutes of the Sittings of the Committee in considering the proposed appointment

13TH PARLIAMENT | 5TH SESSION

MINUTES OF THE 313TH SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS HELD ON THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2026 VIRTUALLY ON THE ZOOM ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM

PRESENT

1.	Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, CBS, MP	- Chairperson ***(Chairing)***
2.	Sen. Veronica W. Maina, CBS, MP	- Vice-Chairperson
3.	Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP	- Member
4.	Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP	- Member
5.	Sen. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, EBS, MP	- Member
6.	Sen. Crystal Kegehi Asige, MP	- Member

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1.	Sen. Raphael Chimera Mwinzagu, MP	- Member
2.	Sen. Karen Njeri Nyamu, MP	- Member

SECRETARIAT

1.	Mr. Charles Munyua	- Principal Clerk Assistant II
2.	Mr. Boniface Kiambi	- Senior Clerk Assistant
3.	Mr. Malcolm Ngugi	- Senior Legal Counsel
4.	Ms. Angela Bonaya	- Clerk Assistant III
5.	Mr. Jackson Matheshe	- Research Officer III
6.	Ms. Linet Aseka	- Research Officer III
7.	Mr. Josphat Ngeno	- Media Relations Officer
8.	Mr. Zenton Williams	- Audio Officer
9.	Ms. Rosebella Ngesa	- Public Communications Officer

MIN. NO. 1090/2026 PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at fifteen minutes past eight O'clock and opened with a word of Prayer.

MIN. NO. 1091/2026 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda of the meeting was adopted having been proposed by Sen. Crystal Kegehi Asige, MP and seconded by Sen. Veronica W. Maina, EBS, MP.

MIN. NO. 1092/2026 **THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 (SENATE BILLS NO. 11 OF 2026)**

The Committee was taken through a Brief on the Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Senate Bills No. 11 of 2026), following its First Reading in the Senate on Tuesday, 15th September, 2026, whereupon it stood committed to the Committee.

During deliberations, Members noted that there were several Bills at various stages of consideration by the two Houses of Parliament, proposing amendments to the Statutory Instruments Act, Cap. 2A of the Laws of Kenya, and resolved that a brief be prepared on the status and proposals contained in each Bill, for consideration by the Committee.

MIN. NO. 1093/2026 **BRIEFING ON THE APPROVAL HEARING FOR THE NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF FEMALE NON-MEMBER COMMISSIONER OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION**

The Committee was taken through a Brief on the procedure for nomination and approval of the nominee for appointment to the position of female Non- Member Commissioner of the Parliamentary Service Commission, including the proposed date for the Approval Hearing and the timelines that the Committee was required to comply with.

Members were urged to diarise and attend the Approval Hearing scheduled for Monday, 28th September, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

MIN. NO. 1094/2026 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Foreign travel by the Committee for FY 2026/2027

The Committee resumed deliberations on the proposed foreign travel by the Committee for FY 2026/2027. Following deliberations, it was resolved-

a) That, based on attendance records at Committee meetings and activities, the following six (6) Members be approved for travel during the financial year-
   i) Sen. Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, CBS, MP
   ii) Sen. Veronica W. Maina, CBS, MP
   iii) Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP
   iv) Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP
   v) Sen. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, EBS, MP
   vi) Sen. Crystal Kegehi Asige, MP
b) That, the Committee undertakes a capacity building program in Istanbul, Turkey during the October recess.
c) That, in the case of Sen. Veronica W. Maina, CBS, MP, the Senator be allocated the sum of Kshs.1.5 million towards facilitating her participation in the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, scheduled to take place in New York, USA, in which case she would forfeit the opportunity to travel with the Committee to Istanbul, Turkey.

MIN. NO. 1095/2026 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at sixteen minutes past nine O'clock. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 24th September, 2026.

SIGNED: .....

DATE: 29.09.2026

13TH PARLIAMENT | 5TH SESSION

MINUTES OF THE 315TH SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS HELD ON MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2026 AT 9:45 A.M. AT THE COUNTY HALL MINI-CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

PRESENT

1. Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, CBS, MP - Chairperson ***(Chairing)***
2. Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP - Member
3. Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP - Member
4. Sen. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, EBS, MP - Member

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1. Sen. Veronica W. Maina, CBS, MP - Vice-Chairperson
2. Sen. Karen Njeri Nyamu, MP - Member
3. Sen. Raphael Chimera Mwinzagu, MP - Member
4. Sen. Crystal Kegehi Asige, MP - Member

SECRETARIAT

1. Mr. Hassan Odhowa - HoD, Governance Committees
2. Mr. Charles Munyua - Principal Clerk Assistant II
3. Mr. Mitchell Otoro - Senior Legal Counsel
4. Ms. Angela Bonaya - Clerk Assistant III (*Taking Minutes*)
5. Mr. Jackson Matheshe - Research Officer III
6. Ms. Linette Aseka - Research Officer III
7. Mr. Josphat Ngeno - Media Relations Officer
8. Mr. Zenton Williams - Audio Officer
9. Mr. John Lekampule - Sergenat-at-Arms

MIN. NO. 1100/2026 PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at twenty-five minutes past nine O'clock and opened with a word of Prayer.

MIN. NO. 1101/2026 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda of the meeting was adopted having been proposed by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP and seconded by Sen. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, EBS, MP.

MIN. NO. 1102/2026 **BRIEFING ON THE APPROVAL HEARING IN RESPECT OF THE NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF A FEMALE NON-MEMBER COMMISSIONER OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION**

The Committee –

a) was taken through and noted the Paper on the legal framework on appointment to the office of Member of the Parliamentary Service Commission (*Committee Paper No. 25A*);

b) was briefed on the documentation received from the Parliamentary Service Commission, the Communication by the Honourable Speaker of the Senate referring the matter to the Committee, the publication of newspaper advertisements informing the public of the time and place for the approval hearing and inviting sworn submissions on the suitability of the nominee, and the letter to the nominee inviting him for the approval hearing;

c) noted that, at as at the time of the meeting, the Clerk of the Senate had not received any memoranda from the public contesting suitability of the nominee for appointment to the position of Member of the Parliamentary Service Commission;

d) noted that the nominee had not notified the Clerk of the Senate of his intention to withdraw from the approval process as outlined under section 6(10) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act (No. 33 of 2011);

e) observed that the nominee had submitted the duly filled Questionnaire in compliance with section 6 (8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (No. 33 of 2011) for consideration by the Committee; and

f) deliberated on possible questions to be asked to the nominee during the approval hearing.

MIN. NO. 1103/2026 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at fifty-eight minutes past nine O'clock. The next meeting will be held on the same day at 10:00 a.m.

SIGNED: .....

DATE: 29.09.2026 .....

13TH PARLIAMENT | 5TH SESSION

MINUTES OF THE 316TH SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS HELD ON MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE COUNTY HALL MINI-CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

PRESENT

1. Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, CBS, MP - Chairperson ***(Chairing)***
2. Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP - Member
3. Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP - Member
4. Sen. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, EBS, MP - Member

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1. Sen. Veronica W. Maina, CBS, MP - Vice-Chairperson
2. Sen. Karen Njeri Nyamu, MP - Member
3. Sen. Raphael Chimera Mwinzagu, MP - Member
4. Sen. Crystal Kegehi Asige, MP - Member

SECRETARIAT

1. Mr. Hassan Odhowa - HoD, Governance Committees
2. Mr. Charles Munyua - Principal Clerk Assistant II
3. Mr. Mitchell Otoro - Senior Legal Counsel
4. Ms. Angela Bonaya - Clerk Assistant III (*Taking Minutes*)
5. Mr. Jackson Matheshe - Research Officer III
6. Ms. Linette Aseka - Research Officer III
7. Mr. Josphat Ngeno - Media Relations Officer
8. Mr. Zenton Williams - Audio Officer
9. Mr. John Lekampule - Sergeant-at-Arms

IN ATTENDANCE

1. Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim - Nominee for appointment to the position of Member of the Parliamentary Service Commission
2. Sen. Hamida Ali Kibwana, MP - Nominated Senator

MIN. NO. 1104/2026 PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at twenty-six minutes past ten O'clock and opened with a word of Prayer, followed by a round of introductions.

MIN. NO. 1105/2026 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda of the meeting was adopted having been proposed by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP and seconded by Sen. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, EBS, MP.

MIN. NO. 1106/2026 APPROVAL HEARING IN RESPECT OF THE NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF FEMALE NON-MEMBER COMMISSIONER OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION

The Committee proceeded to interview the nominee pursuant to provisions of the Constitution, section 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F of the Laws of Kenya, and the Standing Orders of the Senate.

The interview covered the following aspects, among others –

a) Citizenship Status
b) Academic and Professional Qualifications
c) Work and Professional Experience
d) Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations
e) Potential Conflicts of Interest
f) Sources of Income and Net-worth
g) Integrity
h) Suitability for the position of member of the Parliamentary Service Commission

The Committee further considered the Report by the Parliamentary Service Commission on the recruitment of a female non-MP Commissioner of the Parliamentary Service Commission, the completed Questionnaire and supporting documents submitted by the nominee, as well as testimonials received from the public on the suitability of the nominee for appointment to the position.

Thereafter, the Committee thanked the nominee for availing herself for the approval hearing.

MIN. NO. 1107/2023 CONSIDERATION OF THE SUITABILITY OF HON. FATUMA IBRAHIM FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF A FEMALE NON-MEMBER COMMISSIONER OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION

Having concluded the approval hearing, the Committee deliberated on the suitability of Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim for appointment to the position of Female Non-Member Commissioner of the Parliamentary Service Commission, and resolved to recommend that the Senate approves her appointment.

The Committee directed that the Secretariat finalizes on the draft Report for consideration at the next meeting.

MIN. NO. 1108/2026 ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at forty-two minutes past eleven O'clock. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 29th September, 2026.

SIGNED: .....

DATE: 29.09.2026

13TH PARLIAMENT | 5TH SESSION

MINUTES OF THE 317TH SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS HELD ON TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2026 AT 8:00 A.M. VIA THE ZOOM ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM

PRESENT

1. Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, CBS, MP - Chairperson ***(Chairing)***
2. Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP - Member
3. Sen. Raphael Chimera Mwinzagu, MP - Member
4. Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP - Member
5. Sen. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, EBS, MP - Member

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1. Sen. Veronica W. Maina, CBS, MP - Vice-Chairperson
2. Sen. Karen Njeri Nyamu, MP - Member
3. Sen. Crystal Kegehi Asige, MP - Member

SECRETARIAT

1. Mr. Hassan Odhowa - HoD, Governance Committees
2. Mr. Charles Munyua - Principal Clerk Assistant II
3. Mr. Mitchelle Otoro - Senior Legal Counsel
4. Ms. Angela Bonaya - Clerk Assistant III *(Taking Minutes)*
5. Mr. Jackson Matheshe - Research Officer III
6. Ms. Linet Aseka - Research Officer III
7. Mr. Josphat Ngeno - Media Relations Officer
8. Mr. Zenton Williams - Audio Officer

MIN. NO. 1109/2026 PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at twenty-five minutes past eight O'clock and opened with a word of Prayer.

MIN. NO. 1110/2026 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda of the meeting was adopted having been proposed by Sen. Raphael Chimera Mwinzagu, MP and seconded by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP.

MIN. NO. 1111/2026 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a) The Minutes of the 312th Sitting were confirmed as a true record of proceedings having been proposed by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP and seconded by Sen. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, EBS, MP.

b) The Minutes of the 313th Sitting were confirmed as a true record of proceedings having been proposed by Sen. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, EBS, MP and seconded by Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP.

c) The Minutes of the 314th Sitting were confirmed as a true record of proceedings having been proposed by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP and seconded by Sen. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, EBS, MP.

d) The Minutes of the 315th Sitting were confirmed as a true record of proceedings having been proposed by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP and seconded by Sen. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, EBS, MP.

e) The Minutes of the 316th Sitting were confirmed as a true record of proceedings having been proposed by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP and seconded by Sen. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, EBS, MP.

MIN. NO. 1112/2026 MATTERS ARISING

i) Under Min. No. 1087/2026 – Proposed amendments to the Elections Act and Related Laws

Members were informed that the draft Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2026 and the draft Political Parties (Amendment) Bill, 2026 were at the final stages of review and would be scheduled for consideration by the Committee the following week, to pave way for their publication as Bills.

ii) Under Min. No. 1088/2026 – the Public Participation Bill, 2025 (National Assembly Bills No. 44 of 2025)

Members were informed that the Committee was scheduled to meet stakeholders on Thursday, 1st October, 2026 at 9.00 a.m. to receive submissions on the Bill. Further, considering the high number of submissions received on the Bill, it was resolved that the stakeholder engagement be held in two phases, that is on Thursday, 1st October, 2026 and on Thursday, 8th October, 2026.

iii) Under Min. No. 1094/2026 – Foreign Travel by the Committee for FY 2026/2027

Members resolved that the visit to Istanbul, Turkey be undertaken from 18th to 25th October, 2025. Members were informed that the Chairperson would be engaged in other official business on the same dates, and resolved that his allocation be reserved for utilization at a later date.

MIN. NO. 1113/2026 **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE VETTING OF HON. FATUMA IBRAHIM ALI, THE NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF THE FEMALE NON-MEMBER COMMISSIONER OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION**

The Committee considered the draft Report on the vetting of Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali, the nominee for appointment to the position of the Female Non-Member Commissioner of the Parliamentary Service Commission, under Article 127(2)(d) of the Constitution.

The Committee determined that it found the nominee as suitable for appointment to the proposed position, and resolved to recommend that the Senate approves the appointment of Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali to the said position.

Thereupon, the Committee adopted its Report, having been proposed by Sen. Raphael Chimera Mwinzagu, MP and seconded by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP.

MIN. NO. 1114/2026 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at fifty-nine minutes past eight O'clock. The next meeting would be held on Thursday, 1st October, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

SIGNED: .....

DATE: 29.09.2026