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APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON AND
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION**

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AAK-TPC	Architectural Association of Kenya, Town Planners Chapter
ADC	Agricultural Development Corporation
BPS	Budget Policy Statement
CBS	Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear
CMO	Collective Management Organization Education
DCI	Directorate of Criminal Investigations
EACC	Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
EBS	Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear
EGH	Elder of the Order of the Golden Heart
FCPA	Fellow of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants
FIDA	Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya
FY	Financial Year
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
H.E.	His Excellency
HELB	Higher Education Loans Board
HSC	Head of State Commendation
ICPAK	Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Kenya
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICF	International Coaching Federation
ICPSK	Institute of Certified Public Secretaries, Kenya
IHRM	Institute of Human Resource Management
ISACA	Information Systems and Audit Control Association
ISK	Institution of Surveyors of Kenya
JSC	Judicial Service Commission
KEWOSA	Kenya Women Senators Association
KMJA	Kenya Magistrates and Judges Association
KWJA	Kenya Women Judges Association
KIP	Kenya Institute of Planners
KRA	Kenya Revenue Authority
LSK	Law Society of Kenya
MEL	Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
MP	Member of Parliament
NEA	National Employment Authority
NEMA	National Environment Management Authority
NLC	National Land Commission
ODPP	Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
OGW	Order of the Grand Warrior
ORPP	Office of the Registrar of Political Parties
PAPs	Project Affected Persons
Rt.	Right
SACCO	Savings and Credit Co-operative

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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

This Report contains a record of the proceedings of the Departmental Committee on Lands during the approval hearings for nominees for appointment as Chairperson and Members of the National Land Commission (NLC). The nominations were forwarded by the Selection Panel and communicated to the House by the Speaker of the National Assembly on Wednesday, 25th February 2026.

The recruitment process leading to the nominations was conducted by a duly constituted Selection Panel *vide* Gazette Notice No. 11212 of 15th August 2025. The process attracted ninety-three (93) applicants for the Chairperson position and six hundred and nine (609) applicants for the positions of Members of the Committee. For the position of Chairperson, the Selection Panel shortlisted ten (10) candidates while for the positions of Members fifty-one (51) candidates, all of whom proceeded to the interview stage. Interviews were held between 1st and 14th October 2025, with a pass mark set at 70%.

In accordance with Article 250(2) of the Constitution, section 12 of the National Land Commission Act, section 6 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act and Standing Order 216(5) (g) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Rt. Honourable Speaker referred the nominations and accompanying *curricula vitae* of the nominees to the Departmental Committee on Lands for approval hearings and reporting to the House. The Rt. Honourable Speaker directed the Committee to undertake approval hearings and table its report by close of business on Wednesday, 11th March 2026. Subsequently, the Rt. Honourable Speaker further directed the Clerk of the National Assembly to notify the nominees and the public of the date and venue of the approval hearings and invited the submission of memoranda regarding the suitability of the nominees.

Pursuant to Article 118 of the Constitution, section 6(3) and (4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act and Standing Order 45(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Clerk of the National Assembly notified the nominees and placed an advertisement in the print media on Thursday, 26th February 2026 informing the nominees and the general public that the Departmental Committee on Lands would conduct the approval hearings on Monday, 9th March 2026 in the Mini-Chamber, County Hall, Parliament Buildings.

Additionally, and pursuant to section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed advertisements in the print media on Thursday, 26th February 2026 inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavit) on the suitability of each of the nominees. The advertisement indicated that submissions were to be received by Thursday, 5th March 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Further, the Clerk of the National Assembly *vide* letters dated 26th February 2026, wrote to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Office of

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the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), and the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) seeking references and background checks relating to the suitability of the nominees.

By the close of the submission deadline, the Committee had received **three memoranda** from the public. The three memoranda received, **were all hand-delivered** to the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly. Equally, all the **memoranda did not comply** with section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act. The memoranda included written statements that were not made on oath, were not accompanied by supporting evidence and did not raise objections regarding the suitability of the nominees for appointment. Consequently, the Committee resolved to consider the statements as submissions. The detailed analysis of the memoranda is contained in Chapter Three of this Report.

The nominees appeared before the Committee on Monday, 9th March 2026, as scheduled, and the Committee examined their suitability based on the criteria set out in Section 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act. The Committee considered the constitutional and statutory requirements related to the office in question and the suitability of the nominees for the proposed appointments, considering whether the nominees' abilities, experience, and qualities were suited to the relevant Ministries. Furthermore, the Committee examined the nominees' academic credentials, relevant professional training and experience, knowledge of sector issues and personal integrity in accordance with sections 6(7) and (8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act.

Pursuant to section 8 of the National Land Commission Act and sections 6(7), 6(8) and 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, the Committee observed that the nominees demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the portfolios to which they had been nominated and have the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience to be approved for appointment as Chairperson and Members of the National Land Commission.

Having conducted the approval hearings for the nominees pursuant to Article 250 (2) of the Constitution, section 12 of the National Land Commission Act, section 8(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, and Standing Order 199(6) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee recommends that the House approves the appointment of:

- a) **Dr. Abdillahi Saggaf Alawy** nominee for appointment as the Chairperson of the National Land Commission
- b) **Ms. Susan Khakasa Oyatsi** nominee for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
- c) **Mr. Daniel Murithi Muriungi** nominee for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission

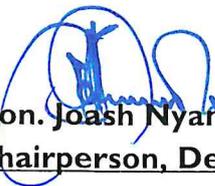
- d) **Mr. Kigen Vincent Cheruiyot** nominee for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
- e) **Hon. Dr. Julie Ouma Oseko** nominee for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
- f) **Hon. Mohamed Abdi Haji Mohamed** nominee for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
- g) **Hon. Mary Yiane Seneta** nominee for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission

May I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Honourable Members of the Departmental Committee on Lands for their devotion and commitment to duty in the approval hearings and for making meaningful contributions towards preparing this report.

The Committee would also like to thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the technical and logistical support provided during the exercise. The Committee further appreciates the nominees' cooperation during the parliamentary approval process. The Committee also appreciates the DCI, EACC, HELB, KRA, ODPP, and ORPP for providing references and background checks related to the suitability of the nominees.

The Committee acknowledges the members of the public who actively participated in the vetting process, followed the proceedings through various media services and shared thoughtful comments that enriched the vetting process.

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Lands and pursuant to Article 124(4)(b) of the Constitution, section 8(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act and the provisions of Standing Order 199(6) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, it is now my duty and privilege to present to the House the Report of the Departmental Committee on Lands on the Approval Hearings of the nominees for appointment as **Chairperson and Members of the National Land Commission**.



Hon. Joash Nyamache Nyamoko, HSC, MP
Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Lands

CHAPTER ONE

I.0 PREFACE

I.1 Establishment of the Committee

1. The Departmental Committee on Lands is one of twenty departmental committees of the National Assembly established under **Standing Order 216** whose mandate is provided under Standing Order 216 (5) (g) as follows:
 - (a) 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;
 - (b) To study the programme and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
 - (c) To on a quarterly basis, monitor and report on the implementation of the national budget in respect of its mandate;
 - (d) To study and review all legislation referred to it;
 - (e) 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;
 - (f) 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;
 - (g) **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);**
 - (h) To examine treaties, agreements and conventions;
 - (i) To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;
 - (j) To consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and
 - (k) To examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.

I.2 Mandate of the Committee

2. In executing its mandate, the Committee on Lands oversees the:
 - (a) State Department of Lands and Physical Planning; and
 - (b) National Land Commission.
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I.3 Committee Membership

3. The Committee comprises the following members—

Chairperson

Hon. Joash Nyamache Nyamoko, MP
North Mugirango Constituency
UDA Party

Vice-Chairperson

Hon. Fatuma Abdi Jehow, MP
Women Representative Wajir County
ODM Party

Members

Hon. Dr. Rachael Kaki Nyamai, CBS, MP
Kitui South Constituency
JUBILEE Party

Hon. Irene Mrembo Njoki, MP
Bahati Constituency
JUBILEE Party

Hon. Dr. Gideon Ochanda, MP
Bondo Constituency
ODM Party

Hon. Leah Sopiato Sankaire, MP
Women Representative Kajiado County
ODM Party

Hon. Mathias Robi Nyambabe, MP
Kuria West Constituency
UDA Party

Hon. Ali Wario Guyo, MP
Garsen Constituency
ODM Party

Hon. Maj. Barrow Dekow, MP
Garissa Township Constituency
UDA Party

Hon. Omar Mwinyi, MP
Changamwe Constituency
ODM Party

Hon. Paul Katana, MP
Kaloleni Constituency
ODM Party

Hon. Thaddeus Nzambia, MP
Kilome Constituency
WIPER Party

Hon. Josses Lelmengit, MP
Emgwen Constituency
UDA Party

Hon. Anthony Kenga Mupe, MP
Rabai Constituency
JUBILEE Party

Hon. Gachoki Gitari, MP
Kirinyaga Central Constituency
UDA Party

I.4 Committee Secretariat

4. The Committee received support in fulfilling its mandate from a Secretariat made up of-

Mr. Joshua Ondari
Clerk Assistant I/Lead Clerk

Mr. Dennis Amunavi
Clerk Assistant III

Mr. Sidney Lugaga
Principal Legal Counsel

Mr. Binensa Mabungu
Clerk Assistant III

Ms. Brenda Michira
Research Officer III

Ms. Judith Kiprop
Fiscal Analyst III

Ms. Mary Kamande
Public Relations Officer III

Mr. Murimi Mwangi
Media Relations Officer III

CHAPTER TWO

2.0 BACKGROUND

1.5 The Recruitment Process

5. The recruitment process was initiated vide Gazette Notice No. 11212 of 15th August 2025 and conducted by a duly constituted Selection Panel.
6. The process attracted ninety-three (93) applicants for the Chairperson position and six hundred and nine (609) applicants for the positions of Members of the Commission.
7. For the position of Chairperson, the Selection Panel shortlisted ten (10) candidates whereas for the positions of Members fifty-one (51) candidates, all of whom proceeded to the interview stage.
8. The Panel conducted shortlisting, background vetting, and public participation exercises. Interviews were held between 1st and 14th October 2025, with a pass mark set at 70%.

8.2 Legal Framework

9. Article 124(4) of the Constitution provides that when a House of Parliament considers any appointment which its approval is required under this Constitution or an Act of Parliament—
 - (a) *the appointment shall be considered by a Committee of the relevant House;*
 - (b) *the committee's recommendation shall be tabled in the House for approval; and*
 - (c) *the proceedings of the committee and the House shall be public.*
10. Article 250(2) of the Constitution provides for the appointment to Commissions. It stipulates that—

“(2) The Chairperson and each member of a commission and each holder of an independent body shall be—

 - (a) *identified and recommended for appointment in a manner prescribed by national legislation;*
 - (b) *approved by the National Assembly; and*
 - (c) *appointed by the President.*
11. Section 7 of the National Land Commission Act, 2012 provides that the chairperson and members of the Commission shall be appointed in accordance with the procedure set out in the First Schedule.
12. Pursuant to paragraph (6) of the First Schedule to the National Land Commission Act, 2012 the National Assembly shall, within twenty-one days, it next sits after receipt of the names of the applicants under paragraph (5), vet and consider all the applicants, and may approve or reject any or all of them.
13. The Committee was guided by the following provisions of the Constitution and statutes in executing its mandate —
 - (i) Article 10 of the Constitution on the national values and principles of governance;
 - (ii) Article 73 of the Constitution on the responsibilities of leadership;

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- (iii) Article 75 of the Constitution on conduct of State Officers;
- (iv) Article 77 of the Constitution on restriction on activities of State Officers;
- (v) Article 78 of the Constitution on dual citizenship;
- (vi) Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and Integrity;
- (vii) Article 118 of the Constitution on public participation;
- (viii) Article 124(4) of the Constitution on consideration of persons for appointment to public office;
- (ix) Article 232 of the Constitution on values and principles of public service;
- (x) Article 250 of the Constitution on appointment to Commissions and Independent Offices;
- (xi) The Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F;
- (xii) The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Act, Cap 7H;
- (xiii) The Public Officer Ethics Act, Cap. 185B; and
- (xiv) The Leadership and Integrity Act, Cap. 185C.
- (xv) The National Land Commission Act, Cap 281

2.3 Notification of Nominations

14. Sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act stipulate as follows—

“3. Exercise of powers of appointment

An appointment under the Constitution or any other law for which the approval of Parliament is required shall not be made unless the appointment is approved or deemed to have been approved by Parliament in accordance with this Act.

5. Notification of nomination

(1) An appointing authority shall, upon nominating a person for an appointment to which this Act applies, notify the relevant House of Parliament accordingly.

(2) A notification under subsection (1) shall be —

(a) in writing;

(b) be lodged with the Clerk of the relevant House of Parliament.

(3) A notification of appointment shall be accompanied by information concerning the nominee, having regard to the issues mentioned in section 7.

(4) For purposes of this Act, a notification of nomination shall be deemed to be duly given on the day on which it complies fully with subsections (2) and (3).”

15. Pursuant to Article 250(2) of the Constitution as read with sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, H.E the President, through the Head of Public Service, forwarded to the Speaker of the National Assembly a letter dated 17th February, 2026, (Annexure 4) forwarding the names and *curricula vitae* of **Dr. Abdillahi Saggaf Alawy** nominee for appointment as the Chairperson of the National Land Commission and **Ms. Susan Khakasa Oyatsi, Mr. Daniel Murithi Muriungi, Mr. Kigen Vincent Cheruiyot, Hon. Dr. Julie Ouma Oseko, Hon. Mohamed Abdi**

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Haji Mohamed and **Hon. Mary Yiane Seneta** as nominees for appointment as Members of the National Land Commission.

2.4 Notification to the House and Referral to the Departmental Committee on Lands

16. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42(1) of the National Assembly and vide *Notification No. 003 of 2026 (Annexure 5) dated 25th February 2026*, the Speaker of the National Assembly conveyed to the House the His Excellency the President's Message on the nomination of:
- (a) **Dr. Abdillahi Saggaf Alawy** for appointment as the Chairperson for the National Land Commission.
 - (b) **Ms. Susan Khakasa Oyatsi** for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
 - (c) **Mr. Daniel Murithi Muriungi** for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
 - (d) **Mr. Kigen Vincent Cheruiyot** for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
 - (e) **Hon. Dr. Julie Ouma Oseko** for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
 - (f) **Hon. Mohamed Abdi Haji Mohamed** for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
 - (g) **Hon. Mary Yiane Seneta** for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
17. In accordance with section 8(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act and Standing Order 216(5)(g) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Speaker submitted the names and *curricula vitae* of the nominees were referred to the Departmental Committee on Lands for approval hearings and reporting to the House by close of business on 11th March 2026. (*Annexure 5*)

2.5 Notification to the Public

18. Article 118 of the Constitution provides that Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in its legislative and other business, as well as in the business of its Committees.
19. Section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act provides that the Clerk shall notify the public of the time and place for holding an approval hearing at least seven (7) days before the hearing. Consequently, and in accordance with Article 118 of the Constitution, section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act and Standing Order 45(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media and Parliament Website on 26th February 2026 (*Annexure 6*) notifying the public that the approval hearings of the nominees would be conducted on 9th March 2026 at the Mini Chamber, 1st Floor, County Hall, Parliament Buildings and an invitation to submit memoranda.

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2.6 Notification to the Nominees

20. The Clerk of the National Assembly vide letters Ref No. *NA/DDC/LANDS/2026(025,026,027,028,029,030 &031)* dated 26th February 2026 (*Annexure 7*) invited the nominees for the approval hearings in accordance with section 6(3) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act.

2.7 Clearance and Compliance Requirements

21. On 26th February 2026, the Clerk of the National Assembly, wrote to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) Ref No. *NA/DDC/LANDS/2026 (022)*, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) vide a letter Ref No. *NA/DDC/LANDS/2026 (021)*, the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) vide a letter Ref No. *NA/DDC/LANDS/2026 (019)*, the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) vide a letter Ref No. *NA/DDC/LANDS/2026 (024)*, and the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) vide a letter Ref No. *NA/DDC/LANDS/2026 (023)*, (*Annexure 8*), requesting information regarding the nominees on the following matters—
- (a) criminal records;
 - (b) ethics and integrity;
 - (c) higher education loan repayment(s);
 - (d) tax compliance;
 - (e) active or previous criminal proceedings; and
 - (f) political party affiliations.
22. On 6th March 2026, DCI vide a letter Ref No. *DCI/CRO/SEC/6/7/2/A/VOL.XIX/17* wrote to the National Assembly and stated that none of the nominees had any previous criminal record.
23. On 2nd March 2026, ODPP vide letter Ref No. *ODPP/SPP/GEN* wrote to the National Assembly and stated that none of the nominees had active criminal proceedings or previous charges recorded against them.
24. On 3rd March 2026, EACC vide a letter Ref No. *EACC.7/10/5 VOL XXXVI (11)* wrote to the National Assembly and stated that the Commission had not undertaken any investigation or recommended prosecution against any of the nominees.
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25. On 3rd March 2026, HELB vide a letter Ref No. *HELB/RR/112009/VI/492* wrote to the National Assembly and stated that all of the nominees were in good standing and none of them had any outstanding loans with the Board.
26. On 11th March 2026, KRA wrote to the National Assembly and stated that all the nominees were tax compliant.
27. On 27th February 2026, ORPP vide a letter Ref No. *ORPP/ORG/34 Vol X (28)* wrote to the National Assembly and stated none of the nominees were officials of any registered political party in Kenya.

2.8 Criteria for Consideration during the Approval Hearings

28. Section 6(7) and (8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act provides that—
- “(7) An approval hearing shall focus on a candidate’s academic credentials, professional training and experience, personal integrity and background.*
- (8) The criteria specified in the Schedule shall be used by a Committee during an approval hearing for the purposes of vetting a candidate.”*
29. Additionally, section 7 of the Act provides that the issues for consideration by the relevant House of Parliament concerning any nomination shall be—
- (a) the procedure used to arrive at the nominee;*
- (b) any constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the office in question; and*
- (c) the suitability of the nominee for the appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominee’s abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which nomination is being made.*
30. The Committee was guided by the provisions of sections 6(7), 6(8), and 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act as well as section 8 of the National Land Commissions Act while conducting the approval hearings.

2.9 Nomination

31. Article 250(2) of the Constitution confers the power to appoint the Chairperson and Members of a Commission on H.E., the President.
32. Section 5(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act further requires the appointing authority to notify the relevant House of Parliament upon nominating a person for appointment.
33. To this end, H.E. the President notified the National Assembly of the nomination of **Dr. Abdillahi Saggaf Alawy** nominee for appointment as the Chairperson of the National Land Commission and **Ms. Susan Khakasa Oyatsi, Mr. Daniel Murithi Muriungi, Mr. Kigen Vincent Cheruiyot, Hon. Dr. Julie Ouma Oseko, Hon. Mohamed Abdi Haji Mohamed** and **Hon. Mary Yiane Seneta** as nominees for appointment as Members of the National Land Commission.

2.10 Constitutional and Statutory Requirements

34. The Committee was guided by the following provisions of law on the requirements for appointment to the State offices—
- (i) Two-Thirds Gender Rule**
35. Article 27(8) of the Constitution provides that the State shall take legislative and other measures to implement the principle that not more than two-thirds of the members of elective or appointive bodies shall be of the same gender.

(ii) Representation of Regional and Ethnic Diversity

36. Article 130(2) of the Constitution stipulates that the composition of the national executive shall reflect the regional and ethnic diversity of the Kenyan people.

(iii) Leadership and Integrity

37. The Committee, in determining the suitability of the nominees, was guided by the provisions on leadership and integrity as outlined under Chapter Six of the Constitution. Article 73(2) of the Constitution provides that the guiding principles of leadership and integrity include –

- (a) *selection on the basis of personal integrity, competence and suitability, or election in free and fair elections;*
- (b) *objectivity and impartiality in decision making, and in ensuring that decisions are not influenced by nepotism, favouritism, other improper motives or corrupt practices;*
- (c) *selfless service based solely on the public interest, demonstrated by —*
 - (i) *honesty in the execution of public duties; and*
 - (ii) *the declaration of any personal interest that may conflict with public duties.*
- (d) *accountability to the public for decisions and actions; and*
- (e) *discipline and commitment in service to the people.*

38. Article 75 of the Constitution provides that a State Officer, regardless of their involvement in public or private life, conduct themselves in a manner that avoids any conflict between their personal interests and their duties as a public official. Furthermore, this Article prohibits any State Officer removed from office in accordance with its stipulations from assuming any other State office.

39. Article 77(1) of the Constitution expressly forbids a full-time State Officer from engaging in any form of gainful employment.

40. Article 77(2) of the Constitution specifically prohibits an appointed State Officer from occupying a position within a political party.

41. Article 78 of the Constitution disqualifies individuals who are not Kenyan citizens from appointment as State Officers. Additionally, a State Officer is prohibited from holding dual citizenship. However, Article 78 (3) provides that state officers shall not include judges and members of commissions.

~~42. The Committee also considered the requirements outlined in the Leadership and Integrity Act, Cap 185C.~~

2.11 Suitability of the nominees for the proposed appointment

43. The suitability of the nominees was evaluated through an examination of their academic credentials, professional training and experience, personal integrity, background, and qualities, as well as their performance during the approval hearings conducted on **Monday, 9th March 2026.**

CHAPTER THREE

3.0 MEMORANDA FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE SUITABILITY OF NOMINEES

44. Article 118 of the Constitution provides that Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative business and other business of Parliament and its Committees. Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 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 office to which the candidate has been nominated*”.
45. Pursuant to Article 118 of the Constitution as read with section 6(9) of Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Thursday, 26th February 2026 inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statement on oath (affidavit) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees in conformity with section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act.
46. The advertisement indicated that the submissions were to be received by Thursday, 5th March 2026 at 5.00 pm. At the close of the submission deadline, the Committee had **received three (3) memoranda that were hand-delivered**.
47. The memoranda were received from the following three (3) entities—
- i. The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya; and
 - ii. The Architectural Association of Kenya.
 - iii. Kituo cha Sheria

3.1 Memorandum by the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya

48. On Wednesday, 4th March 2026, the National Assembly received a submission from the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya stating as follows—

3.1.1 Introduction

49. The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) is a professional body representing land and built-environment professionals in Kenya with over 7,200 members across the disciplines of land surveying, valuation, building surveying, land administration management, engineering surveying, geospatial information management, and property management and estate agency. It was stated that the Memorandum was submitted to the National Assembly pursuant to its constitutional oversight mandate under Article 95 of the Constitution of Kenya and in light of the ongoing vetting of nominees to the National Land Commission.
50. The submission indicated that parliamentary vetting under Article 132(2)(f) of the Constitution is not confined to assessing the personal credentials of individual nominees. It was argued that it extends to interrogating whether the appointing authority has complied with both the letter and spirit of the Constitution and the National Land Commission Act, including adherence to statutory qualification requirements, institutional design, and the principles of independence and professionalism.

51. It was further submitted that the House must therefore consider not only individual suitability but also whether the nomination process and the resulting composition reflect a lawful, rational, and constitutionally compliant exercise of executive power.
52. It was noted that ISK raised two principal issues for the consideration by the House: (a) Whether the composition of the nominees reflects the multidisciplinary expertise contemplated under Section 8(1) and (2) of the National Land Commission Act; and (b) Whether the nominations satisfy constitutional standards of independence, integrity, transparency, and rationality in public appointments.
53. In their submission, the ISK stated that the Memorandum was grounded on constitutional governance and legislative intent.

3.1.2 Historical Context of Land Reforms in Kenya

54. It was stated that the establishment of the National Land Commission was neither incidental nor administrative but was the product of decades of documented land governance failures.
55. The submission highlighted that land in Kenya has historically been at the center of illegal and irregular allocations of public land, **historical** land injustices, politically driven land dispossession, weak land administration systems, and institutional capture and opacity in public land management.
56. It was also noted that these systemic failures prompted the establishment of several commissions of inquiry whose findings fundamentally shaped Kenya's land reform architecture.

3.1.3 The Njonjo Commission (1999)

57. The submission referred to the Commission of Inquiry into the Land Law System of Kenya, which was mandated to examine Kenya's land law regime and recommend reforms.
 58. It was noted that its findings highlighted fragmentation and inconsistencies in land law, executive dominance over land allocation, weak oversight mechanisms, and the absence of professionalized and accountable land governance structures.
 59. Additionally, the submission indicated that the Njonjo Commission recommended structural reforms to insulate land administration from political manipulation and to entrench professionalism in land management.
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3.1.4 The Ndungu Commission (2003-2004)

60. It was further noted that the Commission of Inquiry into the Illegal/Irregular Allocation of Public Land conducted a detailed inquiry into illegal, irregular, and secret allocations of public land.
61. The submission stated that its findings revealed systematic and politically driven grabbing of public land, abuse of executive discretion in land alienation, complicity within administrative land institutions, and the absence of transparent and technically accountable land governance systems.

62. The submission observed that the Ndungu Commission underscored the need for an independent, technically competent land oversight body to prevent recurrence of abuse.

3.1.5 The Post-2007 Reform Imperative

63. The submission stated that following the 2007 post-election crisis, land grievances were acknowledged as a core structural driver of conflict. It was noted that the reform agenda under the National Accord and Reconciliation Act and the broader constitutional review process treated land reform as central to national stability.

64. It was explained that the 2010 Constitution therefore entrenched Chapter Five (Land and Environment) and established the National Land Commission under Article 67 as an independent constitutional safeguard.

65. The submission indicated that the NLC was deliberately designed to professionalize land governance, safeguard public land, address historical land injustices, promote transparency and accountability, and reduce political interference in land administration. It was submitted that it is within this reformist and corrective framework that Section 8 of the National Land Commission Act must be interpreted.

3.1.6 Legal Framework Governing Appointment

66. The submission noted that the National Land Commission is established under Article 67 of the Constitution and operationalized by the National Land Commission Act.

3.1.7 Qualifications (Section 8(1) & 8(2))

67. It was submitted that the Act expressly provides that nominees must have knowledge and experience in fields including land law, land survey, spatial planning, and land economics.

68. The ISK argued that these disciplines are not incidental nor illustrative but are core statutory qualifications reflecting Parliament's deliberate institutional design that the Commission be grounded in core land expertise.

69. It was therefore contended that the National Assembly must interrogate not merely individual CVs, but whether the collective composition reflects the multidisciplinary competence contemplated by statute.

3.1.8 The Technical Nature of the NLC Mandate

70. The submission noted that under Sections 5, 6 and 14 of the Act, the Commission is mandated to manage public land on behalf of national and county governments; review grants and dispositions of public land; investigate historical land injustices; oversee land registration systems; advise on compulsory acquisition and valuation; develop and maintain national land information systems; and monitor land use planning nationwide.

71. It was stated that these functions are inherently technical and spatial in character, requiring deep expertise in land surveying and cadastral systems, valuation and land economics, spatial planning and geospatial data management, land administration and governance frameworks, and environmental as well as natural resource management. The submission expressed concern that the absence of core land professionals at the

decision-making level raises concerns regarding institutional capacity, technical precision, and strategic policy direction.

72. The ISK reiterated that a commission exercising quasi-judicial, technical, and policy functions in land governance must possess internal technical competence sufficient to interrogate cadastral records, valuation methodologies, land information systems, spatial planning instruments, and historical allocation frameworks at the decision-making level.
73. It was argued that technical advice without technical leadership risks institutional dependency and policy distortion. The submission noted that the National Land Commission was designed to be a land-expert-driven constitutional organ.

3.1.9 Independence and the Cooling-Off Principle

74. The submission acknowledged that Section 8(3)(c) of the Act, which previously imposed a five-year cooling-off period for recent holders of elective office, was declared unconstitutional in Petition 116 of 2019.
75. It was noted that while that specific statutory provision no longer operates, its existence reflected a legislative concern regarding institutional independence and insulation from recent partisan political engagement.
76. Additionally, the ISK argued that the underlying constitutional principles remain operative, including Article 10 (rule of law, good governance, integrity); Article 232 (high standards of professional ethics and accountability); and the requirement that constitutional commissions be independent and free from political influence.
77. Further, it was submitted that where a nominee has recently served in elective political office, the National Assembly must carefully consider whether the appointment satisfies the constitutional threshold of institutional independence and public confidence. The submission emphasized that the absence of a statutory bar does not extinguish the constitutional requirement of demonstrable institutional independence.
78. It was also stated that the question before the House is not merely one of eligibility, but of public confidence, perceived impartiality, and structural insulation from recent partisan engagement.

3.1.10 Implications for Land Governance

79. The submission observed that land governance remains one of the most sensitive pillars of Kenya's constitutional order. It was noted that decisions of the Commission directly affect property rights, public infrastructure development, historical land justice claims, investor confidence, revenue administration, and public trust in land institutions.
80. It was submitted that the framers of the Constitution and Parliament deliberately built safeguards, both professional qualification requirements and cooling-off disqualifications, to insulate the Commission from political proximity and technical inadequacy. It was argued that these safeguards must not be treated as procedural formalities.

3.1.11 Requests to the National Assembly

81. The ISK respectfully urged the National Assembly, in exercise of its approval mandate under Article 250(2)(b) of the Constitution and guided by the national values and

principles of governance set out in Article 10, together with the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act and the National Land Commission Act, to undertake the following actions:

82. Scrutinize whether the nominees, collectively, reflect the multidisciplinary expertise contemplated under Section 8(1) and (2) of the National Land Commission Act;
83. Scrutinize whether each nominee satisfies the constitutional standards of independence, integrity, competence, and public confidence required under Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution;
84. Require disclosure of the evaluation criteria and methodology used by the Selection Panel in assessing compliance with statutory qualification requirements;
85. Consider whether the overall composition preserves the institutional design and legislative intent underlying the establishment of the National Land Commission;
86. Where the House determines that the nominations do not meet the statutory qualifications or constitutional threshold of independence and professional competence, to decline approval in accordance with the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act and the National Land Commission Act.

3.1.12 Conclusion

87. The submission stated that this Memorandum was a legal and institutional concern grounded in statute. It was submitted that the independence, professionalism, and credibility of the National Land Commission depend fundamentally on strict compliance with qualification and disqualification provisions set out by Parliament. It was noted that the National Assembly, as the constitutional guardian of legislative intent and public accountability, has the solemn duty to ensure that appointments meet the threshold of legality, technical competence, and institutional integrity.
88. The submission concluded that the House is therefore required to ensure strict compliance with statutory qualifications, fidelity to legislative intent, and protection of institutional integrity. It was argued that approval in the face of demonstrable non-compliance with statutory qualification requirements would undermine legislative intent and weaken institutional safeguards deliberately embedded in the National Land Commission Act. It was finally noted that land governance must be guided by law, expertise, and the public interest.

3.2 Memorandum by the Architectural Association, Town Planners Chapter

89. On Friday, 20th February 2026, the National Assembly received a submission in the form of a statement issued by Architectural Association of Kenya, Town Planners Chapter (AAK-TPC) and stated as follows—
90. The Association expressed deep concern and professional disappointment regarding the nomination of the Chairperson and six members of the National Land Commission (NLC), which had since been transmitted to the National Assembly of Kenya for vetting and approval. It was stated that, as a professional body representing built environment practitioners with statutory responsibility in physical planning, land use regulation, and

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development control, the urgency of reconstituting the Commission to address critical land governance challenges was recognised. However, the submission indicated that a review of the nominees against the constitutional and statutory mandate of the Commission, as provided under the Constitution of Kenya and the National Land Commission Act, revealed a troubling systemic exclusion of core built environment professionals at the level of the Commission leadership.

91. The submission noted that Article 67(2) of the Constitution vests in the National Land Commission critical technical functions. These functions were listed as including managing public land on behalf of the national and county governments, advising these governments on a comprehensive programme for the registration of title in land, monitoring and exercising oversight over land use planning throughout the country, and initiating investigations into present or historical land injustices. It was argued that these functions are inherently multidisciplinary built environment governance responsibilities requiring demonstrable expertise in physical and land use planning, land administration, land economics, environmental planning, surveying, and valuation.
92. It was submitted as a matter of significant concern that, from the qualifications of the nominees, there was limited representation of core built environment professionals among the nominated Commissioners and Members. The stakeholder further stated that the absence of registered Physical Planners, Land Surveyors, Land Economists or Valuation professionals at the level of Commission leadership raised serious questions regarding the substantive adherence to the constitutional principles of merit, professionalism and competence as provided for under Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution.
93. The submission noted that this concern was further compounded by records of the Selection Panel process, indicating that qualified built environment professionals had been shortlisted during the competitive recruitment exercise but did not appear among the final nominees submitted for Parliamentary approval. It was suggested that this outcome raised legitimate public interest questions as to whether the principle of fair competition and merit as the basis of appointment under Article 232(1)(g) of the Constitution was fully upheld in the final nomination process, and whether the nominations faithfully reflected the capability-weighted outcomes contemplated under the statute.
94. It was further observed that Section 8 of the National Land Commission Act requires that the Chairperson and Members of the Commission shall possess knowledge and experience in matters relating to land management, land administration or the natural resources sector. The submission argued that, given the centrality of physical and land use planning and land governance to the Commission's constitutional mandate, the exclusion of professionals trained in these core technical disciplines risked undermining the institutional fitness of the Commission to discharge its obligations under Article 249(1) of the Constitution. That Article requires constitutional commissions to protect

the sovereignty of the people and secure the observance by all State organs of democratic values and principles.

95. The submission posited that a Commission mandated to oversee land use planning systems, public land allocation, tenure regularisation, and compulsory acquisition processes must necessarily embody technical leadership capable of independently interrogating physical and land use planning policy, valuation frameworks, cadastral systems, and development planning standards. It was emphasised that diversity within a constitutional commission is not merely regional; it must also be professional. The exclusion of built environment professionals from the decision-making structure of the Commission was seen as risking the creation of an institutional configuration insufficiently equipped to discharge its constitutional role in national land policy and spatial planning oversight.
96. It was further contended that the absence of such competencies at the Commission level may inadvertently increase reliance on secretariat-level technical staff, thereby weakening the independence of the Commission and exposing its determinations to a heightened risk of legal and administrative challenges. In this regard, it was suggested that the current composition could be construed as a material deviation from the spirit and intent of the National Land Commission Act, which envisages a multidisciplinary Commission capable of addressing the technical complexities of land governance in Kenya.
97. In light of the foregoing, the Town Planners Chapter of the Architectural Association of Kenya called upon the National Assembly, in exercising its vetting mandate under Article 250(2)(b) of the Constitution, to interrogate the technical competencies of the nominees against Section 8 of the National Land Commission Act during the vetting process. The objective, it was stated, was to satisfy itself that the constitutional principles of merit-based appointment and professional competence had not been compromised.
98. The submission concluded by asserting that the sustainable governance of land resources in Kenya is fundamentally a physical and land use planning imperative. It was therefore deemed essential that the leadership of the National Land Commission reflects the multidisciplinary technical competencies necessary to safeguard the integrity of land administration and physical planning systems in the public interest.

3.3 Memorandum by Kituo cha Sheria

99. On Thursday, 5th March 2026, the National Assembly received a written submission from Kituo Cha Sheria and stated as follows—

3.3.1 Introduction

100. The submission was received from Kituo Cha Sheria (Legal Advice Centre), a public interest legal empowerment organisation. It was stated that the Petition was submitted to the National Assembly pursuant to Article 119 of the Constitution of Kenya,

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concerning the constitution of the National Land Commission and the importance of ensuring that appointments to the Commission reflect the statutory competence thresholds and multidisciplinary expertise envisioned under the Constitution and the National Land Commission Act.

101. It was noted that this Petition was submitted in support of the concerns raised by the Kenya Institute of Planners regarding professional competence and land-sector representation in the appointment of Commissioners to the National Land Commission. The submission indicated that the Petitioners were motivated by the recognition that the National Land Commission is a cornerstone institution within Kenya's land governance architecture and that its effectiveness is directly dependent on the technical competence, professional integrity, and multidisciplinary expertise of the individuals appointed to lead it.
102. The submission explained that Kituo Cha Sheria is a public interest legal empowerment organisation that has, for over five decades, worked to advance access to justice for poor and marginalized communities in Kenya. It was noted that through legal aid services, strategic litigation, community legal empowerment programmes, and policy advocacy initiatives, Kituo has consistently engaged with issues relating to land rights, housing justice, historical land injustices, and the protection of vulnerable communities from unlawful displacement and dispossession.
103. It was further stated that over the years, Kituo has worked extensively with communities across Kenya that have been affected by land dispossession, irregular allocation of public land, forced evictions, and unresolved historical land injustices. The submission indicated that through this work, the organisation has gained extensive insight into the structural governance challenges that continue to affect Kenya's land sector and the critical role that competent institutions must play in addressing them.
104. It was therefore submitted that it was in recognition of the central importance of the National Land Commission in resolving these issues that this Petition was respectfully presented.

3.3.2 Constitutional Framework Governing Land in Kenya

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105. The submission observed that land governance occupies a central place within Kenya's constitutional framework. It was noted that the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 introduced transformative reforms in the governance of land with the intention of addressing historical injustices, promoting equitable access to land, and establishing transparent and accountable institutions responsible for land administration.
106. It was stated that Article 60 of the Constitution establishes the fundamental principles of land policy in Kenya. These principles were listed as including equitable access to land, security of land rights, transparent and cost-effective administration of land, elimination of discrimination in law and practice relating to land and property, and the sustainable and productive management of land resources.
107. The submission noted that Article 67 of the Constitution establishes the National Land Commission as an independent constitutional commission mandated to oversee land

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governance in the public interest. It was explained that among its key responsibilities are the management of public land on behalf of national and county governments, the recommendation of national land policy, the investigation of present and historical land injustices, and the monitoring of land use planning throughout the country.

108. It was submitted that the creation of the National Land Commission was therefore a deliberate constitutional response to Kenya's long-standing land governance challenges and was intended to provide an independent institutional mechanism capable of addressing these challenges in a transparent, equitable, and accountable manner.

3.3.3 Statutory Mandate of the National Land Commission

109. The submission indicated that the constitutional mandate of the National Land Commission is further elaborated in the National Land Commission Act. It was noted that Section 5 of the Act outlines the functions of the Commission, including the management of public land on behalf of national and county governments, the investigation of present and historical land injustices and recommendation of appropriate redress, and the monitoring of land use planning throughout the country.

110. It was further explained that the Act empowers the Commission to conduct research relating to land and natural resource governance and to make recommendations to appropriate authorities on matters affecting land administration and policy. The submission observed that the nature of these functions demonstrates that the National Land Commission operates within a highly technical governance environment that requires expertise across multiple disciplines including land law, spatial planning, land administration, natural resource governance, land economics, and social policy.

111. The submission noted that Section 8 of the National Land Commission Act establishes the competence thresholds for appointment to the Commission and requires that the Chairperson and members possess significant knowledge and experience in land-related fields such as land law, land management, spatial planning, land adjudication, natural resource management, or relevant social sciences. It was argued that these requirements reflect the clear legislative intention that the Commission be composed of individuals capable of engaging with the complex legal, social, and technical dimensions of land governance in Kenya.

3.3.4 Historical Land Injustices and the Role of the National Land Commission

112. It was submitted that one of the most significant responsibilities assigned to the National Land Commission is the investigation and resolution of historical land injustices. The submission stated that the Constitution recognised that Kenya's history of land dispossession, colonial expropriation, inequitable settlement policies, and politically influenced land allocation had produced deep structural grievances that could not be adequately resolved through ordinary legal mechanisms.

113. The submission noted that the National Land Commission Act therefore provides a framework through which the Commission may receive, investigate, and recommend redress for historical land injustices affecting communities across the country. It was

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explained that the Act defines historical land injustices as grievances arising from violations of land rights occurring between the colonial period and the promulgation of the Constitution in 2010 that remain unresolved. It was further noted that the Act empowers the Commission to recommend remedies including restitution, compensation, resettlement, and rehabilitation measures for affected communities.

114. It was observed that the resolution of historical land injustices is therefore a complex process requiring not only legal expertise but also historical research, spatial governance analysis, community engagement, and policy development.

3.3.5 Kituo Cha Sheria's Work on Historical Land Injustices

115. The submission indicated that Kituo Cha Sheria has for many years supported communities affected by historical land injustices through legal empowerment programmes, strategic litigation, and policy advocacy initiatives. It was noted that the organisation has assisted communities in documenting historical claims, engaging with administrative processes, and pursuing remedies for land dispossession and displacement that have persisted across generations.

116. It was further stated that judicial decisions have similarly underscored the importance of integrity and competence in public appointments. The submission referred to the case of *Trusted Society of Human Rights Alliance v Attorney General*, where the High Court emphasized that appointments to public office must meet the constitutional standards of integrity, competence, and suitability in order to safeguard the public interest. Reference was also made to *Mitubell Welfare Society v Kenya Airports Authority*, where the courts affirmed the centrality of protecting housing and land rights within Kenya's constitutional framework and highlighted the importance of institutions capable of enforcing these rights in practice. It was submitted that these judicial pronouncements reinforce the constitutional obligation placed upon appointing authorities and Parliament to ensure that individuals appointed to leadership positions within key governance institutions possess the competence and integrity necessary to discharge their duties effectively.

117. The submission explained that through this work, Kituo has engaged with communities affected by colonial land alienation, inequitable land adjudication processes, development-induced displacement, and irregular allocation of public land. It was noted that in many instances, these communities continue to experience profound social and economic marginalisation as a direct result of unresolved land grievances. The submission indicated that Kituo's experience has consistently demonstrated that resolving such claims requires institutions capable of navigating complex intersections between law, history, spatial planning, land administration systems, and community rights.

118. It was therefore submitted that the composition and expertise of the National Land Commission directly influence the ability of affected communities to access meaningful remedies for historical land injustices.

3.3.6 Regional Human Rights Jurisprudence on Land Rights

119. The submission observed that Kenya's constitutional framework for land governance also reflects evolving regional human rights standards under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. It was noted that regional jurisprudence has repeatedly affirmed that states bear obligations to protect communities from dispossession and to provide effective remedies where historical violations of land rights have occurred.
120. Reference was made to the landmark decision of *Centre for Minority Rights Development (Kenya) and Minority Rights Group International on behalf of Endorois Welfare Council v Kenya*, where the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights found that the eviction of the Endorois community from their ancestral lands without adequate consultation or compensation violated the African Charter. It was noted that the Commission held that the State had violated the community's rights to property, culture, religion, and development and ordered the government to recognise the Endorois community's rights to their ancestral lands and provide restitution and compensation.
121. The submission further referred to *African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights v Kenya (Ogiek case)*, where the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights held that the eviction of the Ogiek community from the Mau Forest violated multiple provisions of the African Charter, including rights to property, culture, religion, and natural resources.
122. It was submitted that these decisions underscore the principle that historical land dispossession must be addressed through effective institutional mechanisms capable of protecting community land rights and providing meaningful remedies.

3.3.7 Gender Justice and Women's Land Rights

123. The submission stated that the protection of land rights must also be understood through the lens of gender equality. It was noted that the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa requires States to ensure that women enjoy equal rights to property and land.
124. It was further noted that Article 19 of the Protocol specifically requires States to guarantee women the right to access and control productive resources, including land, and to ensure that women benefit from sustainable development. The submission observed that in the Kenyan context, historical land injustices have often had a disproportionate impact on women, particularly in communities where customary land tenure systems have historically excluded women from ownership and decision-making over land resources.
125. It was submitted that the effective resolution of historical land injustices must therefore incorporate gender-sensitive approaches that recognise the vulnerabilities experienced by women and ensure that land governance reforms advance substantive equality.

3.3.8 The Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) Findings

126. The submission noted that the work of the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission further underscores the centrality of land grievances within Kenya's historical injustices. It was stated that the Commission identified land dispossession, inequitable land allocation, and displacement of communities as among the most persistent drivers of injustice and social conflict in Kenya's post-independence history. It was further noted that its report recommended comprehensive reforms in land governance institutions and emphasised the need for mechanisms capable of addressing historical land grievances in a transparent and equitable manner.
127. It was therefore submitted that the National Land Commission was intended to serve as one of the primary institutional mechanisms through which these historical grievances could be investigated and resolved.

3.3.9 Concerns Raised Regarding the Composition of the Commission

128. The submission indicated that concerns had been raised in 2026 regarding whether the proposed composition of the National Land Commission adequately reflects the professional diversity and land-sector expertise required to discharge its constitutional mandate.
129. It was noted that the Institute had urged Parliament to examine whether the nominees collectively satisfy the competence thresholds contemplated under the National Land Commission Act and whether the Commission's composition reflects the multidisciplinary expertise necessary for credible oversight of land governance and land use planning.

3.3.10 Public Interest Considerations

130. The submission argued that the credibility and effectiveness of the National Land Commission are central to the success of Kenya's land reform agenda. It was submitted that if the Commission is constituted without sufficient representation from key land-sector disciplines, there is a significant risk that its ability to undertake technically sound decision-making will be weakened. It was further noted that given Kenya's history of land-related conflicts and displacement, the competence and credibility of land governance institutions are matters of profound national importance.

3.3.11 Role of Parliament

131. The submission observed that the National Assembly plays a vital constitutional role in safeguarding the integrity of Kenya's governance institutions through its responsibility to vet nominees to constitutional commissions. It was submitted that this responsibility must be exercised in accordance with the national values and principles of governance set out in Article 10 of the Constitution, including transparency, accountability, integrity, and participation of the people.

3.3.12 Prayers

132. In light of the foregoing, it was stated that the Petitioners respectfully urged the National Assembly to carefully consider the concerns raised regarding professional competence and land-sector representation in the appointment of Commissioners to the National Land Commission and to ensure that the Commission is constituted in a manner that reflects the multidisciplinary expertise required to address Kenya's complex land governance challenges.

3.3.13 Conclusion

133. The submission concluded that the National Land Commission was established as a cornerstone institution within Kenya's constitutional land reform framework. It was noted that its effectiveness depends fundamentally on the professional competence, independence, and credibility of the individuals appointed to lead it.

134. It was therefore submitted that Parliament bears a constitutional responsibility to ensure that the Commission is constituted in a manner that safeguards the public interest, strengthens land governance institutions, and enhances the ability of the State to address historical land injustices affecting communities across the country.

3.4 Committee Observations

135. The Committee observed that section 6(9) of the Act states that the memoranda contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold a public office to which the nominee has been nominated should be a written statement on oath. The Clerk of the National Assembly placed advertisements in the print media on Thursday, 26th February 2026 inviting members of the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavits) with supporting evidence contesting the suitability of the nominees to the office they have been nominated by mail, hand delivery or email on or before Thursday, 5th March, 2026 by 5.00 p.m.

136. On Thursday, 5th March, 2026 by 5.00 p.m., the Clerk of the National Assembly was in receipt of memoranda submitted by Institution of Surveyors, the Architectural Association of Kenya and Kituo Cha Sheria.

137. The Committee observed that the memoranda included written statements that were not made on oath, were not accompanied by supporting evidence and did not raise objections regarding the suitability of the nominees for appointment. Consequently, the Committee resolved to consider the statements as submissions.

CHAPTER FOUR

4.0 APPROVAL HEARINGS OF THE NOMINEES

138. The Committee held the approval hearings on Monday, 9th March 2026. The Committee received three (3) submissions from the public that were hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk.
139. The Committee examined the nominees on the areas set out in sections 6(7), 6(8) and 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act and established the following information.

4.1 Dr. Abdillahi Saggaf Alawy, Nominee for Appointment as Chairperson of the National Land Commission

140. The nominee appeared before the Committee on Monday, 9th March 2026 and was vetted under oath to examine his suitability for appointment as Chairperson of the National Land Commission. The Committee noted the following-

4.1.1 Questions from the General Questionnaire *Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth*

141. The nominee is a male adult aged 63 years, was born in 1963 in Wasini, Island, Kwale County and holds Kenyan citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

142. The nominee holds a Doctorate in Agricultural Education, Research Methods and Programs Evaluation from the Ohio State University (Rockefeller Fellow) (1998), Master of Science Agriculture and International Development from the Ohio State University, (June 1993), Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from the Ohio State University, USA, (June 1991) and a Diploma in Agriculture from Egerton University, Kenya, (June 1985).

Employment Record and Work Experience

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143. The nominee has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Development Corporation, Kenya from 2023. He is the Owner and Lead Consultant of Alawy Consultancies for M.E.R.L., E. Africa from the year 2018 to 2023.
144. He has served as the Global Director of M.E.R.L at the Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International, Oxford, UK from 2014 to 2018. Additionally, he was a Senior Manager at M.E.R.L at the Women for Women International, Washington, D.C from 2008 to 2013.
145. The nominee has served as an Evaluation Associate at the Gallaudet University, Washington, DC. from 2006 to 2008. He has served as an Evaluation Associate for the St. Johns Community Services in Washington D.C. from 2003 to 2006.

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146. He has served as a Director of Evaluation at the Public Welfare Foundation where he oversaw \$20 Million annually in major grants, including African land and governance programs at the Washington, DC from 2000 to 2003.

147. The nominee served as the District County Agricultural Extension Officer for Lamu County from 1985 to 1989.

Memberships and Professional Associations

148. The nominee is a member of the Evaluation Society of Kenya from 2015, the American Evaluation Association, and American Management Association from 1993. Additionally, he is a Board Member of the Mombasa County Development Trust from 2022.

Honours and Awards

149. The nominee stated that he has received the following Honours and Awards—Winner of the Rockefeller Foundation Dissertation Award for Africa, 1995-1996 PHI BETA Delta, Honor Society of International Student Scholars (Alpha Epsilon Chapter), and The Ohio State University College of Agriculture's Dean's List, Spring Quarter 1991.

Publication and Writings

150. The nominee has contributed to the following publications and writings—

- (a) Alawy, A. (2024). Leveraging Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) Technology for impactful Agricultural Development in Kenya. Paper presented at the Third Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Conference in Zanzibar, September 17th-20th, 2024.
- (b) Kansiiime, K.M., Alawy, A., Allen, C., Jadhav, A, Paar, M. (2020). Effectiveness of Mobile Agri-Advisory Service Extension Model: Evidence from D2F Programme in India. World Development Perspectives.
- (c) Alawy, A. and Roth, D. (2012a). Integrating A Theory of Change into Monitoring and Evaluation Practice. Good Practices for Non-Profits in Monitoring and Evaluation: A Hilton Foundation Laureate Sourcebook. (Linda Morra Imas, ed.).
- (d) Alawy, A. and Roth, D. (2012b). Tracking the Sustainability of Program Outcomes through Graduate Follow-Up. Good Practices for Non-Profits in Monitoring and Evaluation: A Hilton Foundation Laureate Sourcebook. (Linda Morra Imas, ed.).
- (e) Alawy, A. and Roth, D. (2012c). Using Scorecards to Convey Data. Good Practices for Non-Profits in Monitoring and Evaluation: A Hilton Foundation Laureate Sourcebook. (L. Morra Imas, ed.).
- (f) Alawy, A. (2003). Facilitating Healthcare Reform in the States: Evaluating Ten Years of Public Welfare Foundation Support to Healthcare Consumer Groups. Washington, DC.

- (g) Alawy, A. (2003). Capturing the Special Funding Opportunities: A Review of Special Opportunities Grants from 1992 to 2002. Washington, DC.
- (h) Alawy, A. (2002). Striving for Excellence in Protecting Human Rights in the United States: An Evaluation of PWF-funded Projects in Two Funding Areas. Countering Hate-Motivated Violence and Discrimination; and Immigration and Refugees. Washington, DC.
- (i) Alawy, A. (2002). Evaluation of Public Welfare Foundation-Funded Efforts to Eradicate Female Genital Mutilation in Africa. Report on Burkina Faso, Mali, Gambia, Sudan, Somalia, Egypt, and Kenya. Washington, DC.
- (j) Alawy, A. (1999). Serving Women's Groups in Kenya: In-Service Training Needs of Extension Agents in T&V Extension System. 15th Annual Conference for the Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and Scarborough, Tobago.
- (k) Alawy, A. (1998). Accessibility of Women's Groups to Agricultural Extension Services in Kenya: An Exploratory and Descriptive Study of Factors, Needs and Problems in Kwale, Kenya.

Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations

151. The nominee stated that he is the Chairman of the Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC).

Integrity

152. The nominee submitted that he has not been charged in a court of law, nor has he been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report produced by Parliament or a Commission of Inquiry within the past three years. In addition, the nominee stated that he has never been dismissed or removed from office for violating the provisions outlined in Article 75 of the Constitution.

Income and Net Worth

153. The nominee stated that his current sources of income include salary from the Agricultural Development Corporation at Ksh. 80,000/- gross monthly, allowances from Agricultural Development Corporation ranging at approximately Ksh. 700,000-1,000,000 annually and income from poultry farming estimated at Ksh. 150,000/- monthly. He estimated his net worth to be Ksh. 62,000,000.

Potential Conflict of Interest

154. The nominee declared that he is not currently associated with any individuals or issues that could present a conflict of interest if he assumed the position of Chairperson of the National Land Commission.

155. He stated that if any conflict of interest were to arise, he would—

- (a) He will apply the principles under Article 73 of the Constitution, the Leadership and Integrity Act, and the Public Officer Ethics Act.
- (b) Upon identifying a potential conflict, he would immediately disclose it in writing, and ensure it is recorded in the Commission's records, and recuse himself in accordance with established procedures.
- (c) Institutionally, he would strengthen compliance systems by enforcing annual declarations of wealth and interests, embedding ethics reviews within the Commission processes, and ensuring that decisions are documented transparently.
- (d) Procedurally, he would ensure that conflict of interest concern is addressed through disclosure, documented assessment, recusal where necessary, and formal resolution grounded in constitutional and statutory standards. The goal is to protect both due process and public confidence in the Commission.

Pro bono and Charity Work

156. The nominee stated that he has participated in the following pro bono and charity work—

- (a) He supports four mosques across Kwale and Mombasa Counties in the Coast region including assistance with sound systems, minor building repairs, generator fuel, and other operational needs amounting to approximately Ksh. 20,000/-
- (b) He contributes toward the Imams' stipends and other recurring monthly expenses for the mosques amounting to approximately Ksh. 7,000/- to 10,000/- per month.
- (c) He makes occasional charitable contributions to support vulnerable individuals and community needs including hospital assistance facilitated through both mosques and churches, medical bills support, and school fees for orphaned children.
- (d) He makes an annual donation to the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya Rehabilitation Clinic in Bombolulu, Mombasa.
- (e) He donates his time and professional skills by serving in the Mombasa County Development Trust (MCDT), which supports development initiatives in education, healthcare, and other county programs by monitoring and overseeing project implementation.
- (f) He serves voluntarily as Chairperson of two homeowners' associations in Mombasa and Nairobi, where he oversee service provision, maintenance, security, and general management on behalf of tenants and property owners.

4.1.2 General and Sector-Specific Questions for the Nominee

157. The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on his suitability for appointment as Chairperson of the National Land Commission. The nominee responded as follows.

On Key Priority Areas if Appointed

158. The nominee stated that his key priority areas would include among others enhancing the use of technology and data analytics in land management and administration, addressing and resolving of historical land injustices and strengthening of institutional mechanisms for effective land governance.

159. He noted that the integration of digital systems and data-driven approaches would improve efficiency and transparency in land management.

On Conflict of Interest and Perception of Bias

160. The nominee informed the Committee that his family owns approximately 309 acres of land in Wasini Island of which is about five (5) percent is occupied. He stated that there had been a land dispute relating to the property but indicated that the legal aspects of the case had already been concluded.

161. He assured the Committee that in the event any matter relating to the land is brought before the National Land Commission, he would declare a conflict of interest and recuse himself from deliberations in accordance with applicable laws and ethical standards.

On Historical Land Injustices

162. On the historical land injustices, particularly in the coastal regions, the nominee stated that resolving historical land injustices would be one of his key priority areas if appointed.

163. He assured the Committee that he would endeavour to ensure timely resolution of land disputes as he would invoke alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

~~164. On his approach to reducing backlog of historical land injustices, the nominee stated that he would seek additional funding to strengthen the Commission's capacity to effectively handle such matters.~~

On Allegations of Illegal Allocation of Land by the ADC

165. The nominee informed the Committee that the allocation of the 250,000 acres of land in question required parliamentary approval before being handed over by the ADC.

On Compulsory Acquisition

166. The nominee stated that it was important to establish and operationalize a national value index to guide fair and consistent valuation of land across the country.

On Technical Expertise in Land Matters

167. In response to concerns regarding land technical expertise, the nominee informed the Committee that the Commission is supported by an able secretariat and technical staff with the necessary expertise to effectively undertake the Commission's mandate.

On Multi-Agency Collaboration

168. On the issue of ensuring multi-agency collaboration and reducing overlap of mandates between the National Land Commission and the State Department of Lands and Physical Planning, the nominee stated that the Constitution clearly stipulates the roles of the Commission in public land management and administration.

169. He emphasized that all institutions involved in land governance should operate within their statutory mandates and should strengthen coordination through inter-agency forums and consultations.

4.1.3 Committee Observations on the Suitability of the Nominee

170. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his *curriculum vitae*, memorandum from the public and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as Chairperson of the National Land Commission—

- (a) **THAT** in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to State Office as he is a Kenyan citizen.
- (b) **THAT** the nominee holds a Doctorate in Agricultural Education, Research Methods and Programs Evaluation, a Master of Science Agriculture and International Development, a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics and a Diploma in Agriculture.
- (c) **THAT** the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution regarding leadership and integrity, having obtained clearances from the following statutory bodies: DCI, EACC, HELB, KRA, ODPP, and ORPP.
- (d) **THAT** the nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the past three years.
- (e) **THAT** the nominee does not hold office in any political party.
- (f) **THAT** the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity), and Article 77 (restriction on activities of State Officers) of the Constitution.
- (g) **THAT** the nominee, despite initial presentational challenges, demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on

management of natural resources and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience to serve as Chairperson of the National Land Commission.

- (h) **THAT** the nominee possesses relevant experience in public service, having served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Development Corporation.

4.2 Ms. Susan Khakasa Oyatsi Nominee for Appointment as Member of the National Land Commission

171. The nominee appeared before the Committee on Monday, 9th March 2026 and was vetted under oath to examine his suitability for appointment as Member of the National Land Commission. The Committee noted the following—

4.2.1 Questions from the General Questionnaire ***Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth***

172. The nominee is a female adult aged 61 years, was born on 17th July 1965 and holds Kenyan citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

173. The nominee holds a Master in Business Administration from the University of Nairobi (2011) and a Bachelor of Arts from Kenyatta University (1990).

Employment Record and Work Experience

174. The nominee has served as a Finance Advisor to the Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service, at the Executive Office the President from 2023 to 28th February 2026. She has also served as the acting director of finance in the Judiciary of the Republic of Kenya from 19th February 2015 to 28th February 2023.

175. She served as the Regional Assistant Director Finance and Accounts, Nairobi Region in the Judiciary of the Republic of Kenya from 1st August 2013 to 18th February 2015. Additionally, the nominee was serving as the Chief Accountant at the Energy Regulatory Commission from 5th January 2004 to 31st July 2013.

176. She served as an Assistant Accountant and Human Resources Officer at the Energy Regulatory Board from 10th February 2000 to 31st December 2003.

177. She was the Head of Management Accounts and Credit Control Heritage A.I.I. Insurance Company from 5th January 1994 to 31st December 2000.

178. The nominee served as the Head of Department, Business Education at St. George's Girls Secondary School from 1st March 1990 to 31st January 1994.

Honours and Awards

179. The nominee has received the following Honours and Awards—

180. An award of Moran of the Burning Spear (MBS) by His Excellency the President, of the Republic of Kenya in 2023.

181. A commendation by Hon. Justice David Kenani Maraga, The Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya for diligent, effective and exemplary service in 2020.
182. A Note of Appreciation by the Judicial Service Commission of Kenya in 2019.
183. A commendation by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK), in 2018, and
184. A Certificate of Service by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants (ICPAK) in 2017.

Memberships and Professional Associations

185. The nominee is a Fellow of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (FCPA), awarded by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK), in 2021.
186. She served as a Council member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) in 2014, for two terms of 3 years each which came to an end in 2021.
187. She served as a Council member of the Association of Women Accountants of Kenya in 2007.
188. She is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Kenya and membership No. 3564896, the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) and the Director on Corporate Governance by Centre for Corporate Governance.

Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations

189. The nominee indicated that she does not hold any public office, neither is she actively engaged in any political activities nor associated to any political affiliations.

Integrity

190. The nominee submitted that she has not been charged in a court of law, nor has she been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report produced by Parliament or a Commission of Inquiry within the past three years. In addition, the nominee stated that she has never been dismissed or removed from office for violating the provisions outlined in Article 75 of the Constitution.

Income and Net Worth

191. The nominee stated that she estimated her net worth to be Kshs. 450,916,000/-.

Potential Conflict of Interest

192. The nominee declared that she is not currently associated with any individuals or issues that could present a conflict of interest if she assumed the position of Member of the National Land Commission. She stated that if any conflict of interest were to arise, she would declare and honourably and respectfully recuse herself.
193. She also stated that she would resolve a potential conflict of interest by recusing herself from acting, participating or sitting in any formal context or assignment that directly or indirectly relates to or affects the conflicted party to preserve her dignity and uphold fairness.

194. She further stated that she would address the situation by formally writing to the Chairperson of the Commission explaining how she is conflicted and mentioning all the relevant legislation recently enacted such as the Conflict of Interest Act 2025 and the Constitution to justify her recusal and other courses of action that she would take.

Pro bono and Charity Work

195. The nominee stated that she has participated in pro bono and charity work including paying school fees for several vulnerable children in Secondary School and University amounting to approximately Ksh. 300,000/-.

196. She also stated that she offers motivational financial talks to non-financial groups and the former Schoolmates. Additionally, she stated that she accommodates vulnerable students during school holidays.

197. She further stated that she has offered motivational talks to orphans since she was also orphaned at the early stages of her life.

4.2.2 General and Sector-Specific Questions for the Nominee

198. The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on her suitability for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission. The nominee responded as follows—

On Inter-Agency Conflict Resolution Mechanisms

199. The nominee stated that internal conflict resolution between the NLC and the State Department of Lands and Physical Planning was indeed important. Some of the interventions proposed by the nominee to resolve conflict include among others to encourage consultation, coordination and cooperation within the two institutions.

200. Additionally, she proposed to uphold the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and the rule of law to manage the unending dispute between the two entities.

On judgement, professional ethics and Institutional loyalty

201. The nominee confirmed that she is a fellow member of ICPAK (Member No. 5517) and that her work had been recognized as exemplary. She stated that her status on the ICPAK Membership portal indicated “not in good standing” because the Public Service Commission was yet to update her membership and CPD Points.

On Safeguarding Public Funds

202. The nominee affirmed to the Committee that she would ensure value for money in respect of interest earned from deposit accounts. She further undertook to promote prudent and responsible utilization of public funds and to institute appropriate risk management measures to safeguard public resources and minimise wastage.

On Expeditious Completion of Cases

203. The nominee stated that she had a track record of coming up with the Judiciary Finance Tracking System. She stated that there was need to prioritize NLC's engagement with the Judiciary leadership to borrow lessons on how to expedite the cases.
204. She noted that if appointed, she would use her accounting techniques to evaluate the cases and determine how finances will be distributed on a case-to-case basis.
205. Additionally, the nominee submitted that the Commission could adopt an automated, tracking, alert or read only access system for land matters.

On Handling of Corruption

206. The nominee submitted that corruption cases such as fake or double titling could be handled through automation of the systems, collaboration with the investigative agencies and putting in place firm measures against individuals involved in corruption.

On her Opinion Regarding the NLC Budget

207. The nominee submitted that in the 2026 Budget Policy Statement (BPS), the Commission's ceiling is at Ksh. 3.1 billion which is lower than the budget for the FY 2025/26. She affirmed that if approved as member of the NLC Commission, she would champion for additional budget for the Commission to attain its strategic objectives.

On Technical Competence and Expertise

208. The nominee stated that she would liaise with the Secretariat to obtain the necessary technical support.

On the Role of NLC in Land Allocation for the Affordable Housing Program

209. The nominee stated that the National Land Commission should undertake due diligence on land prior to any acquisition in accordance with the law.

On Establishing Binding Commitments on the Record

210. The nominee stated that, if appointed, she would ensure value for money in the use of public funds. Additionally, she indicated that she would put in place appropriate control measures across the institution, particularly within the legal department to ensure expeditious completion of cases. Further, she indicated that she would review audit reports to identify areas requiring improvement and strengthen accountability.

On Allegations of Suing her former Employer

211. The nominee stated that she had instituted a suit against her employer after serving in an acting capacity for seven (7) years between 2014 and 2020.
212. She submitted that she had attended two interviews for the substantive position and subsequently followed up on the outcome but did not receive any response, instead her acting position was extended.
213. She further noted that in 2020 she engaged an advocate and filed the matter in court. The nominee stated that the court initially determined the case in her favour. However, the decision was subsequently appealed.

4.2.3 Committee Observations on the Suitability of the Nominee

214. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, her *curriculum vitae*, memorandum from the public and having heard her oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission—

- a) **THAT** in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to State Office as she is a Kenyan citizen.
 - b) **THAT** the nominee holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree.
 - c) **THAT** the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution regarding leadership and integrity, having obtained clearances from the following statutory bodies: EACC, DCI, HELB, KRA, ODPP, and ORPP.
 - d) **THAT** the nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the past three years.
 - e) **THAT** the nominee does not hold office in any political party.
 - f) **THAT** the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity), and Article 77 (restriction on activities of State Officers) of the Constitution.
 - g) **THAT** the nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on public administration and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience to serve as a Member of the National Land Commission.
 - h) **THAT** the nominee possesses relevant experience in public service, having served at the Judiciary for over two decades and developed the Judiciary Financial Management Information System.
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4.3 Mr. Daniel Murithi Muriungi Nominee for Appointment as Member of the National Land Commission

215. The nominee appeared before the Committee on Monday, 9th March 2026 and was vetted under oath to examine his suitability for appointment as Member of the National Land Commission. The Committee noted the following—

4.3.1 Questions from the General Questionnaire *Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth*

216. The nominee is a male adult aged 47 years, was born in 1979 in Nkubu, Meru County and holds Kenyan citizenship.

Report of the Departmental Committee on Lands on the Approval Hearings of Nominees for the Position of Chairperson and Members of the National Land Commission.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

217. The nominee holds a Master of Science in Environmental Planning and Management from Kenyatta University (2015), a Postgraduate Diploma from the Kenya School of Law (2008), a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Nairobi, (2007) and a Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Professional Studies (2000).

Employment Record and Work Experience

218. The nominee has over ten years of legal practice specializing in conveyancing and property law. He has served as Managing Partner in Daniel and Kenneth Advocates LLP from 2020 to date. He has also served as Managing Partner for Sheikh and Company Advocates from 2013 to 2020.

219. The nominee served as Head of Conveyancing at Ahmednasir, Abdikadir and Company Advocates from October 2009 to March 2013. He also served as a Legal Assistant in the same law firm from August 2007 to October 2009.

220. He has served as Legal Assistant in Kiogora Mutai and Company Advocates from 2004 to 2007, the Electoral Commission of Kenya in December 2002 and Muriungi and Company Advocates from 2000 to 2002.

Honours and Awards

221. The nominee stated that he had received the following awards—

- (a) Awarded a Certificate of participation for attending the 5th Africa Aviation Law Conference 2015 – Consumer Rights and Protection
- (b) Awarded a Certificate of participation for attending the 5th Africa Aviation Law Conference 2019 – Challenges of Aviation Industrial Growth in Africa.
- (c) Certificate of Attendance from Strathmore University Law School for participating in the Air Law Conference on 30th and 31st May 2019
- (d) Awarded a Certificate of recognition by The Lawyer Africa which listed me among the top 100 Real Estate and Finance lawyers in Kenya in 2023.
- (e) Certificate of attendance National Business Forum Master Class on 5th and 6th December 2023
- (f) Awarded a Certificate of recognition by The Lawyer Africa Listing me in the Hall of Fame in Real Estate and Finance lawyers in Kenya in 2025.
- (g) Awarded a Certificate of recognition by The Lawyer Africa Listing the Law firm I manage as a Top 20 law firm in Kenya in 2023/2024.
- (h) Awarded a Certificate of recognition by The Lawyer Africa Listing the Law firm I manage as a Top 20 law firm in Kenya in 2024/2025.

Memberships and Professional Associations

222. The nominee is a Member of the Law Society of Kenya and has served in the Law Society of Kenya, Land & Conveyancing Committee from 2018 to 2019, East Africa Law Society since 2009, National Environmental Management Authority, Associate Expert in 2017 and the Kenya Industrial Property Institute, Patent Agent in 2010 respectively.

Publications and Writings

223. The nominee stated that he had done several publications and articles including—
- (a) Regulating Bank Charges in Kenya – A dissertation published in Partial Fulfilment of a Bachelor’s degree in law from the University of Nairobi.
 - (b) Enforcement of Development Control in Syokimau Residential Neighbourhood, Machakos County. A project Report Submitted in Partial Fulfilment for the Award of Master’s Degree, MSC. Environmental Planning and Management from Kenyatta University.
 - (c) Navigating Aircraft Acquisition in Kenya: A Tale of Two Realities; <https://thelawyer.africa/author/daniel-and-kenneth-advocates-llp/>
 - (d) Interest Rates, Illegality and the Banking Industry: A Cautionary Tale from Timba v HFCK <https://thelawyer.africa/author/daniel-and-kenneth-advocates-llp/>
 - (e) Proposed Land Act Amendments Threaten Affordable Housing Protections <https://thelawyer.africa/author/daniel-and-kenneth-advocates-llp/>
 - (f) Limitation of Actions in Civil Litigation: Why It Is Not a Proper Preliminary Objection <https://thelawyer.africa/author/daniel-and-kenneth-advocates-llp/>
 - (g) Legal Perspective on the Acquisition of National Bank of Kenya (NBK) by Access Bank PLC <https://thelawyer.africa/author/daniel-and-kenneth-advocates-llp/>
 - (h) Sehmi vs Tarabana: Supreme Court Clarifies Bona Fide Purchaser Doctrine <https://thelawyer.africa/author/daniel-and-kenneth-advocates-llp/>

Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations

224. The nominee indicated that he does not hold any public office, nor is he actively engaged in any political activities nor associated with any political affiliations.

Integrity

225. The nominee submitted that he has not been charged in a court of law, nor has he been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report produced by Parliament or a Commission of Inquiry within the past three years. In addition, the nominee stated that he has never been dismissed or removed from office for violating the provisions outlined in Article 75 of the Constitution.

Income and Net Worth

226. The nominee stated that he has deferred income from Buff Air Services Limited amounting to approximately Kshs. /-12,000,000, Ksh. 30,000,000/- from Daniel & Kenneth Advocates LLP, Ksh. 2,000,000 from Almak Limited and Ksh. 1,000,000 from farming annually.

227. He stated that his current sources of income include income from Buff Air Services Limited and Daniel and Kenneth Advocates LL. P amounting to Ksh 55,500,000/-.

228. He estimated his net worth to be Kshs. 300,000,000 comprising—

- (a) Residential House Nairobi/Block 72/1014 Kshs. 35,000,000

- (b) A Hostel block comprising of 54 Units erected on Karinga/Ndagani 10338- Kshs. 70,000,000
- (c) Property Title Number: Nkuene/Kathera/2290 – Kshs. 5,000,000
- (d) Property Title Number Kajiado/Kitengela/50956 – Kshs. 10,000,000
- (e) Apartment Number 21A erected on Land Reference Number 209/20263 – Kshs. 12,000,000
- (f) Daniel and Kenneth Advocates LLP – 70% Shares
- (g) Buff Air Services Limited – 12% Shares
- (h) Champagne Ridge View Limited – 60% Shares
- (i) Formula One Investments Limited – 20% Shares
- (j) Dunville Brooks Limited – 50% shares
- (k) Hekida Limited – 20% shares
- (l) Rayland Construction Company Limited 50% shares
- (m) Almak Limited 50% Shares

Potential Conflict of Interest

229. The nominee declared that he is not currently associated with any individuals or issues that could present a conflict of interest if he assumed the position of Member of the National Land Commission.
230. He stated that if any conflict of interest were to arise, he would resolve it through a structured process grounded in transparency, accountability and strict compliance with the law and applicable ethical standards.
231. He stated that he would undertake a continuous self-assessment and due diligence review of his personal, professional, and financial interests, as well as those of his immediate family members, to proactively identify any actual, perceived, or potential conflicts. This will include reviewing matters placed before the office against his declared interests and maintaining up-to-date disclosures as required by law.
232. The nominee stated that where a matter presented even a reasonable perception of conflict, he would promptly make full written disclosure and seek formal guidance where necessary.
233. He further stated that if a conflict is confirmed or would be reasonably likely, he would recuse himself from any deliberation, decision-making, or access to related confidential information concerning that matter, and ensure the recusal is properly recorded.
234. He also stated that he would strictly adhere to the Constitution, applicable statutes, leadership and integrity requirements, and institutional codes of conduct, ensuring that all actions taken are transparent, documented, and defensible. Additionally, he added that his approach would be preventive rather than reactive, always prioritising public confidence and institutional integrity.

Pro bono/Charity Work

235. The nominee stated that he participated in the following pro bono and charity works.
- (a) He offered free legal services to the underprivileged through the law firm offices in Nairobi, Meru and Kisumu amounting to approximately Ksh. 15,000,000/- worth of legal fees waived.

- (b) He participated in a Corporate Social Responsibility event in Langata Women's Prison Kindergarten in 2024, where his office cooked, spent time with the Children aged between 1 and 6 years and later donated books, personal effects and clothing worth Kshs. 150,000/-
- (c) He participated in a Corporate Social Responsibility event in Kabete Rehabilitation Centre in 2025 where they spent time with boys between the ages of 13 and 17 years convicted of small/misdemeanor offences and donated food stuff worth Kshs. 200,000/-.
- (d) He run various Marathons in and out of the country for Charity. The most Standard Chartered Marathon which is commonly dubbed, "Run for Sight."
- (e) He participated in Stand Up for African mothers Charity walk held on 9th February 2013 at Ngong Road Forest Sanctuary.
- (f) He participated in various local activities including in his local church, Kathera Mathera Church and other community events and harambees where he contributed approximately Ksh. 500,000/-.

4.3.2 General and Sector-Specific Questions for the Nominee

236. The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on his suitability for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission. The nominee responded as follows—

On Conflict of Interest

237. The nominee submitted that he currently runs a law firm as a Managing Partner (**Daniel and Kenneth LLP**) but once confirmed he would resign upon appointment.

238. Additionally, he stated that to avoid conflict of interest, he would inform his clients that he had been appointed as a State Officer. He further indicated that the clients would be given an option to either remain with the firm under new leadership or seek alternative legal representation.

239. He also submitted that he was undertook to cut ties all personal business ties with his law firm. The nominee emphasised that the position at the Commission was a full-time role and undertook not to engage in any other employment or professional work in order to avoid any conflict with the discharge of his mandate.

On Judgment and Professional Ethics

240. The nominee stated that he had never advised his clients against complying with regulatory requirements. He submitted that clients often sought his guidance when processes were unclear and that his role was to ensure they operated within the laws, and not contravene them.

On Transition from Private Practice to Public Service

241. On his transition from a businessman and lawyer to being a state officer, the nominee reiterated that he would communicate his departure from the firm to his clients.

242. He also emphasised that there was a striking difference between being a private lawyer and a public trustee and that he would at all times uphold Article 10 of the Constitution to maintain the institution's integrity.

243. Regarding the Ksh. 9 billion debt collection, he submitted that the high amount arose from a compounded interest that was owed to him.

On Establishing Binding Commitments

244. The nominee stated that if appointed, he would promote legislative reforms by advocating for amendments to the Land Act and National Land Commission Act resolve existing duplications in the laws to ensure collegiality between the Commission and the Ministry.

245. He committed to ensuring that the Commission's Public Land Information System and the National Land Information Management System under the State Department for Lands and Physical Planning operate in a coordinated manner in order to prevent the issuance of irregular land documents.

On his Opinion Regarding the Ardhi Sasa Platform

246. The nominee acknowledged that the platform is currently experiencing teething challenges. He emphasized that it was necessary in reducing fraud in land transactions. He further proposed improvements, including the introduction of biometric (thumbprint) access for elderly users to enhance security and reduce land fraud. Additionally, he noted the need to enhance countrywide of the Platform beyond Nairobi, Kiambu and Mombasa.

4.3.3 Committee Observations on the Suitability of the Nominee

247. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his *curriculum vitae*, memorandum from the public and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as Member of the National Land Commission—

- (a) **THAT** in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to State Office as he is a Kenyan citizen.
- (b) **THAT** the nominee holds a Master of Science in Environmental Planning and Management, a Postgraduate Diploma, a Bachelor of Laws and a Diploma in Law.
- (c) **THAT** the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution regarding leadership and integrity, having obtained clearances from the following statutory bodies: EACC, DCI, HELB, KRA, ODPP, and ORPP.

- (d) **THAT** the nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the past three years.
- (e) **THAT** the nominee does not hold office in any political party.
- (f) **THAT** the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity), and Article 77 (restriction on activities of State Officers).
- (g) **THAT** the nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on land management and administration and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience to serve as Member of the National Land Commission.
- (h) **THAT** the nominee possesses relevant experience in land management and administration, having served for over ten years in legal practice specialising in conveyancing and property law.

4.4 Mr. Kigen Vincent Cheruiyot Nominee for Appointment as Member of the National Land Commission

248. The nominee appeared before the Committee on Monday; 9th March 2026 and was vetted under oath to examine his suitability for appointment as Chairperson of the National Land Commission. The Committee noted the following—

4.4.1 Questions from the General Questionnaire ***Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth***

249. The nominee is a male adult aged 40 years, was born in 1986 in Londiani, Kericho County and holds Kenyan citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

250. The nominee holds a Master of Public Policy and Administration from Africa International University (2024), Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Management from St. Paul's University (2022), is pursuing a PhD in Leadership and Governance from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) and a Certificate in Human Resource Professional from the Kenya School of Government in 2024.

Employment Record and Work Experience

- 251. The nominee has served as the Chairman of the National Employment Authority, State Department of Labour, Ministry of Labour, and Social Protection from 2023 to the present. He also was the Director and Chair, Finance and Human Resource Committee from 2019 to 2022.
- 252. He was the Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, County Government of Kericho from 2022 to 2023.

253. He served as Chief Executive Officer and Director for Smart County Enterprise Limited from 2016 to 2019.

254. The nominee served as the Director Logistics and Operations of the Jubilee Alliance Party from 2015 to 2017. He was the Program Facilitator, Kenya Youth Leaders Program in the Office of the Deputy President from 2014 to 2016.

Memberships and Professional Associations

255. The nominee is a Member of the Institute of Human Resource Management (IHRM) since 2022.

Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations

256. The nominee indicated that he is currently the Chairman of the National Employment Authority in the State Department of Labour, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection.

257. He was the Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, County Government of Kericho, Director and Chairperson, Finance and Human Resource Committee, National Employment Authority, and a Program Facilitator for the Kenya Youth Leaders Program, Office of the Deputy President.

Membership to Political Parties and Elections Committee

258. The nominee stated that he served as Director and Chairperson, Finance and Human Resource Committee of Jubilee Alliance Party from 2015 to 2017, where he supervised operations and logistics, managed election budgets, coordinated returning officers and constituency coordinators as well as maintained stakeholder relationships during the campaign period.

259. He stated that he currently held no membership, office or obtained compensation from any political party.

Integrity

260. The nominee submitted that he has not been charged in a court of law, nor has he been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report produced by Parliament or a Commission of Inquiry within the past three years. In addition, the nominee stated that he has never been dismissed or removed from office for violating the provisions outlined in Article 75 of the Constitution.

Income and Net Worth

261. The nominee stated that his current source of income include salary from the National Employment Authority from the State Department of Labour.

262. He estimated his net worth to be Ksh. 68,000,000 comprising of motor vehicle, land, Sacco shares and farm animals.

Potential Conflict of Interest

263. The nominee declared that he is not currently associated with any individuals or issues that could present a conflict of interest if he assumed the position of Member of the National Land Commission.
264. He stated that if any conflict of interest were to arise, he would declare all actual and perceived conflicts of interest to the Commission and ensure that relevant oversight authorities are informed before any related matter arises for deliberation or decision.
265. He stated that upon identification of a conflict, he would immediately and formally recuse himself from all related discussions, deliberations, and votes and ensure that the recusals are documented in the Board and Committee minutes for the public record.
266. He further stated that matter from which he would have recused himself would be referred to and decided upon by appropriately mandated independent officers free from his influence or direction.
267. He also stated that he would maintain a personal Conflict of Interest Register, updated regularly, and made available to the Board, to ensure full transparency on all matters that could compromise his impartiality.

Pro bono and Charity Work

268. The nominee stated that he has participated in pro bono and charity work including a volunteering initiative for the Kenya Youth Leaders Program, mentorship and university graduates deployed to understaffed schools across the country for the Office of the Deputy President, career guidance for youths in Kericho County and youth entrepreneurship and employment advocacy.

4.4.2 General and Sector-Specific Questions for the Nominee

269. The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on his suitability for appointment as Member of the National Land Commission. The nominee responded as follows—

On his Achievements as Chairperson National Employment Authority

270. The Nominee submitted that he played a key role in the operationalization of the Authority through the recruitment of staff at NEA. He stated that he ensured championed for budgetary allocation as well as oversaw the activities of private employment agencies.
271. Additionally, the Nominee submitted that he had spearheaded the digitization of services at NEA leading to online application for registration of employment agencies and online viewing and application of job seekers hence promoting equal employment opportunities for Kenyans seeking employment abroad.
272. The Nominee further submitted that through the joint efforts of the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection and the NEA, they had ensured employment of more than five hundred and fifty thousand (550,000) Kenyans in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

On the Decision to Ban 400 Recruitment Agencies

273. The Nominee submitted that the decision was informed by numerous complaints from job seekers to the National Employment Authority. He stated that in response, the government had formed a multi-agency team that included the National Employment Authority, the Directorate of Criminal Investigation, the Ministry of Foreign and Affairs.
274. He further stated that the recruitment agencies were invited for engagement and re-vetting with the multi-disciplinary team and those found culpable were banned while those who felt aggrieved were given a chance to appeal the decision.

On Recruitment of Kenyans to Russia

275. The Nominee submitted that as the Chairperson of NEA, he was aware that certain non-registered persons without permits were recruiting Kenyans to Russia and that the matter was being handled by Government agencies including the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs.

On his Technical Competence and Experience

276. The Nominee submitted that he would use his expertise in human resource management to inform the Commission's policies aimed at motivating the Secretariat staff to effectively deliver on the Commission's mandate. Additionally, the nominee submitted that, if approved, he would enhance collaboration among fellow Commissioners to ensure overall success of the Commission.

On Safeguarding the Constitutional Independence of NLC

277. The nominee submitted that the National Land Commission is constitutionally protected as an independent Commission and undertook that, if approved, he would ensure that the Commission's decisions are made impartially, independently and free from political or external influence.

On his Motivation to be a Member of the Commission

278. The nominee submitted that he did not have any personal interest in the National Land Commission and that his application was motivated by a zeal to serve the public. He further stated that he had previously made several unsuccessful attempts. Additionally, the nominee indicated that he had served at the National Employment Authority for a period of six (6) years.

On Historical Land Injustices

279. The nominee indicated that, if approved, he would work with other Commissioners to put in place mechanisms that would facilitate the expeditious hearing, investigation, and determination of claims relating to historical land injustices to ensure that affected individuals and communities are able to get justice.

On Allocation of Public Land for the Affordable Housing Program

280. The nominee submitted that, if approved, he would encourage his fellow Commissioners that they collectively review the entire process of allocation of land for the Affordable Housing Program in order to ascertain whether due process was followed. He further stated that, where due process was not adhered to, the Commission would work to ensure the lawful measures are taken and remedies, if any are awarded to affected parties.

4.4.3 Committee Observations on the Suitability of the Nominee

281. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his *curriculum vitae*, memorandum from the public and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission.

- (a) **THAT** in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to State Office as he is a Kenyan citizen.
- (b) **THAT** the nominee holds a Master of Public Policy and Administration, a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Management and a Certificate in Human Resource.
- (c) **THAT** the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution regarding leadership and integrity, having obtained clearances from the following statutory bodies: EACC, DCI, HELB, KRA, ODPP, and ORPP.
- (d) **THAT** the nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the past three years.
- (e) **THAT** the nominee does not hold office in any political party.
- (f) **THAT** the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity), and Article 77 (restriction on activities of State Officers).
- (g) **THAT** the nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on governance and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience to serve as a Member of the National Land Commission.
- (h) **THAT** the nominee possesses relevant experience in public administration, having served as the Chief of Staff, Kericho County and the Chairperson of the National Employment Authority.

4.5 Hon. Dr. Julie Ouma Oseko Nominee for Appointment as Member of the National Land Commission

282. The nominee appeared before the Committee on Monday, 9th March 2026 and was vetted under oath to examine her suitability for appointment as Member of the National Land Commission. The Committee noted the following—

4.5.1 Questions from the General Questionnaire ***Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth***

283. The nominee is a female adult aged 64 years, was born on 21st May 1962 in Siaya County and holds Kenyan citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

284. The nominee holds a Doctorate Constitutional Law and Justice Systems from University of Leicester (2013), Master of Laws in Public International Law from the University of Nairobi (2007), Post Graduate Diploma from the Kenya School of Law (1987), Bachelor of Laws from the University of Nairobi (1986) and a Certificate from the Institute of Certified Secretaries (ICS).

Employment Record and Work Experience

285. The nominee has over 20 years in Judiciary service including Magistrate/Deputy Registrar from 1989 to 2022, Chief Magistrate, and Head of Station in Malindi from 2017 to 2022.

286. She has served as Assistant Director at Judiciary Training Institute and listed counsel at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

287. The nominee served as a tutor at University of Leicester from 2010 to 2011, School of Law and an Adjunct Lecturer at the Kenya School of Law from 2012 to 2015.

288. She also served as a Litigation Counsel at the Nairobi City Commission from 1987 to 1989.

Honours and Awards

289. The nominee stated that she had received several awards including the Leicester Award for Employability in 2009, a commendation from the Judiciary Service Commission (JSC) for prudent financial management by achieving 80% compliance in 2020, as the Head of Station, Malindi Magistrate Court was awarded overall best performing court in the category of 2000-4000 cases in 2019, was recognized in the Kenya Year Book and Editorial Board as one of the women pioneers and trailblazers who have made strides and impacted the country at national level.

290. She stated that in 2019 as Head of Station, she was recognized by the Performance Management Department, Malindi Magistrates Court for developing effective performance Hybrid Cause list which was later replicated in over 30 court stations.

291. She further stated that in 2020 she was recognized and awarded a certificate for best performing Magistrate COVID19 response by the Malindi Law Society of Kenya.

Memberships and Professional Associations

292. The nominee is a Member of the Law Society of Kenya, the Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya (ICPSK), the Directors' Institute of Kenya, Listed Counsel of the International Criminal Court (The Hague), Kenya Magistrate and Judges Association (KMJA), the Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) Kenya Chapter and the Kenya Women Judges Association (KWJA).

293. She is also a Member of the Rotary Club of Malindi, Society of Legal Scholars (UK), International Bar Association, International Commission of Jurists, Kenya Chapter and an Accredited Trustee of the Retirement Benefits Authority.

Publications and Writings

294. The nominee stated that he had done several publications and articles including—

- (a) Researched and wrote a doctoral thesis titled "Judicial Independence in Kenya: Constitutional Challenges and Opportunities for Reform" held at the University of Leicester Digital Archives and Ethos for reference. <http://hdl.handle.net/2381/27703>
- (b) Researched and wrote an LLM thesis titled "Legal Implications of Humanitarian Intervention: A case study of Sudan Darfur" and obtained a distinction mark (Grade 'A') currently held in law reference section at the University of Nairobi Library, Parklands Campus, Nairobi, Kenya. <http://erepository.uonbi.ac.ke/handle/11295/2/browse?value=Oseko%2C+Julie+Ouma&type=author>
- (c) Judicial Performance Improvement Project (JPIP) Project Appraisal Document (PAD). A World Bank/Judiciary Programme 2014-2015 April
- (d) Job Purpose: Reporting to the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary/Project Director to provide overall technical support to the Project Management Unit whose function is assist the Judiciary in managing and coordinating project activities, including environmental and social impacts of the project and also to build the capacity of Judiciary personnel in procurement, managing financial resources, and monitoring and evaluation. The project value USD 120 million. <https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http://www.judiciary.go.ke/portal/assets/files/CJ%20speeches/DCR%20PRESENTATION%20-%20JUDICIAL%20PERFORMANCE%20IMPROVEMENT%20PROJECT%20OVERVIEW.pdf>

- (e) Training Manual on Sexual Offences Act 2006 held as reference at the Judiciary Training Institute Library.
- (f) "Rights of Women under Employment Law in Kenya" a Dissertation submitted in fulfilment of LL. B Degree held at the law reference section at the Jomo Kenyatta Library, University of Nairobi, Parklands Campus, Nairobi, Kenya.
- (g) Book: Editor 2015: Keeping the Promise end GBV (Gender Based Violence) Campaign: Duty Bearers' Handbook available at [http://www.ngeckkenya.org/Downloads/Keeping%20the%20promise Handbook.pdf](http://www.ngeckkenya.org/Downloads/Keeping%20the%20promise%20Handbook.pdf)
- (h) Book: Editor (2013): Impact of the Ethnic Violence in Tana River, Tana North and Tana Delta Districts on Women available at <http://iucat.iu.edu/iuk/15001412>

Reports, Memoranda and Policy Statements

295. She stated that she had contributed to several reports including Case Outcome/Judgment: Malindi Land Case No. 27 OF 2018 Arbi Ali Mohamed versus Kusway Mohamed Musa, the Integrated Court Management System Committee Report, 2015 and Report of the Convening to Explore the Role of Councils of Elders in Promoting Access to Justice in Isiolo.

Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations

296. The nominee indicated that she served as a Litigation Counsel for the Nairobi City Commission and was Magistrate/Deputy Registrar in the Judiciary of Kenya.

Integrity

297. The nominee submitted that she has not been charged in a court of law, nor has she been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report produced by Parliament or a Commission of Inquiry within the past three years. In addition, the nominee stated that she has never been dismissed or removed from office for violating the provisions outlined in Article 75 of the Constitution.

Income and Net Worth

298. The nominee stated that her deferred income included legal fees from Oseko and Company Advocates (pending family succession) that was expected to be collected by LSK Trustees on behalf of the family that amounted to approximately Ksh. 500,000,000/-, Consultancy fees of Ksh. 1,000,000/- for 6 months and pension of approximately Ksh. 190,000/- per month. She stated that her current sources of income included pension of Ksh. 2,364,000/- annually and rental income from her family/matrimonial home (pending succession) of Ksh. 5,280,000/- annually. She estimated her net worth to be approximately Ksh. 300,000,000.

Potential Conflict of Interest

299. The nominee declared that she is currently a consultant at the Law firm of Oseko and Ouma LLP Advocates, but she is neither a partner nor an employee.
300. She stated that upon appointment to the NLC save for her family interest and matters under succession, she would immediately minimize professional ties with the firm.
301. She also stated that if any circumstances were to arise where the firm may have any dealings with the NLC including litigation, which currently is non-existent to the best of her knowledge, declare that interest to the Commission and not partake in any decision making that may affect the interest of either party.

Pro bono and Community Work

302. She stated that she has participated to pro bono and charity work including—
- a) While at Kituo cha Sheria she offered pro bono services to litigants who could not afford fees in court while at
 - b) At FIDA, Kenya she offered pro bono services while I was at the School of Law and mentored young lawyers and gave guest lectures.
 - c) Engaged in charity work in support of Rotary work at Malindi including interacting with schools, hospitals and contributed funds and support eg buying food, donated wheelchairs and school fees to vulnerable members of the community not as an individual.
 - d) As the Chairperson of the Board of Management Engineer Owidi Girls Secondary School in Kasipul, Homa Bay County, she together with her family, in 2012 contributed 1,000,000/- toward the purchase of the school bus.
 - e) As a member of the **GBV Network Malindi**, during COVID, distributed sanitary pads and panties to school girls under lockdown. She also participated in distributing food and educating the community on evidence preservation.

4.5.2 General and Sector-Specific Questions for the Nominee

303. The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on his suitability for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission. The nominee responded as follows—

On Suitability and Technical Experience

304. The nominee submitted that she is an Advocate of the High Court and noted that, while the work of the Commission involves technical aspects handled by professionals such as surveyors and valuers, she possesses the competence and leadership skills required to work effectively with such experts.
305. She stated that she would endeavour to learn from the technical officers within the Commission and facilitate collaboration among professionals in the sector.

306. She further noted that her professional experience over the years has equipped her with qualities such as emotional intelligence, compassion, integrity and accountability, which she believes are essential to her mandate as a commissioner if confirmed.

On Conflict of Interest

307. The nominee stated that the law firm in question is currently being managed by her two daughters. She undertook that, should she be approved for appointment, she would immediately cease any involvement in the operations of the firm in order to avoid any conflict of interest.

308. The nominee stated that she was not familiar with the details of the matter referred to as the Aseko and Ouma case. She indicated that, if approved, she would take time to familiarise herself with the matter and address it in accordance with the law and the Commission's mandate.

On Historical Land Injustices

309. The nominee indicated that, if approved, she would support the establishment of mechanisms that would enhance engagement between the Commission, political leadership and county governments in addressing historical land injustices.

310. She cited her experience in Malindi where she worked with a "super users committee", comprising political leaders, the local community and county government representatives, to facilitate dialogue and engagement with the public on land matters.

311. She further stated that she would encourage members of the public who feel aggrieved to present their cases before the Commission for consideration and determination in accordance with the law.

312. The nominee also stated that she would persuade her fellow Commissioners to leverage on technology in resolving historical land injustice claims and other land-related disputes in order to ensure expeditious completion of matters and reduction of litigation costs.

On Illegal and Irregular Land Allocation

313. The nominee acknowledged that cases of illegal and irregular allocation of land have increased in the recent years. She indicated that she would work with the Commission to address such matters in accordance with its constitutional mandate and in line with other statutory provisions.

On Pending Bills

314. The nominee stated that she would work with other Commissioners to restore public confidence in the Commission and ensure that the issue of pending bills is effectively addressed.

315. She also stated that there is a Pending Bills Committee constituted by the President to address outstanding obligations. She also submitted that she would encourage for the expeditious payment of pending payments to minimize the large interest that accrue thereafter.

316. The nominee agreed with the observation that the work of the Commission is not sufficiently visible to many Kenyans. In this regard, she indicated that, if approved, she would work towards enhancing the visibility of the Commission through greater public engagement, outreach and communication with citizens on land matters.

On Ownership of Land in Malindi

317. The nominee submitted that currently she does not own any parcel of land in Malindi but she was in the process of acquiring approximately 30 acres of land from a settlement scheme in Malindi.

4.5.3 Committee Observations on the Suitability of the Nominee

318. The Committee, having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, her *curriculum vitae*, memorandum from the public and having heard her oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission—

- (a) **THAT** in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to State Office as he is a Kenyan citizen.
- (b) **THAT** the nominee holds a Doctorate in Constitutional Law and Justice Systems, a Master of Laws in Public International Law, a Post Graduate Diploma in Law, Bachelor of Law and a Certificate from the Institute of Certified Secretaries.
- (c) **THAT** the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution regarding leadership and integrity, having obtained clearances from the following statutory bodies: EACC, DCI, HELB, KRA, ODPP, and ORPP.
- (d) **THAT** the nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the past three years.
- (e) **THAT** the nominee does not hold office in any political party.
- (f) **THAT** the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity), Article 77 (restriction on activities of State Officers).
- (g) **THAT** the nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, land law and land administrative and technical issues touching on land laws and land adjudication matters and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience to serve as a Member of the National Land Commission.
- (h) **THAT** the nominee possesses relevant experience in public service, with extensive judicial and administrative experience relevant to quasi-judicial land dispute adjudication.

4.6 Hon. Mohamed Abdi Haji Mohamed Nominee for Appointment as Member of the National Land Commission

319. The nominee appeared before the Committee on Monday, 9th March 2026 and was vetted under oath to examine his suitability for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission. The Committee noted the following—

4.6.1 Questions from the General Questionnaire

Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth

320. The nominee is a male adult aged 60 years, who was born in 1966 in Mandera County and holds Kenyan citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

321. The nominee holds a Master in Business Administration, Health, Leadership and Management from the United States International University (USIU) (2019), Bachelor of Laws from the University of Nairobi (2007) and a Diploma in Clinical Medicine from the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) (1988).

Employment Record and Work Experience

322. The nominee served as the Managing Director of Suruqa Feedlot Limited.

323. He has served as a Political Advisor at the Office of the Minister of East African Community and Regional Development.

324. He was Member of Parliament for Banissa Constituencies. As a Member of Parliament, the nominee served in the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee.

325. The nominee was the Managing Director for Abrar Pharmaceuticals and Abrar Medical Services. Additionally, he has served as a Clinical Officer in the Ministry of Health, Kenya.

Memberships and Professional Associations

326. The nominee is a member of the Kenya Clinical Officers Association.

Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations

327. The nominee indicated that he does not hold any public office, neither is he actively engaged in any political activities nor associated to any political affiliations.

Integrity

328. The nominee submitted that he has not been charged in a court of law, nor has he been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report produced by Parliament or a Commission of Inquiry within the past three years. In addition, the nominee stated that he has never been dismissed or removed from office for violating the provisions outlined in Article 75 of the Constitution.

Income and Net Worth

329. The nominee stated that his current sources include remittances from his children comprising Ksh. 1,440,000/- in 2025 and Ksh. 260,000/- in 2026.

330. He estimated his net worth to be Ksh. 154,000,000 accrued from two (2) houses in South C amounting to Ksh. 75,000,000/- and 45,000,000 respectively, a flat in Mbagathi Way of Ksh. 15,000,000/-, a house in Banissa of Ksh. 10,000,000/-, land in Mandera of Ksh. 5,000,000/- and 2 cars of Ksh. 4,000,000/-.

Potential Conflict of Interest

331. The nominee declared that he is not currently associated with any individuals or issues that could present a conflict of interest if he assumed the position of Member of the National Land Commission. He stated that if any conflict of interest were to arise, he would—

- (a) Declare his interest in that matter prior to any engagement;
- (b) Formally recuse himself from handling the issue in question; and
- (c) Seek advice from investigative agencies or the legal counsel of the Commission on the appropriate course of action.

4.6.2 General and Sector-Specific Questions for the Nominee

332. The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on his suitability for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission. The nominee responded as follows—

On Suitability and Technical Understanding

333. The nominee submitted that having been a former Member of Parliament, he has vast knowledge and experience in the operations of government. He stated that just like in his medical field, he will assert his critical and problem-solving skills to address the issue of historical land injustices.

On Transferable Skills from Clinical Medicine

334. The nominee stated that he will in collaboration with other Commissioners, transfer the skills of assessment, diagnosis and resolution to address the challenges grappling the Commission.

On Independence from Political and Business Interests

335. The nominee submitted that he will be impartial in his decision-making and would uphold the rule of law and constitutionalism in making determinations regarding matters in the Commission's disposal.

On Commitments on the Record

336. The nominee committed to be impartial in the discharge of his mandate if approved. He committed to ensure prudent use of public funds and minimise wastage. Additionally, he reiterated his commitment to uphold the Constitution and the rule of law and relevant statutory provisions.

4.6.3 Committee Observations on the Suitability of the Nominee

337. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his *curriculum vitae*, memorandum from the public and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission—

- (a) **THAT** in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to State Office as he is a Kenyan citizen.
- (b) **THAT** the nominee holds a Master of Business Administration in Health, Leadership and Management, a Bachelor of Laws and a Diploma in Clinical Medicine.
- (c) **THAT** the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution regarding leadership and integrity, having obtained clearances from the following statutory bodies: EACC, DCI, HELB, KRA, ODPP, and ORPP.
- (d) **THAT** the nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the past three years.
- (e) **THAT** the nominee does not hold office in any political party.
- (f) **THAT** the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity), and Article 77 (restriction on activities of State Officers).
- (g) **THAT** the nominee demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on Public Administration and has the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience to serve as a Member of the National Land Commission.
- (h) **THAT** the nominee possesses relevant experience in public service, having served as a Member of Parliament for Banissa Constituency and Mandera West Constituency respectively, and the Advisor in the Office of the Minister of East African Community and Regional Development.

4.7 Hon. Mary Yiane Seneta Nominee for Appointment as Member of the National Land Commission

338. The nominee appeared before the Committee on Monday, 9th March 2025 and was vetted under oath to examine her suitability for appointment as a Member for the National Land Commission. The Committee noted the following—

4.7.1 Questions from the General Questionnaire

Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth

339. The nominee is a female adult aged 55 years, was born on 1st January 1971 in Kajiado County and holds Kenyan citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

340. The nominee holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management from the University of Nairobi (2009) and a Bachelor of Education Arts from the University of Nairobi (2008).

341. She has a Certificate in Strategy and Board Marketing Workshop from the Co-operative Consultancy and Training Institute (2024), a Certificate in Executive Public Speaking from the International Coaching Federation ICF (2023), a Certificate in Subsidiary Legislation and Regulatory Impact Assessment from the ESAMI, Istanbul (2021), a Certificate in Gender, HIV/AIDS & Human Rights from TAABCO Research and Development Consultants (2007) and a PI Teaching Certificate from the Kericho Teachers Training College (1995).

Employment Record and Work Experience

342. The nominee has been the Director & Chair, Human Resource Committee for the Parliamentarians SACCO since 2022.

343. The nominee was a Nominated Senator under the Parliamentary Service Commission from 2017 to 2022. Additionally, she has served as the Women Representative for Kajiado County from 2013 to 2017.

344. She has served as a Project Education Officer of the Dupoto E Maa, an NGO from 2005 to 2008.

345. The nominee was a Deputy Head Teacher in various schools from 2000 to 2004. She served as Primary School Teacher in various schools from 1995 to 2000.

Honours and Awards

346. The nominee was recognized for co-creation of the Affirmative Action Fund as Secretary of CAUCUS 47, gender-sensitive budget processes across all ministries as Chairperson of KEWOSA and modernization of Parliamentary SACCO through the MPACOSO digital platform.

Memberships and Professional Associations

347. The nominee was the Chairperson of the Kenya Women Senators Association (KEWOSA) from 2017 to 2022. Secretary for CAUCUS 47, Association of Women Members of National Assembly from 2013 to 2017, Director and Chairperson of the Human Resource Committee of the Parliamentarians Sacco from 2022 to present, Member of the Delegated Legislation Committee in the Senate from 2017 to 2022 and the Vice- Chairperson of the Energy Committee from 2017 to 2022.

Report of the Departmental Committee on Lands on the Approval Hearings of Nominees for the Position of Chairperson and Members of the National Land Commission.

Publications and Writings

348. The nominee has contributed to various policy advocacy documents, parliamentary committee reports and legislative oversight work during her tenure as Women Representative and Nominated Senator.
349. She has also contributed to several policy documents including, Gender-sensitive Budget Mainstreaming Frameworks across all Ministries, Advocacy Papers for the Affirmative Action Fund, Teacher Promotion Petition and a Motion for Marginalized Communities, and Rural Electrification/Solarization Program Proposals

Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations

350. The nominee stated that she previously served as the Women Representative, Kajiado County, from March 2013 to August 2017, a Nominated Senator, Senate of Kenya, from September 2017 to August 2022 and as the Director & Chair, Human Resource Committee, Parliamentarians SACCO from 2022 to Present.

Integrity

351. The nominee submitted that she had neither been charged in a court of law nor adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the last three years. In addition, she stated that she has never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

Income and Net Worth

352. The nominee indicated that her current sources of income include Sacco Savings amounting to Ksh. 4,510,000/- and earnings from the Sacco amounting to Ksh. 3,381,538/-.
353. She estimated her net worth to be approximately Ksh. 730,000,000/- comprising her family residence in Kitengela sitting on 10 acres of land, 20 acres of land, vehicles and 1000 heads of cattle.

Potential Conflict of Interest

354. The nominee declared that she is currently not associated with any persons or matters that would present a potential conflict of interest should she assume the position of Member of Parliament the National Land Commission.

4.7.2 General and Sector-Specific Questions for the Nominee

355. The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on her suitability for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission. The nominee responded as follows—

On Internal Conflict Resolution

356. She committed to upholding Chapter Six and Article 75 of the Constitution, promising to serve without bias regardless of the political divide.
357. She stated she would follow the Constitution, the rule of law, and due process strictly to ensure she serves in a non-partisan manner.

On her Temperament and Emotional Intelligence

358. The nominee stated that over the years and with her interactions with different people, she has grown in resilience and in her ability to engage with different actors.
359. She further noted her subsequent engagements with colleagues as evidence of her ability to work collaboratively and undertook to maintain professional working relationships with fellow Commissioners.
360. She expressed appreciation for the distinct roles of the Secretariat and the Commission and undertook to respect those boundaries. She further indicated that she is ready to learn from fellow Commissioners and to draw on both her experience and professional background in the discharge of her duties.

On Judgement and Professional Ethics

361. The nominee committed to upholding Chapter Six and Article 75 of the Constitution, undertaking, if appointed, to serve without bias regardless of the political divide.
362. Regarding being biased towards her community, she stated she would follow the Constitution, the rule of law, and due process strictly to ensure she serves the whole country in a non-partisan manner.
363. She affirmed that she had studied the national values and principles of a public servant and would at all times uphold the law as a member of the Commission.

On the Process of Land Acquisition Post-2010

364. The nominee stated that in the allocation of public land, the County Government, which holds the land in trust for the people within the county, first identifies land available for allocation and determines the need for such allocation. The county government then prepares a list of beneficiaries and writes to the National Land Commission requesting the issuance of a notice of intention to allocate the land.
365. She stated that the Land Act provides the legal framework and procedures for allocation and conversion of land and if the process is conducted fairly and transparently, any persons whose interests in the land are affected should receive fair compensation.
366. She further asserted that before 2010, historical land injustices occurred because community land was held in trust by certain authorities, who in many instances misappropriated the land through irregular allocation.

On Establishing Binding Commitments

367. The nominee stated that if approved she would propose to the Commission to prioritize digitization of land allocation and compensation processes to prevent title duplication. She also emphasized the need for working closely with the State Department for Lands and Physical Planning.

368. She noted that she would advocate the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and community-based methods to address the massive backlog of land cases currently in court.

369. She also noted that prior to 2010, community land was often misappropriated. She therefore undertook to ensure fair compensation and transparency in resolving historical land disputes.

4.7.3 Committee Observations on the Suitability of the Nominee

370. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, her *curriculum vitae*, memorandum from the public and having heard her oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission—

- (a) **THAT** in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to a State Office as she is a Kenyan citizen.
- (b) **THAT** the nominee holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Education.
- (c) **THAT** the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution regarding leadership and integrity, having obtained clearances from the following statutory bodies: DCI, EACC, HELB, KRA, ODPP, and ORPP.
- (d) **THAT** the nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or Commission of Inquiry in the past three years.
- (e) **THAT** the nominee does not hold office in any political party.
- (f) **THAT** the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravening the provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity), Article 77 (restriction on activities of State Officers).
- (g) **THAT** the nominee has demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative, and technical issues related to Public Administration and possesses the requisite abilities, qualifications, and experience to serve as Member of the National Land Commission.
- (h) **THAT** the nominee possesses relevant experience in Public Service, having previously served as a County Member of Parliament for Kajiado County, a Nominated Senator, former Chairperson KEWOSA and a Director and Chair, Human Resource for the Parliamentarians Sacco.

CHAPTER FIVE

5.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

371. Pursuant to sections 6(7), 6(8) and 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, the Committee observed as follows.
372. The Clerk of the National Assembly placed advertisements in the print media on Thursday, 26th February 2026 inviting members of the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavits) with supporting evidence contesting the suitability of the nominees to the office they have been nominated by mail, hand delivery or email on or before Thursday, 5th March, 2026 by 5.00 p.m.
373. On Thursday, 5th March, 2026 by 5.00 p.m., the Clerk of the National Assembly was in receipt of memoranda from the Institution of Surveyors, the Architectural Association of Kenya and Kituo Cha Sheria. The memoranda were written statements that were not on oath and did not contest the suitability of any of the nominees for appointment. The Committee observed that their concerns were valid and there is a need to incorporate a wider spectrum of professionals including Land and Built Environment professionals and other related fields in future nominations for appointment into the National Land Commission.
374. The Committee received a total of three (3) memoranda from the public that were hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk. The three (3) memoranda. The memoranda were written statements that were not on oath and did not contest the suitability of any of the nominees for appointment.
375. **Dr. Abdillahi Saggaf Alawy** nominee for appointment as Chairperson for the National Land Commission had a distinguished career inland management and administration, demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the position to which he had been nominated; and has the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience in land management and administration, and management of natural resources and has the requisite abilities to be approved for appointment.
376. **Ms. Susan Khakasa Oyatsi** nominee for appointment as Member of the National Land Commission: had a distinguished career in public accounting and administration, demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the position to which she had been nominated; and has the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience in public administration and management of resources and has the requisite abilities to be approved for appointment.
377. **Mr. Daniel Murithi Muriungi** nominee for appointment as Member of the National Land Commission: had a distinguished career in legal practice, demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the position to which he had been nominated; and has the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience in land law, land management and administration to be approved for appointment.
378. **Mr. Kigen Vincent Cheruiyot** nominee for appointment as Member of the National Land Commission: had a distinguished in a public administration, demonstrated

knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the position to which he had been nominated; and has the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience in land law and public administration to be approved for appointment.

379. **Hon. Dr. Julie Ouma Oseko** nominee for appointment as Member of the National Land Commission: had a distinguished career as a judicial practitioner, demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the position to which she had been nominated, academic qualifications and professional experience in land law, land adjudication and settlement to be approved for appointment.
380. **Hon. Mohamed Abdi Haji Mohamed** nominee for appointment as Member of the National Land Commission: had a distinguished career in public administration, demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the position to which he had been nominated; and has the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience in public administration, land law and social sciences to be approved for appointment.
381. **Hon. Mary Yiane Seneta** nominee for appointment as Member of the National Land Commission: had a distinguished career as a public administration, demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the position to which she had been nominated; and has the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience in public administration and management of natural resources to be approved for appointment.

CHAPTER SIX

6.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

382. Having considered the suitability of the nominees for appointment during the approval hearings pursuant to Article 152(2) of the Constitution, section 12 of the National Land Commission Act, Cap. 281 and sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, and Standing Order 204(4) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee recommends that this House **approves**—

- (1) **Dr. Abdillahi Saggaf Alawy** for appointment as the Chairperson of the National Land Commission.
- (2) **Ms. Susan Khakasa Oyatsi** for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
- (3) **Mr. Daniel Murithi Muriungi** for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
- (4) **Mr. Kigen Vincent Cheruiyot** for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
- (5) **Hon. Dr. Julie Ouma Oseko** for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
- (6) **Hon. Mohamed Abdi Haji Mohamed** for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission
- (7) **Hon. Mary Yiane Seneta** for appointment as a Member of the National Land Commission

Signed..... Date... 11/03/2026.....

HON. JOASH NYAMACHE NYAMOKO, HSC, MP
CHAIRPERSON DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS

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COMMITTEE ADOPTION SCHEDULE

We the undersigned Members of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Lands do hereby append our signatures to adopt the ...*Report on the Approval Hearings of Nominees for Appointment to the Positions of Chairperson and Members of the National Land Commission*.....

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