

# REPUBLIC OF KENYA

## NYANDARUA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### 1<sup>ST</sup> ASSEMBLY- 5<sup>TH</sup> SESSION

#### OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

*The Assembly met at the Assembly Chamber at 2:30 p.m.*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Ndegwa Wahome) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYER

#### QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

*(The clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is no quorum)*

**Speaker:** Quorum having not been achieved I, pursuant to Standing Order 34, direct that the bell be rung for an initial ten minutes or until such time within the ten minutes that quorum will have been achieved.

*(The bell is rung for ten (10) minutes and quorum is not achieved as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table)*

Hon. Members, quorum having not been realized at the expiry of an initial ten minutes pursuant to Article 34 of the Standing Orders, I invoke my discretion under the same Article and direct that the bell be rung for a further five minutes to see whether quorum will be achieved to transact the business at hand for the sitting.

*(The bell is rung for five (5) minutes and quorum is not achieved as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table)*

Hon. Members, quorum having not been achieved after the ringing of the bell for the first ten minutes and thereafter, at the discretion of the Speaker, for a further five minutes, no business can be transacted. The tail end of Standing Order 34 provides that:

...the Speaker may direct that the bell be rung for a further five minutes and if there is still no quorum present the Speaker shall (it is important you note the word 'shall', which implies that it is mandatory and therefore the Speaker has no discretion) adjourn the

Assembly forthwith to the next sitting. (*Nyandarua County Assembly Standing Orders, 2015*)

Consequently Hon. Members, this House will stand adjourned to the next sitting, which will be on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. Therefore this Assembly is now grounded; we will be waiting for salaries and allowances for committees' sittings held in the Assembly only. The DSA vote has been exhausted. I went out of my way to write to the Members to note that it will be a disaster if the House will not have quorum. Nevertheless, my message was ignored. This is the state of things. We shall not be able to pay all the accrued arrears owing to the Members for we have exhausted the DSA vote. This sitting would have given the House a chance to consider this; but this is the situation we have now found ourselves in. I had personally warned about these consequences. Finally, the House will convene on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

*(The House rose at 2.51 pm)*