

REPUBLIC OF KENYA 13TH PARLIAMENT-FIRST SESSION (2022) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

In the matter of Consideration by the National Assembly on the Petitions for the removal from office of Commissioners of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission

NOTIFICATION OF THE CONDUCT OF HEARINGS BY THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

WHEREAS Article 251(2) of the Constitution provides that "a person desiring the removal of a member of a commission or of a holder of an independent office on any ground specified in clause (1) may present a petition to the National Assembly setting out the alleged facts constituting that ground"

WHEREAS on 15th November, 2022, the Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly conveyed Petitions presented by the Republican Liberty Party, Reverend Dennis Ndwiga Nthumbi, Mr. Geoffrey Langat and Mr. Owour Steve Gerry seeking the removal from office of Ms. Juliana Cherera; Ms. Irene Masit; Mr. Justus Nyang'aya; and Mr. Francis Wanderi as Commissioners of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) on various grounds, including serious violation of the Constitution and other laws; gross misconduct; and incompetence and referred the Petitions to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

FURTHER WHEREAS Upon receipt of a Petition, Standing Order 230[4] of the National Assembly Standing Orders mandates the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs to investigate the matter and report to the House, within 14 days, on whether the petition discloses a ground for removal under Article 251[1](a) of the Constitution.

NOTING THAT Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution provides that, "Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees".

IT IS NOTIFIED for the information of the general public that the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs shall commence hearings on the four [4] Petitions for the removal of Commissioners of the IEBC as from **Thursday**, **24**th **November**, **2022** at the Mini Chamber, 1st Floor, County Hall. Parliament Buildings. Nairobi, as per the Schedule hereunder—

SCHEDULE OF HEARINGS	
Thursday, 24 th November, 2022	
10.00a.m.—11.00a.m.	Petition by the Republican Liberty Party (Hearing of the Petitioner)
11.30a.m.—12.30p.m.	Cross-examination of the Republican Liberty Party
2.00p.m.—3.00p.m.	Petition by the Rev. Dennis Ndwiga Nthumbi (Hearing of the Petitioner)
3.30p.m.—4.30p.m.	Cross-examination of Rev. Dennis Ndwiga Nthumbi
Friday, 25 th November, 2022	
10.00a.m.—11.00a.m.	Petition by Geoffrey Langat (Hearing of the Petitioner)
11.30a.m.—12.30p.m.	Cross-examination of Geoffrey Langat
2.00p.m3.00p.m.	Petition by Owuor Steve Gerry (Hearing of the Petitioner)
3.30p.m.—4.30p.m.	Cross-examination of Owuor Steve Gerry
Monday, 28th November, 2022	
10.00a.m.—11.00a.m.	Response by Ms. Juliana Cherera
11.30a.m.—12.30p.m.	Cross-examination of Ms. Juliana Cherera
2.00p.m3.00p.m.	Response by Ms. Irene Masit
3.30p.m4.30p.m.	Cross-examination of Ms. Irene Masit
Tuesday, 29 th November, 2022	
10.00a.m.—11.00a.m.	Response by Mr. Francis Wanderi
11.30a.m.—12.30p.m.	Cross-examination of Mr. Francis Wanderi
2.00p.m.—3.00p.m.	Response by Mr. Justus Nyang'aya
3.30p.m4.30p.m.	Cross-examination of Mr. Justus Nyang'aya

SAMUEL J. NJOROGE CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

21st November 2022