



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026 AT 9:30 A.M.

1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Nine O'clock.

2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.

3. **Presiding** – the Fourth Chairperson of Committees

4. **QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE HOUSE**

And there being no quorum present to commence business, the Fourth Chairperson of Committees, ordered that the Quorum Bell be rung for ten minutes;

And Quorum having been attained before expiration of ten minutes, business commenced.

5. **PAPERS**

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the House—

(a) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the years ended 30th June 2021, 30th June 2022, 30th June 2023, 30th June 2024 and 30th June 2025 and the certificates therein in respect of the following Schools—

- (i) Tulwet Secondary School – Nakuru County;
- (ii) Inyokoni Secondary School – Makueni County;
- (iii) Kaputiei Secondary School – Kajiado County; and
- (iv) Kijabe Boys High School – Kiambu County.

(b) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2025 and the certificates therein in respect of the following Schools—

- (i) Munyu Girls High School – Kiambu County;
- (ii) NEP Girls High School – Garissa County;
- (iii) Ngi'ya Girls High School – Siaya County;
- (iv) Sabunley Secondary School – Wajir County;
- (v) Saka Girls Secondary School – Garissa County;
- (vi) Shimbahills Secondary School – Kwale County;
- (vii) Shimo La Tewa School – Mombasa County;
- (viii) Starehe Boys' Centre and School – Nairobi City County;
- (ix) St. Cecilia Aluor Girls Secondary School – Siaya County;
- (x) St. Marys School Yala Secondary School – Siaya County;
- (xi) Utumushi Boys Academy – Nakuru County;
- (xii) Wajir Girls High School – Wajir County; and
- (xiii) Wajir High School – Wajir County.

(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

(c) Report of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining on its consideration of the proposed de-gazettement of the following specified public forest land—

- (i) Turbo Forest (Manzini Area);
- (ii) Mount Elgon Forest (Chepyuk Area); and
- (iii) Kakamega Forest (Shiru & Shaviringa Area).

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)

- (d) Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations Committee on its consideration of the County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bill No. 10 of 2026).

(Vice-Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee)

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was given—

Report of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining on its consideration of the proposed de-gazettement of three specified public forest land

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining in its Report on the Consideration of a Petition by the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry relating to variation of boundaries of Turbo Forest (*Manzini Area*), Mount Elgon Forest (*Chepyuk Phases II and III*), and Kakamega Forest (*Shiru/Shaviringa Settlement Schemes*), *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 24th June 2026*, and pursuant to the provisions of section 34(5) of the Forest Conservation and Management Act, Cap. 385, this House—

- 1. FINDS THAT**, the Petition by the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry relating to variation of boundaries of Turbo Forest (*Manzini Area*), Mount Elgon Forest (*Chepyuk Phases II and III*), and Kakamega Forest (*Shiru/Shaviringa Settlement Schemes*) provides sufficient grounds for the variation of the boundaries of the specified public forests; and

2. APPROVES—

- i. THAT, the boundaries of Turbo Forest be varied by excluding 1,241.50 hectares in the *Manzini* area from the original boundaries of the Forest for the settlement of the landless squatters in the *Manzini* Forest Block;
- ii. THAT, the boundaries of Mount Elgon Forest be varied by excluding 4,647 hectares in *Chepyuk* area from the original boundaries of the Forest for the settlement of landless squatters in *Chepyuk* Phase II and Phase III; and
- iii. THAT, the boundaries of Kakamega Forest be varied by excluding 94.99 hectares at *Shiru* and 36 hectares at *Shaviringa* from the original boundaries of the Forest as compensation of beneficiaries who surrendered land to the government to establish public institutions and government offices.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)

7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Order for Committee read;

IN THE COMMITTEE

The Fourth Chairperson of Committees in the Chair

The Kenya Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2023)

Clauses 3, 4, 5 and 6 - agreed to.

Clause 7 - amendment proposed –

THAT, Clause 7 be deleted and replaced with the following new clause—

Kenyan Sign Language in education. **7.** The Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to basic education shall for the purposes of giving effect to Article 53(1)(b) of the Constitution—

- (a) so far as is reasonably practical, establish a mechanism for the provision of Kenyan Sign Language lessons to—
 - (i) the parents, siblings and grandparents of a child who is Deaf, hard of hearing or Deafblind; or
 - (ii) other persons who serve as guardians to a child who is Deaf, hard of hearing or Deafblind;
- (b) ensure that Deaf learners and learners who are hard of hearing are taught in a manner that they are able to understand and use the dominant language of instruction in the education system;
- (c) ensure development of appropriate instruction materials for the education of Deaf learners and learners who are hard of hearing;
- (d) ensure that learning institutions for the Deaf and hard of hearing provide formal and non-formal education, skills development and self-reliance for Deaf learners as appropriate;
- (e) ensure that there is a sufficient number of learning institutions offering Kenyan Sign Language training for the Deaf, hard of hearing or Deafblind children attending public or private schools;
- (f) ensure the provision of education and support services to children who are Deaf, hard of hearing or Deafblind who are attending accredited schools by determining, from time to time, the minimum placement and qualifications of the teachers of such children;
- (g) ensure that public institutions of higher learning undertake continuous research in the development and use of sign language;
- (h) ensure that Kenyan Sign Language is integrated in the basic education curriculum and is taught to all learners as one of the languages recognized under Article 7 of the Constitution;
- (i) ensure that the training and education of teachers offering basic education includes training and education on Kenyan Sign Language and interpretation;
- (j) ensure that Kenyan Sign Language is integrated in early childhood education generally and in particular, that Kenyan

Sign Language is taught to the Deaf learners and hearing learners in public and private early childhood education centres; and

- (k) ensure that public institutions offering tertiary education shall do all that is reasonable and necessary to provide free interpretation services as may be needed by Deaf, hard of hearing, and Deafblind.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to.

Clause 7 as amended - agreed to.

Clauses 8 and 9 - agreed to.

Clause 10 - amendment proposed-

THAT, Clause 10 be deleted.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to.

Clause 10 - deleted.

Clause 11 - amendment proposed –

THAT, Clause 11 be deleted.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to.

Clause 11 - deleted.

Clause 12 - amendment proposed –

THAT, Clause 12 be deleted.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to.

Clause 12 - deleted.

Clause 13 - amendment proposed –

THAT, Clause 13 be deleted.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to.

Clause 13 - deleted.

Clause 14 - agreed to

Clause 15 - amendment proposed –

THAT, Clause 15 be amended by deleting the expression “Cabinet Secretary shall, in consultation with the most representative registered association of sign language interpreters” and substituting therefor the word “Council”.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to.

Clause 15 as amended - agreed to.

Clauses 16, 17, 18 and 19 - agreed to.

New Part I proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following heading immediately before Clause 1—

“PART I—PRELIMINARY”

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to.

Heading to New Part I - agreed to.

New Part II Proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5—

Establishment of
the Council.

PART II—KENYA SIGN LANGUAGE COUNCIL

5A. (1) There is established the Kenya Sign Language Council.

(2) The Council is a body corporate with perpetual succession and common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing of movable and immovable property;
- (c) entering into contracts; and
- (d) doing or performing all other things or acts necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act, which may lawfully be done or performed by a body corporate.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5A be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5A be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5A - agreed to.

New Clause 5B - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5A—

Headquarters of
the Council.

5B. (1) The headquarters of the Council shall be in the Nairobi, but the Council shall ensure access to its services in all parts of the Republic in accordance with Article 6(3) of the Constitution.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Council may establish such units as it considers necessary for the proper discharge of its functions.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5B be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5B be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5B - agreed to.

New Clause 5C - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5B—

Functions of
the Council.

5C. The functions of the Council shall be to—

- (a) regulate the use and development of sign language in Kenya;
- (b) put in place measures for the recognition and preservation of the use of Kenyan Sign Language;
- (c) undertake research and create awareness on the culture and heritage of the deaf community in Kenya;
- (d) set and enforce standards for the training, practice and use of Kenyan sign language and Kenya Sign Language interpretation;
- (e) register and license sign language interpreters in Kenya;
- (f) maintain a register and keep a record of all sign language interpreters registered under this Act;
- (g) protect and promote the right of the deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind community to equal access to information and communication, including the right to access to justice;
- (h) determine the minimum fees chargeable for the provision of services under this Act;
- (i) advise the Cabinet Secretary and county governments on matters relating to sign language;
- (j) develop and regulate ethical and disciplinary standards for sign language interpreters;

- (k) collaborate with other relevant government agencies in the use and development of sign language in Kenya; and
- (l) perform such other functions as may be prescribed by any other law or as necessary for the promotion of the objects of this Act.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5C be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5C be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5C - agreed to.

New Clause 5D - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5C—

Powers of the Council. **5D.** (1) The Council shall have all the powers necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act and any other written law.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Council shall have the power to—

- (a) manage, control and administer the assets of the Council in such manner and for such purposes as best promotes the purpose for which the Council is established;
- (b) open such bank accounts for the funds of the Council as may be necessary;
- (c) determine the provisions to be made for capital and recurrent expenditure and for the reserves of the Council;
- (d) subject to approval of the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance, invest any surplus funds of the Council not immediately required for the purposes of this Act, as it may determine;
- (e) receive gifts, grants, donations or endowments made to the Council and make legitimate disbursements therefrom;

- (f) enter into association with such other bodies or organizations within or outside Kenya as it may consider appropriate and in furtherance of the purposes for which the Council is established; and
- (g) undertake any activity necessary for the performance of any of its functions.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5D be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5D be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5D - agreed to.

New Clause 5E - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5D—

Composition of the Council.

5E. (1) The Council consists of—

- (a) a chairperson, who shall be appointed by the Cabinet Secretary;
- (b) the Principal Secretary in the Ministry for the time being responsible for matters relating to education or a representative designated in writing;
- (c) the Principal Secretary in the Ministry for the time being responsible for matters relating to culture or a representative designated in writing;
- (d) the chairperson of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities or a representative designated in writing;
- (e) three persons nominated by the most representative registered national association of the deaf community in Kenya;

(f) two persons nominated by the most representative registered national association for sign language interpreters in Kenya; and

(g) the Registrar who shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Council.

(2) A person qualifies for appointment as the chairperson of the Council if the person—

(a) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;

(b) has proven knowledge and experience of at least ten years in matters of—

(i) Kenyan Sign Language;

(ii) deaf and hard of hearing communications and other communications formats; and

(iii) disability rights;

(c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(3) A person qualifies for appointment as a member of the Council under subsection (1)(e) and (f) if the person—

(a) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;

(b) has knowledge and experience of at least five years in any of the following matters of—

(i) Kenyan Sign Language;

(ii) deaf and hard of hearing communications and other communications formats;

(iii) disability;

(iv) human rights; or

(v) social sciences;

(c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(4) The Cabinet Secretary shall make regulations to prescribe the criteria for nomination of members referred to in subsection (1)(e) and (f).

(5) A person shall not qualify for appointment as a chairperson or a member of the Council, if the person—

(a) is a member of Parliament or County Assembly;

(b) is an official of a governing body of a political party;

(c) is an undischarged bankrupt;

(d) has been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months;

(e) has been removed from office for contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other written law; or

(f) in the case of members referred to in subsection 1(f), has been and remains removed from the register or his or her practicing certificate has been suspended under section 9H.

(6) The appointment of the chairperson and members under subsection 1(e) and (f) shall be by name and by notice in the *Gazette*.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5E be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5E be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5E - agreed to.

New Clause 5F - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5E—

Term of office. **5F.** (1) The chairperson and members shall serve on part-time basis.

(2) The members appointed under section 5E (1)(a), (e) and (f) shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term.

(3) The members appointed under section 5E (1)(b), (c) and (d) shall hold office during their tenure of office unless removed from office by the appointing authority.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5F be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5F be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5F - agreed to.

New Clause 5G - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5F—

Vacation of office. **5G.** (1) A member of the Council, other than an ex officio member, shall cease to be a member of the Council, if the person—

- (a) is unable to perform the functions of the office by reason of mental or physical infirmity;
- (b) is incompetent or has neglected duty;
- (c) is adjudged bankrupt;
- (d) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of more than six months;
- (e) is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Council without good cause;
- (f) resigns in writing by a notice addressed to the Cabinet Secretary;
- (g) dies; or
- (h) is removed from office in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

(2) Whenever a vacancy arises under section 5E (1)(e) and (f), the Cabinet Secretary shall within seven days of such vacancy, notify the respective associations to submit the names of their nominees within fourteen days from the date of receipt of the notification.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5G be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5G be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5G - agreed to.

New Clause 5H - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5G—

Committees of the Council. **5H.** (1) The Council may establish Committees for the effective performance of its functions under this Act.

(2) The Council may co-opt into the membership of a Committee established under subsection (1), any person whose knowledge and expertise may be necessary for the effective performance of the functions of the Council.

(3) A person co-opted into a Committee under subsection (2), may attend the meetings of the Committee and participate in its deliberations, but shall not vote at such meetings.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5H be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5H be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5H - agreed to.

New Clause 5J - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5H—

5J. (1) The Council shall conduct its business and affairs in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the Council may regulate its own procedure.

(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), all Council meetings shall be conducted in both spoken and sign language.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5J be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5J be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5J - agreed to.

New Clause 5K - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5J—

Registrar of the Council. **5K.** (1) The Council shall, through an open, transparent and competitive recruitment process, appoint a suitably qualified person to be the Registrar of the Council.

(2) A person is qualified for appointment as the Registrar of the Council if the person—

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) holds a degree in social sciences or its equivalent, from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) has had at least ten years proven experience at management level;
- (d) has had at least five years' experience in sign language proficiency in Kenya; and
- (e) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(3) The Registrar shall serve on such terms and conditions as the Council may determine.

(4) The Registrar shall hold office for a period not exceeding five years and may be eligible for re-appointment for a further and final term of five years

(5) The Registrar shall, in the performance of the functions and duties of the office, be responsible to the Council.

(6) The Registrar shall—

(a) be the Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the Council;

(b) be responsible for—

(i) implementing the decisions of the Council regarding all matters relating to the registration and regulation of sign language interpretation;

(ii) the day-to-day administration and management of the affairs of the Council;

(iii) coordination and supervision of the staff of the Council;

(iv) keeping and maintaining the register of persons registered as sign language interpreters in accordance with this Act;

(v) subject to the directions of the Council, make the necessary alterations or corrections in the register;

(c) perform any other duties as may be assigned by law or the Council.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5K be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5K be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5K - agreed to.

New Clause 5L - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5K—

Removal of the Registrar from office. **5L.** (1) The Registrar may be removed from office by the Council in accordance with the terms and condition of service, for—

- (a) inability to perform the functions of the office arising out of physical or mental infirmity;
- (b) gross misconduct or misbehaviour;
- (c) incompetence or negligence of duty;
- (d) violation of the Constitution or any other written law; or
- (e) any other grounds specified in the terms and conditions of service of the Registrar.

Cap. 7L (2) Where the question of the removal of the Registrar under subsection (1) arises, the Council shall act in accordance with the principles of fair administrative action prescribed under Article 47 of the Constitution and the Fair Administrative Action Act.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5L be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5L be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5L - agreed to.

New Clause 5M - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5L—

Staff of **5M.** (1) The Council shall, through a competitive and transparent
the process, employ such officers, agents and other staff as may be necessary for
Council. the proper discharge of its functions under this Act, upon such terms and
 conditions of service as the Council may determine.

(2) The staff referred to in subsection (1) may, upon the request of the Council, be seconded by the Public Service Commission to the Council.

(3) The Council shall, in the appointment of staff, ensure—

- (a) equalization of opportunity for the deaf community;
- (b) equalization of opportunities for the youth;
- (c) that not more than two thirds of its staff are of the same gender; and
- (d) that the appointment of staff reflects the ethnic and regional diversity of the people of Kenya.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5M be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5M be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5M - agreed to.

New Clause 5N - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5M—

Remuneration. **5N.** (1) The members of the Council shall be paid such remuneration, allowances and disbursements as may be approved by the Cabinet Secretary in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

(2) The Registrar and staff of the Council shall be paid such salary or allowances as shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5N be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5N be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5N - agreed to.

New Clause 5O - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5O—

Common seal. **50.** (1) The common seal of the Council shall be kept in the custody of the Registrar or such other person as the Council may direct, and shall not be used except on the order of the Council.

(2) The affixing of the common seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairperson and the Registrar.

(3) The Council shall in the absence of wither the chairperson or the Registrar, in any particular matter, nominate one member of the Council to authenticate the seal of the Council on behalf of either the chairperson or the Registrar.

(4) The common seal of the Council when affixed to a document and duly authenticated, shall be judicially and officially noticed, and unless the contrary is proved, any necessary order by the Council under this section shall be presumed to have been duly given.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5O be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5O be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5O - agreed to.

New Clause 5P - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5O—

Protection from personal liability. **5P.** (1) A matter or thing done by a member of the Council or by any officer, member of staff, or agent of the Council shall not, if the matter or thing is done *bona fide* for executing the functions, powers or duties of the Council under this Act or any other written law, render the member, officer, employee or agent or any person acting on their directions personally liable to any action, claim or demand whatsoever.

(2) Any expenses incurred by any person in any suit or prosecution brought against him or her in any court, in respect of any act which is done or purported to be done by him or her under the direction of the Council, shall, if the court holds that such act was done *bona fide*, be paid out of the general funds of the Council, unless such expenses are recovered by him or her in such suit or prosecution.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5P be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5P be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5P - agreed to.

New Clause 5Q - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 5P—

Liability **5Q.** The provisions of section 5P shall not relieve the Council of the
for liability to pay compensation or damages to any person for any injury to him
damages. or her, his or her property or any of his or her interests caused by the exercise
of any power conferred by this Act or any other written law or by the failure,
wholly or partially, of any works.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 5Q be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 5Q be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5Q - agreed to.

New Part III proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following heading immediately before clause 6—

“PART III—ACCESS AND NON-DISCRIMINATION”

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to.

New Part III – agreed to.

NEW CLAUSES

New Clause 8A - amendment proposed-

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 8—

Media services. **8A.** (1) Television stations shall provide closed captioning and a Kenyan Sign Language inset covering at least one-third of the size of the television screen, in all newscasts, educational and national programmes, for the purpose of ensuring equality and respect for human dignity in the promotion and broadcasting of such programmes.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), content on television including content transmitted through the internet shall be made accessible to the Deaf, hard of hearing, and Deafblind community through the provision of closed captioning and transcripts on all content.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 8A be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 8A be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 8A - agreed to.

New Clause 8B - proposed-

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 8—

Telecomm **8B.** Telecommunication service providers shall make their
unication services accessible to the Deaf, hard of hearing, and Deafblind
services. community through establishment and provision of relay services,
 including text relay, video relay, captioned telephone relay, and
 communication facilitators for the Deaf, hard of hearing or Deafblind.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 8B be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 8B - agreed to.

New Part IV Proposed -

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 9—

PART IV—REGISTRATION OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

Registration. **9A.** (1) A person who wishes to provide Kenyan Sign Language
 interpretation services shall apply for registration to the Council in
 the prescribed manner.

(2) The Registrar shall, upon receipt of the application and as
soon as is practicable bring every application before the Council for
consideration.

(3) Where the Council has determined that a person has complied
with the provisions of this Act, the person shall be registered and is
eligible to provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services.

(4) The Council may issue a person who has been registered
under this Act with such identification document in the prescribed
manner, and which shall be valid for such period as the Council may
specify.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, New Clause 9A be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 9A be part of the Bill
(*Hon. Umulkher Harun*)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 9A - agreed to.

New Clause 9B - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 9A—

Qualifications for registration. **9B.** A person is qualified to be registered to provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services under this Act, if the person—

- (a) has proficiency in English or Kiswahili languages as contemplated under Article 7(1) and (2) of the Constitution;
- (b) possesses such professional qualifications from an institution recognized by the Council;
- (c) has obtained practical experience and skills in Kenyan Sign Language interpretation as may be prescribed by the Council; and
- (d) has successfully passed the continuing professional development examination or such other requirements as may be conducted by the Council, from time to time.

(*Hon. Umulkher Harun*)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 9B be read a Second Time.
(*Hon. Umulkher Harun*)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 9B be part of the Bill.
(*Hon. Umulkher Harun*)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 9B - agreed to.

New Clause 9C - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 9B—

Application for registration. **9C.** (1) A person who meets the requirements under section 9B of this Act, may apply to the Registrar for registration to provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services.

(2) The application referred to under subsection (1), shall be in the prescribed manner, accompanied with—

- (a) copies of professional and educational certificates;
- (b) such registration fees as may be determined by the Council; and
- (c) any other document as may be necessary to prove qualification for registration.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 9C be read a Second Time.
(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 9C be part of the Bill.
(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 9C - agreed to.

New Clause 9D - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 9C—

Effect of registration. **9D.** A person whose name has been entered in the register as a licensed Kenyan Sign Language interpreter, shall, for as long as his or her name remains in the register, be entitled to adopt and use the style and title “professional sign language interpreter”.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 9D be read a Second Time.
(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 9D be part of the Bill.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 9D - agreed to.

New Clause 9E - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 9D—

Certificate of registration. **9E.** The Registrar shall issue to every person registered under this Act, a certificate of registration in the prescribed form.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 9E be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 9E be part of the Bill.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 9E - agreed to.

New Clause 9F - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 9E—

Register. **9F.** (1) The Registrar shall keep and maintain a register in which the name of every person registered by the Council to provide Kenya Sign Language interpretation services of all the registered sign language interpreters under this Act shall be entered showing—

- (a) the date of the entry in the register;
- (b) the registration number of the person;
- (c) the address of the person registered;

- (d) the nationality of the person;
- (e) the qualifications of the person; and
- (f) such other particulars as the Council may prescribe.

(2) A person whose name is entered in the register under subsection (1) shall inform the Registrar of any changes in the particulars set out under subsection (1).

(3) A person may, during normal office hours and on payment of the prescribed fee, inspect the register and any document relating to an entry and may obtain from the Registrar a copy or extract from the register of any such document.

(4) The Registrar shall cause to be published in either electronic or print media, not later than the 30th day of April of every year, particulars of licensed Kenya Sign Language interpreters duly registered under this Act.

(5) A publication made under this subsection (4) shall be prima facie evidence—

- (a) that a person whose name has been entered in the register under this Act is qualified to provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services; or
- (b) that a person whose name does not appear in such publication or has been deleted from the register as notified by such publication is not licensed to provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services.

(6) The Registrar may remove from the register—

- (a) the name of a deceased member in a manner prescribed by Council;
- (b) any entry which has been incorrectly or fraudulently made;
- (c) the name of a person convicted of an offence under this Act or any other law and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months;
- (d) a person whose name the Council has directed that it should be removed from the register for breach of the provisions of this Act;
- (e) the name of a person who has been declared bankrupt; or
- (f) the name of a person who has failed to satisfy the requirements for the continuing professional development programme for the time being in force.

(7) Where the Registrar establishes that an entry has been erroneously or incorrectly entered in the register, the Registrar may correct the error and notify the affected person of such corrections.

(8) The Registrar shall cause the name and address of a person whose name is removed from the register under this section, to be published in the *Gazette* within one month from the date of such removal.

(9) Upon the removal of a name from the register, the Registrar shall inform the person of the removal by registered mail to the person's last recorded postal address, or through the person's last known email address.

(10) Where the name of any person has been removed from the register under this Act, it shall not be reinstated except by the direction of the Council.

(11) A person whose name has been removed from the register shall cease to be registered for the purpose of this Act from the date of such removal.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 9F be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 9F be part of the Bill.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 9F - agreed to.

New Clause 9G - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 9F—

Practising certificate. **9G.** (1) A person shall not provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services unless that person has been issued with a practicing certificate under this Act.

(2) A person wishing to obtain a practicing certificate shall apply to the Council through the Registrar.

(3) An application under this section shall be in the prescribed form and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

(4) Where an application is made by a person in accordance with this section, the Registrar shall, upon direction by the Council, issue such a person a practicing certificate if satisfied that the person—

(a) is registered under this Act; and

(b) meets such other requirements as may be prescribed.

(5) A practicing certificate issued under subsection (1), shall be valid for a period of one year running from the 1st of January to the 31st of December of each year and may, upon expiry, be renewed on making an application for renewal.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 9G be read a Second Time.
(*Hon. Umulkher Harun*)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 9G be part of the Bill.
(*Hon. Umulkher Harun*)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 9G - agreed to.

New Clause 9H - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 9G—

Renewal of practising certificate. **9H.** (1) A person who holds a practicing certificate may on the expiry of the practicing certificate apply to the Council for a renewal of the certificate.

(2) An application made under subsection (1), shall be accompanied with—

- (a) a declaration in the prescribed form;
- (b) fees for the current practicing period and subject to the approval by the Council, any unpaid fees, including penalties as prescribed by the Council; and
- (c) proof of fulfillment of all applicable conditions for renewal of a certificate.

(3) The Council may, with sufficient cause, refuse to issue or renew a practicing certificate and shall communicate the refusal and give reasons for such refusal to the applicant within twenty-one days of making the decision.

(*Hon. Umulkher Harun*)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 9H be read a Second Time.
(*Hon. Umulkher Harun*)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 9H be part of the Bill.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 9H - agreed to.

New Clause 9I - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 9H—

Suspension and
cancellation of
practising certificate.

9I. (1) The Council may suspend or cancel a practising certificate issued under this Act where—

- (a) allegations of misconduct have been investigated and proven against a sign language interpreter;
- (b) a sign language interpreter has been convicted of an offence under this Act;
- (c) a false declaration was made in an application for a practising certificate; or
- (d) a sign language interpreter has contravened any of the provisions of this Act.

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(2) The cancellation or suspension of a practising certificate under subsection (1) shall be subject to the principles of fair administrative action prescribed under Article 47 of the Constitution and the Fair Administrative Action Act.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 9I be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 9I be part of the Bill.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 9I - agreed to.

New Clause 9J - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 9I—

Effect of removal of name, suspension or cancellation of a practising certificate.	9J. A person whose name has been removed from the register or whose certificate has been suspended or cancelled, shall not provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services during the period of removal of name, suspension or cancellation of his or her practising certificate.
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(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 9J be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 9J be part of the Bill.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 9J - agreed to.
Title of New Part IV - amendment proposed –

THAT, the title of New Part IV be amended by inserting the words “AND REGULATION” immediately after the word “REGISTRATION” so as to read “REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS.”

(Hon. Millie Odhiambo)

Question on the amendment to amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment to amendment put and agreed to;

The title of New Part IV – agreed to.

New Part V Proposed

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 16—

PART V—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Funds of the
Council.

16A. (1) The funds of the Council shall comprise of —

- (a) such monies as may accrue to or vest in the Council in the course of the exercise of its powers or the performance of its functions under this Act;
- (b) monies as may be payable to the Council pursuant to this Act or any other written law;
- (c) gifts, grants, donations or endowments as may be given to the Council; and
- (d) all moneys from any other lawful source provided, donated or lent to the Council.

(2) All the funds donated, lent or issued to the Council under this Act shall be accounted for and appropriated in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act.

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(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed —

THAT, New Clause 16A be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 16A be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 16A - agreed to.

New Clause 16B - amendment proposed —

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 16A—

Financial year. **16B.** The financial year of the Council shall be the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of June in each year.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed —

THAT, New Clause 16B be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 16B be part of the Bill
(*Hon. Umulkher Harun*)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 16B - agreed to.

New Clause 16C - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 16B—

Annual estimates. **16C.** (1) At least three months before the commencement of the financial year, the Council shall cause to be prepared estimates of its revenue and expenditure for that financial year.

(2) The annual estimates shall make provision for all estimated expenditure of the Council for the financial year concerned, and in particular shall provide for the—

- (a) the payment of salaries, allowances and other charges in respect of the staff of the Council;
- (b) the payment of pensions, gratuities and other charges in respect of retirement benefits which are payable out of the funds of the Council;
- (c) the proper maintenance of buildings and grounds of the Council;
- (d) the acquisition, maintenance, repair and replacement of the equipment and other movable property of the Council; or
- (e) the creation of such reserve funds to meet future or contingent liabilities in respect of retirement benefits, insurance or replacement of buildings or equipment, or in respect of such other matters as the Council may consider appropriate.

(3) The annual estimates shall be approved by the Council before the commencement of the financial year to which they relate and, once approved, the sum provided in the estimates shall be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for approval.

(4) Expenditure shall not be incurred for the purposes of the Council except in accordance with the annual estimates approved under subsection (3), or in pursuance of an authorisation of the Council given with prior written approval of the Cabinet Secretary.

(*Hon. Umulkher Harun*)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 16C be read a Second Time.

(*Hon. Umulkher Harun*)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 16C be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 16C - agreed to.

New Clause 16D - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 16C—

Accounts and audit. **16D.** (1) The Council shall cause to be kept proper books and records of accounts of its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities.

(2) Within a period of three months after the end of each financial year, the Council shall submit to the Auditor-General, the audited accounts of the Council together with—

(a) a statement of income and expenditure of the Council during the year; and

(b) a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Council on the last day of that year.

(3) The accounts of the Council shall be audited and reported upon in accordance with the provisions of the Public Audit Act.

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(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 16D be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 16D be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 16D - agreed to.

New Clause 16E - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 16D—

Annual report. **16E.** The Council shall, within three months after the end of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Cabinet Secretary a report of the operations of the Council for the immediately preceding year.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Clause 16E be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Clause 16E be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 16E - agreed to.

New Part VI Proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following heading immediately before clause 17—

“PART VI—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS”

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to.

New Part VI – agreed to.

New Schedule - amendment proposed –

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new Schedule immediately after clause 19—

SCHEDULE

**PROVISIONS AS TO THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF
THE COUNCIL**

Meetings.

1. (1) The Council shall meet not less than four times in every financial year and not more than four months shall elapse between the date of one meeting and the date of the next meeting.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1), the chairperson may, and upon requisition in writing by at least five members shall, convene a special meeting of the Council at any time for the transaction of the business of the Council.

(3) Unless three-quarters of the total members of the Council otherwise agree, at least fourteen days' written notice of every meeting of the Council shall be given to every member of the Council.

(4) The quorum for the conduct of the business of the Council shall be five members including the chairperson or the person presiding.

(5) The chairperson shall preside at every meeting of the Council at which he is present but, in his absence, the members present shall elect one of their numbers to preside, who shall, with respect to that meeting and the business transacted thereat, have all the powers of the chairperson.

(6) Unless a unanimous decision is reached, a decision on any matter before the Council shall be by a majority of votes of the members present and voting and, in the case of an equality of votes, the chairperson or the person presiding shall have a casting vote.

(7) Subject to subparagraph (4), no proceedings of the Council shall be invalid by reason only of a vacancy among the members thereof.

Disclosure
of interest
by Council
members.

2. (1) If a member is directly or indirectly interested in any contract, proposed contract or other matter before the Council and is present at a meeting of the Council at which the contract, proposed contract or other matter is the subject of consideration, that member shall, at the meeting and as soon as practicable after the commencement thereof, disclose the fact and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, any questions with respect to the contract or other matter, or be counted in the quorum of the meeting during consideration of the matter:

Provided that, if the majority of the members present are of the opinion that the experience or expertise of such member is vital to the deliberations of the meeting, the Council may permit the member to participate in the deliberations subject to such restrictions as it may impose but such member shall not have the right to vote on the matter in question.

(2) A disclosure of interest made under this paragraph shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

(3) A member of the Council who contravenes subparagraph (1) commits an offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand shillings, or both.

Execution of instrument s. **3.** Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not require to be under seal, may be entered into or executed on behalf of the Council by any person generally or specially authorized by the Council for that purpose.

Minutes. **4.** The Council shall cause minutes of all resolutions and proceedings of meetings of the Council to be entered in books kept for that purpose.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, New Schedule be read a Second Time.

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, New Schedule be part of the Bill

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Schedule - agreed to.

Clause 2 - amendment proposed –

THAT, Clause 2 be amended by—

(a) inserting the expression “unless the context otherwise requires” in the opening statement immediately after the word “Act”;

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

(b) deleting the definition of the term “Cabinet Secretary” and substituting therefor the following new definition—

“Cabinet Secretary” means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to persons with disabilities;

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

Proposed amendment dropped.

- (c) deleting the definition of the term “Council” and substituting therefor the following new definition—

“Council” means the Kenya Sign Language Council established under section 5A;
(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

- (d) inserting the following new definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence—

“deafblind” means a person who is either born deaf and blind or became deaf and blind due to illness or a condition at a later stage of life and uses tactile and Braille as a means of communication;

“Registrar” means the person appointed as such under section 5K”.
(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 2 as amended - agreed to.

Title - agreed to

Clause 1 - agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

8. HOUSE RESUMED - the Sixth Chairperson of Committees in the Chair

The Kenya Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2023)

Bill reported with amendments;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the House do agree with the Committee in the said report.
(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

9. MOTION – REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE KENYA SIGN LANGUAGE BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 9 OF 2023)

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, the Motion for agreement with the Report of the Committee of the whole House on its consideration of the Kenya Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2023) be amended by inserting the words “subject to recommittal of the Bill, with regard to—

- (i) New Part II;
- (ii) New Clause 8B;
- (iii) New Clause 16;
- (iv) New Part IV;
- (v) New Schedule; and
- (vi) New Clause 2(c).”

(Deputy Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

Proposed amendment Withdrawn.

The Kenya Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2023)

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, the House do agree with the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Kenya Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2023).

(Hon. Umulkher Harun)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Kenya Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2023) be **now read a Third Time**.

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a Third Time and passed.

10. THE PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 53 OF 2024)

Order for the Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, the Penal Code (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 53 of 2024) be now read a Second Time;

(Hon. Anthony Oluoch – 10.06.2026)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 (Morning Sitting), resumed;

And the time being One O'clock, the Fourth Chairperson interrupted proceedings and adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

11. HOUSE ROSE - at One O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on,
Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

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