



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FIRST SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MESSAGES
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

_____ (No.001 of 2022) _____

ON
NOMINATION OF PERSONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
OFFICES OF CABINET SECRETARIES, SECRETARY TO THE
CABINET AND THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Honourable Members,

1. Standing Order 42(1) relating to 'Messages from the President' provides that-

"The Speaker shall read to the House any message from the President delivered to the Speaker for communication to the House".

2. In this regard, I wish to convey to the House that I have received a Message from His Excellency the President, notifying the nomination of various persons for appointment to the Offices of Cabinet Secretaries, Secretary to the Cabinet and the Attorney-General.

Honourable Members,

3. In the Message, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of powers conferred on him by Articles 152(2), 154(2) and 156(2) of the Constitution, as read together with sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, he has nominated various persons for appointment to the aforementioned offices.

4. For clarity, these provisions of the Constitution state as follows-

152. *Cabinet.*

"(2) The President shall nominate and, with the approval of the National Assembly, appoint Cabinet Secretaries."

154. *Secretary to the Cabinet.*

***"(2) The Secretary to the Cabinet shall-
(a) be nominated and, with the approval of the National Assembly, appointed by the President."***

156. *Attorney-General.*

"(2) The Attorney-General shall be nominated by the President and, with approval of the National Assembly, appointed by the President."

Honourable Members,

5. The names of persons submitted to this House for approval to be appointed as Cabinet Secretaries are as follows -

	NOMINEE	STATE DEPARTMENT/OFFICE
(1)	Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, EGH	Office of the Prime Cabinet Minister
(2)	Hon. (Prof.) Kithure Kindiki, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior & National Administration
(3)	Prof. Njuguna Ndungú, CBS	Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury & Economic Planning

	NOMINEE	STATE DEPARTMENT/OFFICE
(4)	Hon. Alice Wahome	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation & Irrigation
(5)	Hon. Aden Duale, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Defence
(6)	Ms. Rebecca Miano, CBS	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of East African Community, the ASALs & Regional Development
(7)	Hon. Alfred Mutua, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign & Diaspora Affairs
(8)	Hon. Aisha Jumwa Katana	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Gender & Affirmative Action
(9)	Hon. Moses Kiarie Kuria	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Investment & Industry
(10)	Hon. Soipan Tuya, CBS	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forestry
(11)	Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Roads, Transport & Public Works
(12)	Hon. Penina Malonza, OGW	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife & Heritage

	NOMINEE	STATE DEPARTMENT/OFFICE
(13)	Mr. Zacharia Mwangi Njeru	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Housing & Urban Development
(14)	Ms. Susan Nakhumicha Wafula	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health
(15)	Hon. Mithika Linturi	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock Development
(16)	Mr. Eliud Owalo	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communication & the Digital Economy
(17)	Hon. Ezekiel Machogu, CBS	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education
(18)	Mr. Davis Chirchir	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Energy & Petroleum
(19)	Hon. Ababu Namwamba, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Sports & the Arts
(20)	Mr. Simon Chelugui, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Cooperatives & Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Development
(21)	Hon. Salim Mvurya, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Mining, the Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs

	NOMINEE	STATE DEPARTMENT/OFFICE
(22)	Hon. Florence Bore	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Social Protection

Honourable Members,

6. In the Message, H.E. The President also conveys that he has nominated the **Hon. Justin Bedan Njoka Muturi, EGH** as the Attorney General and **Ms. Mercy Wanjau** as Secretary to the Cabinet.
7. H.E. The President now seeks the approval of the National Assembly on the nominees for appointment to the said offices.

Honourable Members,

8. As you are all aware, the Committee on Appointments is yet to be constituted, despite the provisions of Standing Order 204(2) requiring that the Committee be appointed within seven (7) days on assembly of a new House. This has been occasioned by the fact the House Business Committee is yet to be formed, on account of the question of the Leadership of the Majority Party and Minority Party, which I have just ruled on.
9. It is the House Business Committee which is charged with the responsibility of nominating Members to sit in the Committee on Appointments, save for the slots reserved for the Leadership of the House.

Honourable Members,

- 10.** Having resolved the stalemate regarding the Leadership of the House, it is envisaged that the House will now proceed expeditiously to constitute the Committee on Appointments. This should be not later than **Wednesday, October 12, 2022**, in order for the Committee to embark on consideration of nominees proposed for appointment as Cabinet Secretaries, the Attorney-General and the Secretary to the Cabinet.

Honourable Members,

- 11.** In view of the foregoing, pursuant to the provisions of section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2012 as read together with Standing Order 42(3), I hereby refer the Message from the President, together with the curriculum vitae of the nominees proposed for appointment as Cabinet Secretaries, the Attorney-General and the Secretary to the Cabinet to the Committee on Appointments.
- 12.** Upon its appointment, the Committee is required to expeditiously undertake the vetting exercise.

Honourable Members,

- 13.** Section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2012 provides that, unless otherwise provided in law, the Committee to which such nomination is referred shall consider the matter and table a report in the House **within twenty-eight (28) days**. It is therefore imperative that the Committee on Appointments once formed, immediately commences the process of consideration of the nominees to enable speedy conclusion of the vetting process within the set timelines.

- 14.** I also direct the Clerk of the National Assembly to take the necessary steps and notify the nominees and the general public through an advertisement in daily newspapers of national circulation and on the Parliamentary Website of the time and place of holding the approval hearings. This should be done by **Friday, 7th October, 2022**, following which the Committee on Appointments should commence the approval hearings.
- 15.** The Committee is expected to table its report in the House on or before **Tuesday, 27th October, 2022**. In accordance with the law, the House would be required to consider the Committee's Report and make a decision on the nominees **within 7 days** following tabling of the Report, that is on or before **Thursday, 3rd November, 2022**.
- 16.** The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!



THE RT. HON. MOSES M. WETANGULA, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 6th October, 2022

