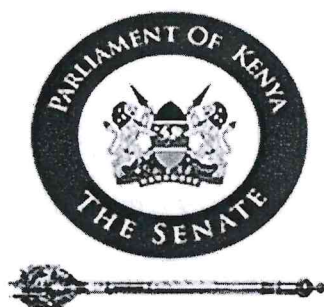


Annex 1:

***Minutes of the Standing Committee on
Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations***



**MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIXTH (186TH) SITTING OF
THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS HELD ON THURSDAY, 7TH
AUGUST, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. AT COMMITTEE ROOM 4, MAIN
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AND ON THE ZOOM ONLINE PLATFORM**

PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Sheikh Mohamed Abass, CBS, MP | - Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP | - Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, EGH, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, MGH, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Richard Onyonka, EBS, MP | - Member |
| 6. Sen. Peris Tobiko, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 7. Sen. Paul Karungo Thangwa, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 8. Sen. Mohamed Said Chute, MP | - Member |
| 9. Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP | - Member |

SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Ms. Sylvia Nasambu | - Clerk Assistant I |
| 2. Mr. Desmond Rasugu | - Clerk Assistant III (taking minutes) |
| 3. Ms. Angela Kagunyi | - Legal Counsel II |
| 4. Ms. Mwanamisi Mwachasi | - Research Officer III |
| 5. Mr. Joseph Otieno | - Audio Officer III |
| 6. Mr. Abdalla Mbore | - Serjeant-At-Arms III |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP | - Senator, Nandi County |
| 2. Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP | - Senator, Embu County |
| 3. Sen. Bett Montent, MP | - Nominated Senator |
| 4. County Executive of Kiambu (List Annexed) | |
| 5. Thika Municipal Board (List Annexed) | |
| 6. The Ad Hoc Committee on conferment of city status to Thika Municipality (List annexed) | |

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/972/2025

PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 10:29 a.m by the Chairperson, followed by a word of prayer by Ms. Sylvia Nasambu.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/973/2025:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting was adopted as presented after being proposed by Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, EGH, MP and seconded by Sen. Karungo Thangwa, CBS, MP as follows –

1. Prayer;
2. Adoption of the agenda;
3. Meeting with -
 - i) The Governor of Kiambu County;
 - ii) The Ad Hoc Committee on the conferment of city status to Thika municipality; and
 - iii) The Thika Municipal Boardto deliberate on the application for conferment of city status to Thika Municipality (Committee Paper No. 131)
4. Any other Business; and
5. Date of the Next Meeting and Adjournment.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/974/2025:

MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR OF KIAMBU COUNTY, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE CONFERMENT OF CITY STATUS TO THIKA MUNICIPALITY AND THE THIKA MUNICIPAL BOARD TO DELIBERATE ON THE APPLICATION FOR CONFERMENT OF CITY STATUS TO THIKA MUNICIPALITY (COMMITTEE PAPER NO. 131)

The Committee met with the above-mentioned stakeholders and held extensive deliberations regarding the eligibility of Thika Municipality to be conferred city status. The discussions covered among others; the status of critical infrastructure within the municipality, the social services provided by the municipality, the revenue generation capacity of the Municipality and the other essential criteria as provided in the first schedule of the Urban Areas and Cities Act.

In pitching the case for Thika municipality to be elevated to city status, the Governor submitted the following key factors favouring the municipality to be conferred city status –

1. Thika will be the first City in Mount Kenya region that will serve 30% of Kenya's population that live in the 9 counties of Mt. Kenya region;

2. Thika is along the Trans Africa Highway corridor that serves the Southern region of Africa as well as the Northern region making it a Trade Corridor for countries in the South of Sahara;
3. Locally, Thika City will serve the central region of the East Africa due to its linkage to Nairobi City, approximately 40 km from Nairobi CBD;
4. Thika is the second most industrialized town in Kenya with an endowment of more than 1,000 industries dealing in agro-processing, manufacturing, value addition, mining and financial services;
5. Thika has a population of over 500,000 people with another population of about a million that directly or indirectly rely on the town as a center for employment, education, administration services, leisure and recreation and business;
6. Thika City is well endowed with an intermodal transport network with a Super Highway connecting Thika to the City of Nairobi, a railway line and a transit highway to the Northern part of Kenya. The proximity to the Jomo Kenyatta international Airport which is the biggest airport in the Great Lakes region is approximately 40km;
7. Thika is an export hub for the Mt. Kenya region and would be home to over 100 industries earmarked under the Export Processing Zone (EPZ) anchored on the growing urban population that will serve as the labour force to the industries;
8. Thika has over 10 universities and tertiary institutions with centers for research and innovations that serve as centers of excellence which will be huge endowment for the future growth in ICT and technological growth;
9. Thika has the biggest waste management facility in Mt. Kenya complimented with a sewerage treatment plant, solid waste management and is in the process of developing an engineered landfill geared towards modernized waste management infrastructure;
10. Thika is a center for small and medium Enterprises (SMES), with over 5 markets comprising of including Jamuhuri, Madaraka, Makongeni;
11. Thika is a center for leisure and hospitality with modern urban green spaces such as Christina Wangari Park, Mama Ngina Park, and many hotels & conference facilities; and
12. Administratively, Thika municipality hosts the Municipal headquarters (County Town Hall) for Thika municipality, Thika law courts, Huduma center, KRA, NTSA, land registry etc.

The Governor further submitted the plans by the County Government of Kiambu to improve the municipality as it seeks to elevate to Thika City Status, which included –

1. That the County has allocated land for the construction of 25,000 Affordable housing Units that will cater for the 200,000 residents of Thika;
2. Developing an Export Processing Zone with over 100 industries employing over 50,000 residents of Kiambu;

3. Construction of a suitable modern transport network with an Airport that will serve Europe, America, Africa, China, South East Asia;
4. Upgrading of informal settlements (Kiango'mbe, Umoja, Kiandutu) by tenure regularization that will encourage growth and improve standards of living;
5. Development of Ksh. 1 Billion worth of Non-Motorized Transport Network to allow for walking, cycling, jogging to improve the quality of life of residents of the new city. This will help in reducing carbon emissions from motor vehicles and improve the health standards of the residents;
6. Installing 500 Million worth of Solar Street lights to enhance a 24-hour economy and security to boost the living standards of Thika City residents;
7. Doing Land Value Capture - By banking on the land endowment in Delmonte and partnering with investors to give value and in return create wealth for the people of Thika;
8. To invest 6 Billion in partnership with the National Government for water reticulation to over 100,00 residents;
9. To open up the northern corridor for trade by dualing the Thika-Garissa Highway;
10. By improving SMEs by investing 250million for modern shops around Thika stadium, 15 markets and streamline business licensing to improve efficiency and lower cost of doing businesses; and
11. Increasing efficiency in transport by upgrading 9 bus parks to be terminal linking between Thika and the surrounding urban areas to transport people goods and services.

Issues raised by the Committee

In the course of the deliberations, the Committee raised several issues with the Governor that the County Government of Kiambu and Thika Municipality need to address in the quest to upgrade the municipality to a city status. They include -

1. Work on a comprehensive policy on handling industrial accidents and emergencies to ensure occupational safety and minimize harm to people and the environment. The policy should address accident prevention, preparedness and response.
2. The municipality should have a beautification program to enhance the aesthetic appeal, environmental quality and overall livability of a city ie. Urban parks, garden development, street arts etc.
3. The county government to make clear the exact boundaries of the geographical area of Thika that it seeks to have elevated to city status.
4. The county government to disclose to the Committee any intergovernmental agreement(s) the county has with either the National Government or other County Governments on any issues including service delivery and administrative boundaries with neighbouring counties.

5. Develop effective waste management and river protection policies for city sustainability, including proper waste disposal, pollution control and monitoring.
6. Ensure comprehensive, quality and accessible, healthcare services that address urban health challenges including availability of healthcare facilities, emergency services and specialized services.
7. Build a sustainable revenue collection system for a city's financial stability and development including diversified revenue streams, efficient tax collection systems etc; and
8. Address aspects of modern cemetery design and management for a city status.

Upon further deliberations, the Committee resolved to –

- a) Write to the Office of the Auditor General to confirm the total revenue generated by Thika Municipality in the Financial Years 2022/2023 to date;
- b) Write to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics to confirm the total population of the Municipality; and
- c) Conduct a site visit to Thika for an inspection of the Municipality to ascertain the state of facilities as required under the first schedule of the UACA, 2011.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/975 /2025:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Kiambu County Doctors strike

During the discussions, Sen. Karungo Thangwa, CBS, MP tabled a petition by the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU), which were grievances by health workers against the County government of Kiambu. These included unresolved doctors strike and unlawful suspension of union dues for the Union Members. The Senator requested the Committee to compel the County Government of Kiambu to address these issues first before considering the application for conferment of city status to Thika municipality. Upon deliberation, the Committee resolved to address the issue separately at a later date.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/976/2025

ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, 18th August, 2025.

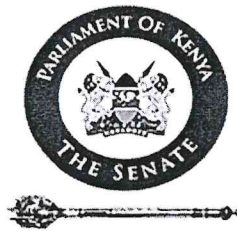
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SEN. SHEIKH MOHAMED ABASS, CBS, MP,
CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.

Annex: List of stakeholders in attendance

1. Hon. Kimani Wamatangi, EGH, - Governor, Kiambu County
2. Mr. John Maingi - Ag. County Secretary, Kiambu County
3. Ms. Nancy Kivuamba - CECM Finance
4. Ms. Susan Gathwiri - CECM, Land and Physical Planning
5. Mr. Martin Kangui - Chief Officer Planning and Urbanization
6. Ms. Sylvia Kasanga - Chair Ad Hoc Committee
7. Mr. Timothy Narongo - Member Ad Hoc Committee
8. Mr. Zachary Mwaura - Member Ad Hoc Committee
9. Mr. Julis Chege - Member Ad Hoc Committee
10. Mr. Erick Matata - Director Municipalities
11. Mr. Wayne Cook - MD, Delmonte Kenya
12. Mr. Deveh Shah - MD Broadway Kenya
13. Hon. Peter Mburu - MCA and Chair Planning Committee
County Assembly of Kiambu
14. Hon. John Wanjiru - Deputy Speaker Kiambu C. Assembly
15. Hon. Godfrey Mucheke - Majority Leader Kiambu C. Assembly
16. Mr. Joseph Gathumbi - Chair Thika Municipal Board
17. Mr. Gathiri Kaya - Thika Municipal Manager
18. Mr. Paul Jomo Thome - Thika Municipal Member
19. Mr. Hezron Muiruri - Thika Municipal Board Member
20. Mr. John Kimaru - Thika Municipal Board
21. Mr. Mumbi Ngaru - Thika Municipal
22. Dr. Kibathi Mbugua - Grets University
23. Mr. Maina Ruo - Kenya Association of Manufacturers
24. Mr. Eric Wainaina - Director Governor's Press



MINUTES OF THE 218TH SITTING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M AT THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF KIAMBU COUNTY IN KIAMBU TOWN.

PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Catherine Mumma, CBS, MP | - Vice-Chairperson (Chairing) |
| 2. Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, EGH, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Richard Onyonka, EBS, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Peris Tobiko, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Paul Karungo Thangwa, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 6. Sen. Mohamed Said Chute, CBS, MP | - Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| 1. Sen. Sheikh Mohamed Abass, CBS, MP | - Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, MGH, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP | - Member |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Hon. (Dr.) Kimani Wamatangi, EGH, | - Governor, Kiambu County |
| 2. Hon. Rosemary Kirika | - Deputy Governor, Kiambu County |

SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mr. Ahmed Odhowa | - Principal Clerk Assistant I |
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| 3. Mr. Desmond Rasugu | - Clerk Assistant III (taking minutes) |
| 4. Ms. Angela Kagunyi | - Legal Officer II |
| 5. Ms. Mwanamisi Mwachasi | - Research Officer III |
| 6. Mr. Stanley Gikore | - Media Relations Officer III |
| 7. Mr. Ibrahim Odindo | - Serjeant-At-Arms |
| 8. Mr. Charles Oyosi | - Audio Officer III |
| 9. Ms. Terryanne Macheru | - Attachee |

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1149/2026

PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by the acting Chairperson, followed by a word of prayer by Ms. Sylvia Nasambu.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1150/2026:

**COURTESY CALL TO THE OFFICE OF THE
GOVERNOR, KIAMBU COUNTY**

The Governor welcomed the Committee to Kiambu County and expressed his appreciation for the Committee's continued efforts in supporting and strengthening devolution across the country. In his remarks -

- a) He informed the Committee that the County currently has a workforce of approximately 8,000 employees, all serving on contract terms subject to renewal;
- b) He reported that the County has deployed an ERP system for revenue collection, which has significantly improved efficiency and raised Own Source Revenue from KSh 2.9 billion to KSh 5.5 billion. The County is targeting KSh 7.7 billion in the current financial year;
- c) He stated that Own Source Revenue has been the County's lifeline, enabling the construction of 26 Level III hospitals, 6 Level V hospitals, and 512 ECDE centres;
- d) He highlighted that the County has adopted a full green energy policy, with no reliance on grid power. To date, the County has installed 12,000 solar streetlights, with plans to increase this to 24,000 before the end of the year;
- e) He further informed the Committee that the County is currently in court challenging the decision by the Kenya Revenue Authority to impose Value Added Tax (VAT) on the County's Own Source Revenue; and
- f) He added that the County has adopted a policy setting KSh 5,000 as the minimum bursary allocation per learner, with exceptional cases receiving higher amounts based on need.

The Acting Chairperson in her remarks –

- a) Thanked the Governor for the warm welcome extended to the Committee and commended him for his leadership in steering robust development and service delivery initiatives within the County;
- b) She underscored the importance of the public participation exercise scheduled to take place in the County, noting that the Committee would carefully consider all views received from stakeholders and members of the public regarding the application for conferment of city status on Thika Municipality before preparing its report to the Senate; and
- c) She further reminded the Governor to submit an updated report outlining the measures taken by the County Government to address the issues previously identified by the Committee for improvement as part of the ongoing consideration of the Municipality's application for conferment of city status.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1151/2026:

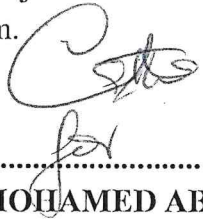
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1152/2026:

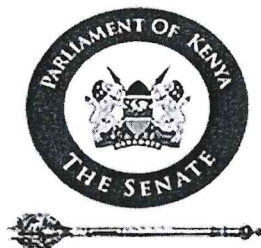
ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT
MEETING

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10: 44 a.m. The next meeting is to be held same day at 11.a.m.

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DATE.....4/5/26.....

SEN. SHEIKH MOHAMED ABASS, CBS, MP,
CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.



MINUTES OF THE 219TH SITTING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M AT THE MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY PAVILLION, THIKA TOWN.

PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Catherine Mumma, CBS, MP | - Vice-Chairperson (Chairing) |
| 2. Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, EGH, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Richard Onyonka, EBS, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Peris Tobiko, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Paul Karungo Thangwa, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 6. Sen. Mohamed Said Chute, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 7. Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP | - Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| 1. Sen. Sheikh Mohamed Abass, CBS, MP | - Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, MGH, MP | - Member |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Hon. (Dr.) Kimani Wamatangi, EGH, | - Governor, Kiambu County |
| 2. Hon. Rosemary Kirika | - Deputy Governor, Kiambu County |
| 3. Various stakeholders and members of the public (List annexed) | |

SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mr. Ahmed Odhowa | - Principal Clerk Assistant I |
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| 3. Mr. Desmond Rasugu | - Clerk Assistant III (taking minutes) |
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| 6. Mr. Stanley Gikore | - Media Relations Officer III |
| 7. Mr. Ibrahim Odindo | - Serjeant -At-Arms |
| 8. Mr. Charles Oyosi | - Audio Officer III |
| 9. Ms. Terryanne Macheru | - Attachee |

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1153/2026

PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 11:44 a.m. by the acting Chairperson, followed by a word of prayer.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1154/2026:

**CONDUCTING OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE APPLICATION FOR
CONFERMENT OF CITY STATUS TO THIKA MUNICIPALITY**

The Chairperson in her opening remarks welcomed all those who were present in the forum and thanked them for turning up for the important exercise. She stated that the purpose of the occasion was to receive views and submissions from the residents of Thika and other stakeholders on the application by Thika Municipality for elevation to city status. She further, stated that the Committee shall inspect the facilities and services provided by the Municipality to ascertain compliance with the requirements of the First Schedule of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, Cap 275. She finally assured that the Committee will consider all the views that shall be expressed by the public regarding the matter and urged everyone to freely and candidly share their views.

The Committee proceeded to receive oral submissions on the above matter from representatives of various groups and individual members who were present. The following groups made their submissions–

- a) Thika BodaBoda Association
- b) Thika Small Traders Association
- c) Thika Market Traders
- d) Thika Matatu Association
- e) Thika Industrialists Association
- f) Thika Hawkers Association
- g) The Chamber of Commerce
- h) Association of PWDs
- i) Thika Resident Women's Group
- j) Community-Based Organisations
- k) Kiambu Poultry Farmers Association
- l) Youth Group representative
- m) Religious groups
- n) Neighbourhood Community Association
- o) Kiambu Former Councillor's Association
- p) Mount Kenya University Council
- q) Representatives from each of the wards in Thika subcounty
- r) individual members of the public

From the submissions, majority of residents and local organizations were firmly in favour of Thika Municipality's elevation to city status. However, in their submissions, the stakeholders requested a number of specific issues that the County Government of

Kiambu should prioritize addressing to accompany the elevation. Some of these include

- a) Upgrade and tarmac all major access roads within estates and improve linkages to the Thika Super Highway and provide for non-motorized transport;
- b) Expand water and sewerage coverage by Thika Water and Sewerage Company to attain 100% connectivity;
- c) Complete and operationalize modern markets with adequate water sanitation, lighting and security to decongest the CBD;
- d) Digitize all county revenue streams to enhance efficiency and accountability in own source revenue collection;
- e) Have strengthened planning frameworks, clear zoning of residential, commercial and industrial areas and allocation of land for essential public utilities to ensure orderly and sustainable growth;
- f) Designate and service workspaces for micro and Small Enterprises and the Jua kali sector;
- g) Strictly enforce NEMA regulations on noise and air pollution; control of bodaboda operations and promote urban order;
- h) Effective management of public transport, freight movement and parking infrastructure to improve mobility and reduce congestion in commercial areas;
- i) Install and maintain street and public space lighting across all estates using solar-grid hybrid systems and install CCTV surveillance in strategic locations to enhance security;
- j) Implement urban aesthetics programme covering building facades, uniform signage and city beautification;
- k) Transition from open dumping to a gazetted sanitary landfill and establish a circular economy framework for waste recycling; and
- l) Implement a multi agency river regeneration programme to eliminate the discharge of raw wastage and industrial effluent into Chania river.

The Members of the public were further informed that they can submit their written responses on the matter and submit them to the Clerk of the Senate.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1155/2026:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1156/2026:

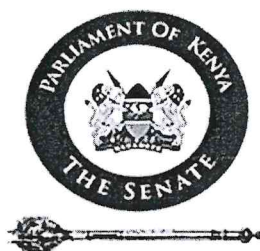
ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting is to be held same day at 3:30 pm.

SIGNED.....

DATE..... 04/5/2026

SEN. SHEIKH MOHAMED ABASS, CBS, MP,
CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.



MINUTES OF THE 220TH SITTING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL, 2026 AT 3:00 P.M IN THIKA TOWN.

PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Catherine Mumma, CBS, MP | - Vice-Chairperson (Chairing) |
| 2. Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, EGH, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Richard Onyonka, EBS, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Peris Tobiko, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Paul Karungu Thangwa, CBS, MP | - Member |
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| 7. Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP | - Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| 1. Sen. Sheikh Mohamed Abass, CBS, MP | - Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, MGH, MP | - Member |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| Hon. (Dr.) Kimani Wamatangi, EGH, | - Governor, Kiambu County |
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| 7. Mr. Ibrahim Odindo | - Serjeant -At-Arms |
| 8. Mr. Charles Oyosi | - Audio Officer III |
| 9. Ms. Terryanne Macheru | - Attachee |

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1157/2026:

CONDUCTING OF AN INSPECTION OF VARIOUS FACILITIES IN THIKA MUNICIPALITY

The Committee commenced inspection of the facilities and services provided by the Municipality to ascertain compliance with the requirements of the First Schedule of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, Cap 275.

During the inspection tour, the Committee inspected the following five (5) facilities –

- a) Thika Level V Hospital;
- b) Thika Stadium;
- c) Thika Water Sewerage Company;
- d) Thika Fire Station;
- e) Mama Ngina Park; and
- f) Gatitu Road

The Committee made observations about each of the above facilities as follows-

a) Thika Level V Hospital

During the inspection, the Committee observed that the hospital, which is a County Referral facility -

- i) boasts a bed capacity of 300, including a specialized 163-bed Reproductive Health Wing; a robust Emergency Casualty Unit, and a Critical Care Unit (ICU/HDU);
- ii) offers advanced diagnostics and treatment, such as Renal Dialysis and Oncology support with a modern state-of-the-art cancer centre;
- iii) is committed to delivering accessible, equitable, and high-quality services aimed at improving maternal and neonatal outcomes in line with national standards. It has a newborn unit with a reported average of 70-80 babies per day;
- iv) the Committee was informed that the facility serves a massive catchment area extending beyond Kiambu to Murang'a, Machakos, and Kitui counties.

b) Thika Stadium

During the tour, the Committee observed that the stadium which is located in Thika Township -

- i) is ongoing construction with the Governor reporting that in collaboration with the National Government, the Ministry of Defence plans to upgrade the stadium to a 10,000 seater capacity;
- ii) there are four 10,000-liter water tanks, two tanks are in good condition and mounted on steel stand;
- iii) There are two spectator stands- a metal fabricated stand and a stone-built stand.
- iv) There is a swimming pool and changing rooms being constructed at the stadium. The swimming pool is awaiting finishing and installation of pump and tiles.
- v) There are many toilets in the stadium both for gents and females.
- vi) There is a standard football pitch with grass planted inside. There is also, an operational basketball court;

- vii) There is construction of stalls ongoing; which the Governor reported are 600 in number, an initiative by the county government to empower the youth and other low-income earners doing business around the stadium by giving them more decent structures.

The Governor further informed the Committee that the County government is constructing a sports arena at Delmonte area that will incorporate all sports fields, a sports academy and sports training facilities.

c) Thika Water Sewerage Company (THIWASCO)

During the tour, the Committee was informed the following about the facility, which was established in September, 2009 –

- i) serves over 410,000 residents in Thika, Juja and Gatanga sub-counties;
- ii) is solely owned by the County Government of Kiambu and licensed by WASREB;
- iii) connects 42,999 households in the municipality;
- iv) the water sources for the company, are Chania River, Thika River, and 7 other boreholes. Currently the company, it has 18 storage tanks with a combined capacity of 29,446 m³;
- v) the current water demand in Thika municipality is 62,000 m³/day visa vis the current supply 43,000 m³/day. To bridge the gap, THIWASCO is implementing the last phase of Thika 3A Dam which will boost the current supply by +70,000 m³/day;
- vi) on sewerage services THIWASCO sewerage treatment plant has a Capacity: 17,500 m³/day. The Current treated water is 12,000 m³/day.

d) Thika Fire Station

The Committee observed that the Thika Municipality fire station is a 24/7 emergency-ready manned entity with a work strength of 40. The Chief Fire Officer informed the Committee that the station has –

- i) two fire engines of 10,000 and 5,000 litre capacity;
- ii) one pump truck;
- iii) one utility vehicle;
- iv) one command car,
- v) one rescue van; and
- vi) one back up water bowser.

The Committee observed that the unit has specialized equipment for effective lifesaving, property protection and salvage operated by competent firefighters.

e) Mama Ngina Park

The park is located near Thika town centre, providing a landscaped open space used for relaxation and informal recreation. The park contains shaded areas, benches, and open ground suitable for public events or community activities.

f) Gatitu Road

The road runs through Thika town and is a major link road to Thika – Garissa Highway, the Thika Superway and Thika town. It handles most vehicles entering/exiting Thika CBD from the Thika Superhighway and Garissa Road. The service lane has been completed and an interchange dualing is being planned by KeNHA.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1158/2026:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1159/2026:

ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

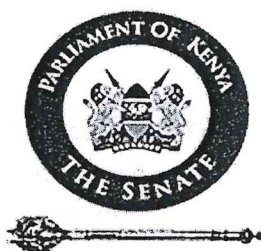
The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting is to be hld on notice.



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DATE..... 04/5/2026,

**SEN. SHEIKH MOHAMED ABASS, CBS, MP,
CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.**



MINUTES OF THE 226TH SITTING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS HELD ON FRIDAY, 8TH MAY, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M AT SERENA HOTEL, MOMBASA COUNTY AND ON THE ZOOM ONLINE PLATFORM

PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Sheikh Mohamed Abass, CBS, MP | - Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Catherine Mumma, CBS, MP | - Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, EGH, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Peris Tobiko, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Paul Karungu Thangwa, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 6. Sen. Mohamed Said Chute, CBS, MP | - Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| 1. Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, MGH, MP | - Member |
| 2. Sen. Richard Onyonka, EBS, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP | - Member |

SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mr. Njenga Njuguna | - DGAC |
| 2. Mr. Ibrahim Leruk | - Principal Clerk Assistant I |
| 3. Ms. Sylvia Nasambu | - Clerk Assistant I |
| 4. Mr. Desmond Rasugu | - Clerk Assistant III (taking minutes) |
| 5. Ms. Angela Kagunyi | - Legal Officer II |
| 6. Ms. Mwanamisi Mwachasi | - Research Officer III |
| 7. Mr. Stanley Gikore | - Media Relations Officer III |
| 8. Ms. Julia Gachoki | - Serjeant -At-Arms |
| 9. Mr. Charles Oyosi | - Audio Officer III |

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1188/2026:

PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 a.m. by the Chairperson, followed by a word of prayer by Ms. Sylvia Nasambu.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1189/2026:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting was adopted as presented after being proposed by Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP and seconded by Sen. Karungo Thangwa, CBS, MP as follows

1. Prayer;
2. Adoption of the agenda;
3. Consideration of the Report on the application for conferment of City Status to Thika Municipality;
4. Consideration of Report of the County Governments (Amendment) Bill 2024 (Senate Bills No. 39 of 2024); and
5. Report of the County Government Laws (Amendment Bill 2025 (Senate Bills No. 14 of 2025)
6. Any Other Business;
7. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1190/2026:

**CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON THE APPLICATION FOR
CONFERMENT OF CITY STATUS TO THIKA MUNICIPALITY.**

The Committee considered the report on the application for the conferment of city status to Thika Municipality and undertook an analysis of the application against the procedural requirements set out under Section 8 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, Cap 275, as well as the substantive criteria for classification of an urban area as a city under Section 5(1) of the Act. Members reviewed the observations made in relation to each criterion.

During the analysis, the Committee noted discrepancies between the information submitted by the County Government of Kiambu and that provided by the Office of the Auditor-General regarding the revenue generated by the Municipality and its expenditure from the Financial Year 2018/2019 to date. In light of these inconsistencies, the Committee directed the Secretariat to write to the County Government to verify the figures and furnish the Committee with accurate financial information. Additionally, the Committee resolved the County Government to provide the following information –

- a) confirmation whether the Thika Integrated Development Urban Plan (2015–2035) envisioned Thika as a city, and if so, provide the specific provisions supporting this position;
- b) a clear definition and demarcation of the exact geographical boundaries of Thika Municipality proposed for elevation to city status, indicating whether there exist any boundary disputes with neighbouring counties;

- c) a comprehensive explanation and reconciliation of the disparities between the revenue and expenditure information submitted by the County Government of Kiambu and the data verified by the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG); and
- d) a statement confirming whether there exists any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the County Government of Kiambu and the following institutions—WHO, AMREF, UNICEF, KEMRI, JKUAT and the Kenya Red Cross, as referenced in your submissions to the Committee vide letter, Ref. KCG/ADM/31/4/VOL.X/385 dated 28th April, 2026.

The Committee further guided the Secretariat to review and reframe certain issues in the report as directed. The revised report shall be resubmitted for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1191/2026:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1192/2026:

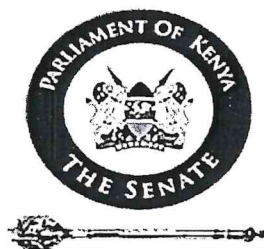
ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:50 P.m. The next meeting is to be held on on the same day at 2.00 p.m.

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DATE.....

SEN. SHEIKH MOHAMED ABASS, CBS, MP,
CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.



MINUTES OF THE 234TH SITTING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS HELD ON MONDAY, 22ND JUNE, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M AT COMMITTEE ROOM 4, FIRST FLOOR, BUNGE TOWER AND ON THE ZOOM ONLINE PLATFORM

PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Sheikh Mohamed Abass, CBS, MP | - Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Cathrine Mumma, CBS, MP | - Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, EGH, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Richard Onyonka, EBS, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Peris Tobiko, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 6. Sen. Paul Karungu Thangwa, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 7. Sen. Mohamed Said Chute, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 8. Sen. Heczena Lemaletian, MP | - Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, MGH, MP | - Member |
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SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Ms. Sylvia Nasambu | - Clerk Assistant I |
| 2. Mr. Desmond Rasugu | - Clerk Assistant III (taking minutes) |
| 3. Ms. Angela Kagunyi | - Legal Officer II |
| 4. Ms. Amran Mursal | - Senior Fiscal Analyst |
| 5. Ms. Mwanamisi Mwachasi | - Research Officer III |
| 6. Mr. Jack Lemctek | - Media Relations Officer III |
| 7. Ms. Julia Gachoki | - Serjeant -At-Arms |
| 8. Mr. Charles Oyosi | - Audio Officer III |
| 9. Ms. Terryann Macheru | - Attachee |
| 10. Ms. Umlikier Mohamed | - Attachee |

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1222/2026:

PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by the Chairperson, followed by a word of prayer by Ms. Sylvia Nasambu.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1223/2026:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting was adopted as presented after being proposed by Sen. Richard Onyonka, EBS, MP and seconded by Sen. Catherine Mumma, CBS, MP as follows -

1. Prayer;
2. Adoption of the agenda;
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Meetings;
4. Consideration of Matters Arising from the Minutes;
5. Consideration and adoption of the report on the Cooperation Agreement between the National Government and the County Government of Nairobi City;
6. Consideration and adoption of the report on the application for conferment of city status to Thika municipality;
7. Any other Business; and
8. Date of the Next Meeting and Adjournment.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1224/2026:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- a) The minutes of the 222nd sitting of the Committee held on Monday, 27th April, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. Catherine Mumma, CBS, MP and seconded by Sen. Mohamed Chute, CBS, MP;
- b) The minutes of the 223rd sitting of the Committee held on Thursday, 30th April, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. Peris Tobiko, CBS, MP and seconded by Sen. Catherine Mumma, CBS, MP;
- c) The minutes of the 224th sitting of the Committee held on Monday, 4th May, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. Catherine Mumma, CBS, MP and seconded by Sen. Mohamed Chute, CBS, MP;
- d) The minutes of the 225th sitting of the Committee held on Thursday, 7th May, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Mohamed Chute, CBS, MP and seconded Sen. Catherine Mumma, CBS, MP;
- e) The minutes of the 226th sitting of the Committee held on Friday, 8th May, 2026 at 10.00 a.m were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Mohamed Chute, CBS, MP and seconded Sen. Peris Tobiko, CBS, MP;
- f) The minutes of the 227th sitting of the Committee held on Friday, 8th May, 2026

at 2.00 p.m were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Mohamed Chute, CBS, MP and seconded Sen. Mohamed Abass, CBS, MP;

- g) The minutes of the 228th sitting of the Committee held on Monday, 11th May, 2026 at 10.00 a.m were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Mohamed Chute, CBS, MP and seconded Sen. Mohamed Abass, CBS, MP;
- h) The minutes of the 229th sitting of the Committee held on Thursday, 14th May, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Mohamed Chute, CBS, MP and seconded Sen. Catherine Mumma, CBS, MP;
- i) The minutes of the 230th sitting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 26th May, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Hezema Lemaletian, CBS, MP and seconded Sen. Catherine Mumma, CBS, MP;
- j) The minutes of the 231st sitting of the Committee held on Thursday, 4th June, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Hezema Lemaletian, MP and seconded Sen. Mohamed Chute, CBS, MP;
- k) The minutes of the 232nd sitting of the Committee held on Monday, 8th June, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. Peris Tobiko, CBS, and seconded by Hezema Lemaletian, CBS, MP.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1224/2026: CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were confirmed.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1225/2026:

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY.

The Committee resumed consideration of its Report on the Cooperation Agreement between the National Government and the Nairobi City County Government, and reviewed the key observations arising from its earlier deliberations. This included an examination of the principal issues requiring scrutiny under the Agreement, namely: the constitutional framework for intergovernmental cooperation as set out in Articles 187 and 189 of the Constitution; the adequacy of public participation; the financing arrangements; the scope of legislative oversight; the clarity of roles and responsibilities assigned to each level of government; and the establishment mandate of the proposed Nairobi Metropolitan Police Unit.

Upon deliberation on the foregoing issues, the Committee resolved to recommend in its report to the House that the Agreement be **temporarily suspended** to allow for the

negotiation of a revised framework. The renegotiated Agreement should be subjected to comprehensive public participation, incorporate a detailed implementation workplan, and provide for explicit reporting obligations requiring the implementing parties to submit periodic implementation reports to Parliament and the Nairobi City County Assembly. The Committee further resolved that the purported KSh. 80 billion commitment by the National Government be anchored in the County Governments Additional Allocations Act, 2026/2027, among other necessary safeguards.

The Committee directed the Secretariat to clearly incorporate these recommendations into the draft Report and to present the revised version to the Committee for final consideration and adoption.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1226/2026:

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE APPLICATION FOR CONFERMENT OF CITY STATUS TO THIKA MUNICIPALITY.

The Committee considered the report on the application for the conferment of city status to Thika Municipality and resolved to recommend that the **Senate approves** the conferment of city status to Thika Municipality. The report was unanimously adopted after being proposed by Sen. Mohamed Chute, CBS, MP and seconded by Sen. Peris Tobiko, CBS, MP.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1227/2026:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/1228/2026:

ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, 29th June, 2026.

SIGNED.....

DATE.....

SEN. SHEIKH MOHAMED ABASS, CBS, MP,
CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.