



## **EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

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### **EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (EALA)**

#### **Official Report of the Proceedings of the East African Legislative Assembly**

#### **NFIRST MEETING– FIRST SESSION – THIRD ASSEMBLY**

**Tuesday, 5 June 2012**

*The East African Legislative Assembly met at 2.30 p.m. in the EALA Chambers, AICC Buildings,  
Arusha, Tanzania*

*(The Clerk of the Assembly presiding)*

#### **PRAYER**

*The Assembly was called to order.*

#### **LAYING ON TABLE THE LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE**

**The Clerk:** Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 5 of the Rules of this House, the Clerk is required on the first day of the new House, pursuant to the proclamation of the presidents, to lay on table the list of members of the House. But before I do that, I think I have circulated copies to you members and I now wish to seek confirmation if that list is correct and I intend to go country by country and read out the names so that it is on record, which list I am going to lay on table.

We begin with the Republic of Burundi. On the list I received from the Parliament of Burundi, I have:

1. Hon. Bucumi Emerence
2. Hon. Mossi Hafsa
3. Hon. Ndahayo Isabelle
4. Hon. Ndarubagiye Leonce
5. Hon. Dr Nduwimana Martin
6. Hon. Nengo Emmanuel
7. Hon. Ngendakumana Jeremie
8. Hon. Ngenzebuhoro Frederic
9. Hon. Nsabimana Yves

Those are the nine names I received from Burundi. Next is the Republic of Kenya. I have:

1. Hon. Abisai Nancy Kabeyeka Lung'ahi
2. Hon. Abubakar Zein Abubakar
3. Hon. Bonaya Talaso Sarah
4. Hon. Mathuki Peter Mutuku
5. Hon. Ng'aru Mumbi Agnes
6. Hon. Nkanae Saole Ole
7. Hon. Ogle Abubakar D. Abdi
8. Hon. Ombasa Joseph Kiangoi
9. Hon. Pareno Judith Nayiai R.

That concludes the nine names from Kenya. Next in alphabetical order we move to the Republic of Rwanda. I have:

1. Hon. Bazivamo Christophe
2. Hon. Hajabakiga Mugorenejo Patricia
3. Hon. Harelimana Abdul Karim
4. Hon. Muhongayire Jacqueline
5. Hon. Dr. Ndahiro James
6. Hon. Ndikuryayo Straton
7. Hon. Nyirahabineza Valerie
8. Hon. Dr. Nyiramirimo Odette
9. Hon. Rwigema Pierre Celestin

That concludes the nine names from Rwanda. Next is the United Republic of Tanzania. I have:

1. Hon. Bhanji Shy-Rose Sadrudin
2. Hon. Kimbisa Adam Omar
3. Hon. Kizigha Angela Charles
4. Hon. Murunya Bernard Musomi
5. Hon. Mwinyi Abdullah Ally Hassan
6. Hon. Dr. Nderakindo Perpetua Kessy
7. Hon. Nyerere Charles Makongoro

8. Hon. Taslima Twaha Issa
9. Hon. Yahya Maryam Ussi

That concludes the nine names from the United Republic of Tanzania. We go to the Republic of Uganda. I have:

1. Hon. Byamukama Dora
2. Hon. Kidega Daniel Fred
3. Hon. Mukasa Mbidde Fred
4. Hon. Mulengani Bernard
5. Hon. Nakawuki Susan
6. Hon. Opoka-Okumu Chris
7. Hon. Sebalu Mike Kennedy
8. Hon. Tiperu Nusura
9. Hon. Zziwa Margaret Nantongo

We also have ex-official members. The list includes the following:

1. Hon. Musa Sirma, Minister For EAC Affairs (Ke)
2. Hon. Eriya Kategaya, First Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of East African Affairs (Uganda)
3. Hon. Léontine Nzeyimana, Minister For EAC Affairs (Burundi)
4. Hon. Samuel Sitta, Minister For EAC Cooperation (Tanzania)
5. Hon. Monique Mukaruliza, Minister For EAC Affairs (Rwanda)

Two Partner States also have deputy ministers but because of our rules, we can only admit in the minister but for purposes of this function, those who are around will take their oath later on but I have to mention their names for purposes of the record.

For the United Republic of Tanzania, the Assistant Minister is Dr. Abdallah Sadala Abdalla. For the Republic of Kenya, the Assistant Minister is hon. Peter Munya. Then we have the Secretary General of the Community, hon. Amb. Dr. Richard Sezibera. Lastly, we have the Counsel to the Community, hon. Wilbert T. Kaahwa.

With that confirmation of the list, hon. Members, it is now my duty to lay on table the list as required by me.

#### ELECTION OF SPEAKER AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS

**The Clerk:** Hon. Members, may I take you through the procedure regarding election of Speaker in accordance with our Rules of Procedure.

First, Rule 7 sub rule 6 of the Rules of this House provides that the Clerk shall preside at the election of the Speaker. I am the Clerk and that is why I am here.

Hon. Members, Rule 7(3) provides that the names of candidates for election to the Office of Speaker shall be entered upon nomination papers obtained from and handed to the Clerk at least 48 hours before the time appointed upon which the House is to meet to elect a Speaker and shall be accompanied in each case by the signatures of two members who support the candidate and a declaration of them that the candidate is willing to serve.

Rule 7(4) states that no member shall be proposed as Speaker unless that member has given his or her consent to the nomination in writing and handed to the Clerk.

Rule 5, which I cited before states that, *“Upon the proclamation by the Heads of State on the first day of the sitting...”* The first day of the sitting was declared 5<sup>th</sup> June by the heads in their Heads of State meeting by their proclamation of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and that is why by my letter of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012, I convened the Assembly to meet today 5<sup>th</sup> June.

In accordance with your rules, the first sitting of the Assembly shall be convened for purposes of first, to elect the Speaker as the first business. Therefore, in accordance with Rule 3 which I cited above, those wishing to be nominated as Speaker should have obtained from and returned nomination forms from the office of the Clerk latest Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012. It is at least 48 hours before date of election of Speaker.

By that deadline, I had received the following nominations who all fulfilled requirements as set out in the said rule. I received nominations from hon. Byamukama Dora Christine Kanabahita, hon. Zziwa Nantongo Margaret and hon. Hafsa Mossi.

However, by her letter of 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012, and in accordance with Rule 7(9) (e) of our rules, hon. Hafsa Mossi withdrew her name. So we have now two candidates. We shall therefore proceed to vote by secret ballot in accordance with the provisions of Rule 7(9).

However before we move to that, Rule 7 sub rule 7 provides that at an election of a Speaker, the Clerk shall invite nominations from members present. I shall invite nominations from members present on the floor of the House. It is at this point now that I wish to request for formal nominations from the members present.

I can see hon. Kidega.

**Mr Dan Kidega (Uganda):** Thank you so much, Mr Clerk and hon. Members. I would like to take this singular opportunity to nominate hon. Dora Byamukama Christine Kanabahita for the post of Speaker, East African Legislative Assembly. I beg to nominate. Thank you.

**The Clerk:** Anybody to second your nomination? I can see hon. Mulengani. Thank you. Hon. Byamukama, do you accept the nomination?

**Ms Dora Byamukama:** Mr Clerk, I humbly accept the nomination. I thank you.

**The Clerk:** Thank you. Any other nominations otherwise I close nominations. Hon. Tiperu I can see you.

**Ms Nusura Tiperu (Uganda):** I nominate hon. Margaret Zziwa for the post of Speaker.

**The Clerk:** Any seconder to that nomination? I can see hon. Odette, thank you. Any other nomination? But of course there would not be any other nomination because nobody else filed papers. So hon. Members, in accordance with our rules, we have two candidates who filed nominations and have also been formally nominated on the floor of the House.

We would now prepare to proceed to election but before that, I think it is only befitting that hon. Members you get to know the candidates and since there are two candidates, we wish to give a five minute opportunity to every candidate to introduce herself formally to the members and to give reasons why she thinks she is the best candidate.

In the order of nominations, I will begin with hon. Byamukama Dora. Five minutes.

**Ms Dora Byamukama (Uganda):** Mr Clerk Sir, distinguished guests who are here this afternoon, the Rt hon. Speaker of the Republic of Uganda, Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga, the Rt hon. Speaker of EALA emeritus, the Rt hon. Abdi Haithir Abdirahin, my colleagues, today is a great day in the history of the East African Community because I believe that by the end of the day, we shall have a female Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly-

**The Clerk:** Excuse me. Hon. Members, please the etiquette of the Assembly does not allow sounds which are unparliamentary – (*Laughter*) – especially so if you are not a member of this House. Please obey the rules and if you are in the gallery, please keep your utmost peace. Thank you.

**Ms Byamukama:** My humble prayer to God and to you is that you choose me as that Speaker, the Speaker for the Third East African Legislative Assembly.

As was said, my names are Dora Christine Kanabahita Byamukama, simply call me Dora. I have the following as my professional background. I am trained as a lawyer, I am an advocate and I am also a seasoned politician. I have a Bachelor of Laws degree in Law from Makerere University, I have a post graduate diploma in Law from the Law development Centre and I have a Masters' degree in Law from George Town University in the USA.

My professional experience also encompasses the fact that I work as a World Bank consultant, a UNDP consultant and I have actually also worked as a consultant for many parliaments including that of the republic of Uganda so I am an expert in the field of Law, governance, human rights and development.

Going back to the political career, I have served in the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda and therein I represented a constituency called Mwenge County South which means I competed with a man and got this constituency.

In that Parliament, which was the seventh Parliament, I chaired several committees including the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs committee which enhanced emoluments of members of Parliament and also introduced the issue of pension and embraced it and eventually it was passed as law.

Secondly, I chaired the Equal Opportunities Committee, which produced a Private Members Bill for persons with disabilities. This is now law and it was the nouveau law in the whole of Sub Saharan Africa. I also chaired an Athlete Committee. In essence what I am trying to say is that I am results-oriented. Wherever I have served, there have been results.

Turning to EALA because I served in the last EALA, I have served on several committees which include the Legal Committee and the Accounts Committee and indeed some of you here will witness to the fact that in all these committees, I have been very vigilant to the extent that I can take up the pen and computer and type reports so that we can have quality reports and work with the staff. This can be attested to.

I have also worked as part of the administration team and this was called House Business Committee. This team is now known as the Commission and these are commissioners. I would like to say that on behalf of this team, I was able to move a bill entitled the Administration of EALA Bill which is now law after being signed by all five presidents.

I was also able to move another important law, which is called the East African Parliamentary Institute Act. This is also law and will enhance members of Parliament to understand legislative practices as well as harmonizing procedures in the region.

Hon. Members, if you get a newsletter called *Bunge la Afrika Mashariki*, you will see my name there as an advisor and contributor. I have contributed to all the editions that we have had. I could go on and on but permit me to say again that I have passion, dedication and commitment to the East African Community.

You may ask yourself, so if you become a Speaker, if we give you our vote, what plans do you have? I have several plans but let me outline five of them very quickly. One, I am very concerned with improving members' welfare and some of the issues you have been hearing sometimes is because we have been endeavouring to ensure that members' welfare gets improved.

I will work in such a way that members' welfare also includes the staff welfare. For example, we have junior staff in the Assembly in the names of Jasmine. I will ensure that she is as comfortable as a Member of Parliament considering the circumstances and terms of conditions she may work in.

I will also ensure that even the most senior staff like a senior researcher we have Mr Kadonya also gets facilitated and trained so that we can be fully supported to do our work.

Talking about members' welfare, we have had in the administrative unit a few challenges which we have shared with the Council of Ministers and the Secretariat. Obviously when you are in administration, all may not go well but I would like to say here and commit to the fact that if anything has not gone well, it is not personal; it is with the intention of ensuring that we have harmony that we respect human rights and we progress as a Community.

The other point I would like to work on is to strengthen the linkages between EALA and the national parliament. It is a pleasure today to have the Rt hon. Speaker of the Republic of Uganda here with us and this has been through the effort of the Second Assembly. We have a Speakers' Bureau, a Clerks' Bureau and what we call the Nanyuki Series whereby we meet various members of Parliament and more importantly, we introduced sittings which are rotational so in a year, we sit at least once in a Partner State.

We do not only work, because I believe in working very hard but we also play hard so some of our members are distinguished footballers, top scorers and I hope to introduce netball so that we are all involved in this particular activity.

I am reminded about time. Let me conclude by talking about the issue of awareness. We have made many laws, we debate, talk to ourselves, sometimes the media carries these stories but I would like to say that the Second Assembly has already advanced in the process of introducing live coverage so in the near future, I will follow up on this particular project because I started with it and I will ensure that we have live coverage so that anybody anywhere in the region even as far as Dodoma can be able to see us debate and discuss East African issues.

On a final note, I would like to advocate for a sustainable budget because right now we have about 65 percent of our budget funded by donors and yet the Community has grown from strength to strength. In 2005 \$ 2 billion was realised from Intra regional trade. In 2010, \$ 4 billion was realized. Therefore we need to put in more money and be more predictable to get more out of this particular venture which is already beneficial to all of us.

In conclusion hon. Members, kindly vote for me. I am a team player, I will listen to you, I will work with you and together I believe we shall achieve a lot. Even after this, I humbly pray that we remain one people with one destiny. I thank you.

**The Clerk:** Thank you very much, hon. Dora Byamukama. It is now your turn, hon. Margaret Zziwa and you have as much time as hon. Dora had.

**Ms Margaret Zziwa (Uganda):** Thank you very much, Mr Clerk sir. Rt hon. Prime Minister, Rt hon. Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda, Rt hon. Speaker emeritus, Chair, Council of Ministers, Council of Ministers, Secretary General, colleagues, hon. Members, members of the East African Partner States who are here today to support the East African Legislative Assembly

in making yet another milestone of bringing yet a very important personality in the name of the Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly, I salute you.

Let me on the onset thank God the Almighty for the opportunity of making us members of the Third East African Legislative Assembly. In the same breath, I wish to congratulate you most warmly upon your important victory. That victory is not only yours but is the victory for the peoples of East Africa, it is the victory of the people in our Partner States who want us as East Africans to integrate and I wish that we emulate and uphold that aspiration.

Mr Clerk Sir and colleagues, I am here to offer myself for the post of the Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly. My names are Margaret Nantongo Zziwa. I am an East African of Ugandan origin. I am a mother of four. My husband is seated in the distinguished Members gallery, hon. Babu and I am happy that in that, I am bringing with myself all the East Africans with their values and aspirations.

Mr Clerk Sir, I am an Economist by training. I hold a Bachelors degree of Makerere University in Economics. I also hold a Masters' degree of Gender and Women Studies of Makerere University and I think I can authoritatively say that I am a gender specialist, a promoter of women's rights and I am an advocate of the rights of the vulnerable.

Mr Clerk Sir, I also hold a Masters' of Science in Policy from the University of Stirling in Scotland and with that I want to say that I carry with me a lot of energy in all the policies we have, in all the policies we pass and most importantly, the policies which have to assist us as East Africa to see the peoples of East Africa integrate.

With that academic background, I can say I have the competence; I have the academic credentials to actually take this great institution and organ to yet another pedestal.

Hon. Members, I have had an honour to teach, to lecture in the university, to work as a banker in Uganda Commercial Bank in Uganda and I have also served on various levels of leadership and in that context I am a politician and a seasoned one for that matter.

I have been in politics for over 26 years and I feel proud that I have served on the most local level in my country which we call LC I and I have also served at the level of an urban authority Kampala City Council and I have also served as a Member of Parliament representing the city authority of Kampala Cosmopolitan with diverse kinds of personalities and peoples and I was able to be elected twice. That has given me an opportunity to know how to work with people, how to relate with people and most importantly, how to uphold the values of our people.

When I was in Parliament, I had the honour to be elected as a Parliamentary Commissioner and it is an honour for me to say that the Rt hon. Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda was my Deputy Speaker at that time and we worked together to evolve a lot of policies including the human resource policies, the Pensions Scheme and other medical insurance shams because many of us as members of Parliament we are always on the road running to the constituencies and the challenges are many.



We were able to have improved emoluments for members of Parliament and I can assure you that to date perhaps many of our national parliaments status in terms of emoluments is a lot better than perhaps this august House and that is where my starting point will be when I become your Speaker.

Hon. Members, I also want to say that when I was in the Parliament of Uganda, I chaired the most important committee on Presidential and Foreign Affairs and that committee gave me an opportunity to pass three distinguished Bills; The Access to Information Bill, the Refugee Bill and the Uganda Broadcasting Corporation Bill. These were very tactical and difficult Bills because of their sensitivity in terms of how they reach out to the public but we were able to navigate them through Parliament and they were passed.

Hon. Members and Mr Clerk Sir, I have also had the opportunity to relate from that point of view to the regional level where I served on the Inter Parliamentary Committee of the Parliaments in East Africa where the Nanyuki series was first initiated and I served in that capacity bringing on board the aspirations of the people of Uganda on the Inter Parliamentary Committee and I am happy that the Nanyuki series became part and parcel of the East African Legislative Assembly and I wish to promote this Nanyuki series so that the members are able to reach out to the peoples of East Africa.

In the Second Assembly, I served on the Committee of Communication, Trade and Investment and I want to say that I want to see that the integration of our people is facilitated and that is why I advocated and moved a resolution and I wish to again put it on record that the East African Railway Authority must be established. That is when we shall be able to have the bulk of our goods particularly we in the inter land and we who are not able to access the coast line. I think it is a very important step ahead.

What do I bring forth as a Speaker? Mr Clerk Sir, I want to bring forth to this Assembly a leader who is accessible, a leader who is participatory with others, a leader who is motherly. That motherly aspect is very important and I want to talk about it because as we look at the way we relate, in some instances we need- I don't want to call it a counselling department but I think we need to have an opportunity to have a feel of how we are going to have the competing demands harmonised. I think it is a very important situation for many of us since we are coming from capitals and we come to Arusha.

I also want to add that it will be in this time when the East African Monetary Union is going to be debated and I think ultimately we shall have the Political Federation. I want to say that I want to give a very strong backup to this process. It is a very important process, all of our business people and business enterprises are looking forward to this important process.

When you pass Namanga and any point of trade, they are asking, when is the East African money coming and I think it is us in this Assembly to have this very important step taken forward and I want to say that we shall work together with my background in Economics and we shall be able to have the Monetary Union legal framework in place and we shall be able to have East Africans realise their aspirations.

As I conclude, I want to say that President Nyerere, one of our forefathers in this region said, it can be done. *Inawezekana*. A woman can be a good Speaker, yes we can. The firm, enduring, simple and modest are near to virtue. I want to offer you this kind of leader. I want to ask for your vote. Give me your vote, I will deliver an East African Legislative Assembly, which will be interactive, participative and which will be all inclusive. I thank you,  *umoja wetu ninguzo yetu*. Thank you very much.

**The Clerk:** Thank you, hon. Margaret Zziwa. Hon. Members, there you are. It is now your duty to choose whom you would like to be your next Speaker and I want to refer you to the provisions of Rule 7(9) (d). Hon. Members, if you could listen to this rule. It states, “A member shall not be elected Speaker unless he or she is supported by votes of two thirds of all members of the House. If no candidate is supported by the votes of two thirds of all members, a further ballot shall be held between the first two candidates. And if in the second ballot no candidate is supported by votes of two thirds of all members, then the candidate who in that ballot received the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.”

SO the first hurdle we have is to have a candidate elected by two thirds of all members and according to your number, two thirds of 45 is 30. If you get 30 in the first ballot, you will have reached the threshold. I thought you should get to know that.

But how do we proceed to vote? Rule 7(9) (a) states that, “*Voting shall be in the following manner. The Clerk shall prepare, at least an hour before the meeting of the House ballot papers upon which shall be shown the names of all candidates validly nominated under paragraph 3 of this Rule and shall issue not more than one such paper to each member who comes to the table to obtain but a member who before the conclusion of a ballot has marked his or her paper in error may by returning to the Clerk, obtain another in its place and the Clerk shall immediately cancel and destroy the paper so returned.*”

(b) It also states ,”After all members who wish to vote have voted, the Clerk shall in full view of the members present empty the ballot box and immediately count the ballot papers contained in it.

(c) Upon completion of counting, the Clerk shall announce the results of the ballot specifying the total number of ballot papers contained in the ballot box, the total number of members who have abstained from voting, the total number of both spoilt and blank papers and the number of votes obtained by each nominee.

So I wish to show you that one, I have already prepared a ballot paper which looks like this. I think it has the names of the two candidates. You will be required to tick in a box against the name of the candidate of your choice.

The procedure we propose is as follows. For ease of movement and for quick administration of this process, we shall move through alphabetical order and call members one by one, alphabetical order of countries and alphabetical order of names. A member will pick a ballot

paper from this table. The member will proceed to that beautiful balloting area, tick a candidate of your choice.

Thereafter, we are going to place the ballot box here in full view of all members and when all members are done, we shall proceed to counting of the ballot. Is that okay? Okay.

I will demonstrate that the ballot box is empty. We may now begin.

**Clerk-at-Table:** Hon. Members, the Clerk having explained the procedure, I will now proceed to read the names. I will take three at a time.

*(The members voted by secret ballot in the following order\_)*

Hon. Bucumi Emerence

Hon. Mossi Hafsa

Hon. Ndahayo Isabelle

The next three members:

Hon. Ndarubagiye Leonce

Hon. Dr Nduwimana Martin

Hon. Nengo Emmanuel

Next is:

Hon. Ngendakumana Jeremie

Hon. Ngenzebuhoro Frederic

Hon. Nsabimana Yves

That concludes the Republic of Burundi. Next is the Republic of Kenya.

Hon. Abisai Nancy Kabeyeka Lung'ahi

Hon. Abubakar Zein Abubakar

Hon. Bonaya Talaso Sarah

The next set of names:

Hon. Mathuki Peter Mutuku

Hon. Ng'aru Mumbi Agnes

Hon. Nkanae Saole Ole

Next is:

Hon. Ogle Abubakar  
Hon. Ombasa Joseph  
Hon. Pareno Judith.

That concludes the Republic of Kenya. I now proceed to the Republic of Rwanda.

Hon. Bazivamo Christophe  
Hon. Hajabakiga Patricia  
Hon. Dr. Ndahiro James

Because of hon. Ndahiro's visual impairment, he has requested that hon. Hajabakiga does the writing on his behalf.

The next set of three names:

Hon. Harelimana Abdul Karim  
Hon. Muhongayire Jacqueline  
Hon. Ndikuryayo Straton

The next three names:

Hon. Nyirahabineza Valerie  
Hon. Dr. Nyiramirimo Odette  
Hon. Rwigema Pierre Celestin

The next set of names from the United Republic of Tanzania starting with:

Hon. Bhanji Shy-Rose  
Hon. Kimbisa Adam  
Hon. Kizigha Angela

The next three set of names from the United Republic of Tanzania:

Hon. Murunya Bernard  
Hon. Mwinyi Abdullah  
Hon. Dr. Nderakindo Perpetua

The next set of names from the United Republic of Tanzania:

Hon. Nyerere Charles  
Hon. Taslima Twaha  
Hon. Yahya Maryam Ussi

That concludes the United Republic of Tanzania. Republic of Uganda you are on stand-by.

Hon. Byamukama Dora  
Hon. Kidega Daniel  
Hon. Mukasa Mbidde

The next set of three names:

Hon. Mulengani Bernard  
Hon. Nakawuki Susan  
Hon. Opoka-Okumu Chris

Hon. Sebalu Mike Kennedy  
Hon. Tiperu Nusura  
Hon. Zziwa Margaret Nantongo

That is all for the Republic of Uganda. That concludes it for the elected members. Thank you.

**The Clerk:** Hon. Members, according to our records, all the members who are eligible to vote have cast their votes. The next procedure in accordance with Rule 7(9) (b), I am required in your full view to empty the box and start counting the ballots. I shall now proceed to do so in your full view.

If you think the papers are far from you, could I request the chairman of Council and the Secretary General to witness what we are going to do and one agent of every candidate. You are welcome. Can I have the names of the agents?

Hon. Byamukama, who is your agent?

**Ms Byamukama:** Mr Clerk, Sir, if it is permissible, my agents are the persons who nominated me on paper and in this house. I thank you. I will choose hon. Mulengani.

**The Clerk:** Hon. Zziwa, who is your agent?

**Ms Zziwa:** Mr Clerk sir, I will request that the Council and the Secretary General go ahead and witness the process. I think it is eligible and transparent enough.

*(Counting of votes commences)*

**The Clerk:** Hon. Members, the results I have are as follows and let me begin with the proper order according to the results tally sheet. According to the rules, I have to declare the total number of ballot papers contained in the box. They were 45. The total number of members who have abstained from voting, there was none. The total number of spoilt or blank papers was none.

We now go to the actual number of votes obtained by each nominee. Hon. Byamukama Kanabahita Dora obtained 18 votes.

(Applause)

Hon. Zziwa Nantongo Margaret obtained 27 votes.

(Applause)

But in accordance with Rule 7(9) (d), none of these members has obtained a two thirds majority from members. Two thirds majority threshold is 30 members out of 45. We therefore have to repeat the ballots. As the rules state, *“In the second ballot if no candidate then is supported by votes of two thirds of all members, the candidate who in that ballot receives the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.”*

We have failed in the first round to get two thirds, we move to the second round afresh. We have to re-vote and begin the process afresh.

Hon. Members, please give me five minutes to re-organise my voting area.

**Clerk-at-Table:** Hon. Members, we are ready to repeat the exercise. The Clerk having explained the procedure, I now proceed once again to call out the names in alphabetical order and I will take three at a time. Republic of Burundi-

*(The members voted by secret ballot in the following order\_)*

Hon. Bucumi Emerence  
Hon. Mossi Hafsa  
Hon. Ndahayo Isabelle

Hon. Ndarubagiye Leonce  
Hon. Dr Nduwimana Martin  
Hon. Nengo Emmanuel

The next set of three names from the Republic of Burundi:

Hon. Ngendakumana Jeremie  
Hon. Ngenzebuhoro Frederic  
Hon. Nsabimana Yves

That concludes the Republic of Burundi. Republic of Kenya, get on standby. Republic of Kenya starting with:

Hon. Abisai Nancy  
Hon. Abubakar Zein  
Hon. Bonaya Talaso

The next set of names from the Republic of Kenya:

Hon. Mathuki Peter  
Hon. Ng'aru Mumbi  
Hon. Nkanae Saole

Next is set of three names from the Republic of Kenya:

Hon. Ogle Abubakar  
Hon. Ombasa Joseph  
Hon. Pareno Judith

That concludes it for the Republic of Kenya. Republic of Rwanda standby.

Hon. Bazivamo Christophe  
Hon. Hajabakiga Patricia  
Hon. Dr. Ndahiro James

The next set of three names from the Republic of Rwanda:

Hon. Harelimana Abdul Karim  
Hon. Muhongayire Jacqueline  
Hon. Ndikuryayo Straton

From the Republic of Rwanda:

Hon. Nyirahabineza Valerie  
Hon. Dr. Nyiramirimo Odette  
Hon. Rwigema Pierre Celestin

That concludes it for the Republic of Rwanda. United Republic of Tanzania be on standby.

Hon. Bhanji Shy-Rose  
Hon. Kimbisa Adam  
Hon. Kizigha Angela

The next set of names from the United Republic of Tanzania:

Hon. Murunya Bernard  
Hon. Mwinyi Abdullah  
Hon. Dr. Nderakindo Perpetua

The next set of names from the United Republic of Tanzania:

Hon. Nyerere Charles  
Hon. Taslima Twaha  
Hon. Yahya Maryam

That concludes it for United Republic of Tanzania. Republic of Uganda be on standby.

Hon. Byamukama Dora  
Hon. Kidega Daniel  
Hon. Mukasa Mbidde

The next set of names from the Republic of Uganda:

Hon. Mulengani Bernard  
Hon. Nakawuki Susan  
Hon. Opoka-Okumu Chris

The next set of names from the Republic of Uganda:

Hon. Sebalu Mike Kennedy  
Hon. Tiperu Nusura  
Hon. Zziwa Margaret

That concludes it for the Republic of Uganda and for the elected members.

**The Clerk:** Hon. Members, according to our records, that marks the end of all those members who are eligible to vote. We shall again proceed with the counting of votes as we did. I hope the candidates maintained their agents. We now wish to empty the ballot box as required of us under Rule 9(a). There are 45 ballot papers. We now proceed to the count.

*(Counting of votes commences)*

**The Clerk:** I have the results of the second vote and I wish to declare the results as follows. The total number of ballot papers contained in the ballot box were 45. Total number of members who abstained from voting, zero. Number of spoilt and blank papers, zero. The actual vote count is as follows; hon. Byamukama Kanabahita Dora, 12 votes. *(Applause)* Hon. Zziwa Nantongo Margaret, 33 votes.

*(Applause)*

Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 7(9) (d) of the Rules of Procedure of this House, I hereby declare hon. Zziwa Nantongo Margaret, having obtained more than two thirds of the votes of the membership of this House, elected Speaker.

*(Applause)*

Rule 7(9)(10) states that immediately following the election of Speaker, the Clerk shall administer to the person elected oath or affirmation of Office of Speaker. Rule 7 (9)(8), the person who is declared elected is conducted to the Chair. I wish to now conduct hon. Zziwa to



come and take the oath of office and thereafter I shall conduct her to the Chair. We will begin with the oath of a member of the Assembly.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

*The oaths were administered to:*

1. Margaret Nantongo Zziwa

#### ACCEPTANCE REMARKS BY SPEAKER

**The Speaker, East African Legislative Assembly (Ms Margaret Nantongo Zziwa):** The Chairperson, Council of Ministers, members of the Council of Ministers, hon. Members, the Rt hon. Speakers of Parliament of Uganda, the Rt hon. Speaker emeritus of the Second Assembly, distinguished members of this august House, fellow East Africans, ladies and gentlemen, this is a momentous moment for me. I am indeed humbled. I am indebted to you all distinguished members of this august House. I wish to accept this very important office of the Speaker of the Third Assembly.

I want to reiterate the significance and pivotal role this Assembly has in the integration process of the peoples of East Africa and I want to continue affirming that I will stand with you as we exercise and execute that very important role of the legislature of the East African Community.

I want to thank you most diligently for the confidence you have put in me. I want to thank my sister Dora for being there also to give true democracy to this very important function of this House.

*(Applause)*

I also want to thank those members who nominated me most especially those members from the Republic of Uganda for being able to afford me the opportunity to come to this Chair to serve you. I want to add that I feel indebted to all of you who have given me encouragement, who have stood by me to say that we need to keep the East African Legislative Assembly together.

I want to thank you, I want to thank Mr Madete and the Office of the Clerk for a job well done. I also want to thank Rt hon. Abdi for steering the Second Assembly to this level.

*(Applause)*

We salute your work, we thank you for standing firm and high for the Assembly and I promise that I will try to emulate your good work.

*(Applause)*

Out there in the Distinguished Members Gallery, I want to recognise and welcome distinguished East Africans but most notably, allow me to receive and welcome Mama Julius Nyerere.

*(Applause)*

Our prayers are with you. On a personal note, I want to welcome you back from Namugongo in Uganda and I want to say that we are always with you in prayer.

Let me also recognise and welcome hon. Capt. Francis Babu, my husband in the gallery- *(Applause)* and thank him graciously for allowing me and giving me a chance to offer myself to serve this august House.

I cannot leave the podium without saying a few words. To the Republic of Uganda, I want to salute you and thank you very much because the democratic principle you took of allowing Rule 53 of the Treaty to operate has enabled me to be here and I want to thank you very much.

*(Applause)*

I also want to add to the Rt hon. Speaker of Parliament of Uganda and all my colleagues in the Parliament of Uganda, thank you very much for the support you gave us. That is what has enabled us to be here as members of EALA and now able and competent to be in this very distinguished seat. I am indebted to you, hon. members, hon. ministers in your respective capacity.

To all our distinguished leaders in the region, I was not fortunate enough to have known the protocol as it is. Allow me to welcome you and receive you warmly in Arusha and allow me also to reiterate our commitment as the people's Assembly in being a people centred Assembly and being able to deliver the aspirations of the peoples of East Africa.

Once again, thank you very much for honouring me. Once again, thank you very much for being there to say we need to move ahead and thank you very much for always saying East Africa is greater than self. I want to say *umoja wetu, ninguzo yetu*. I want to say one people, one destiny.

*(Applause)*

Finally, I wish now to categorically submit myself to the will of the House, the supremacy of the rules of the House and to lay claim to the privileges of the Assembly and the members. I beg to submit.

*(Applause)*

I wish to suspend the House for 15 minutes. The House stands adjourned.

*(The House was suspended.)*

*(On resumption, the Speaker presiding\_)*

#### ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

**The Clerk:** We shall do this in alphabetical order but upon a request and with the permission of the hon. Speaker, we shall begin with hon. Dr. Ndahiro. You are free to be accompanied by any member of your choice.

*The oaths were administered to:*

1. Hon. Dr. Ndahiro James
2. Hon. Bucumi Emerance
3. Hon. Mossi Hafsa
4. Hon. Ndahayo Isabelle
5. Hon. Ndarubagiye Leonce
6. Hon. Dr Nduwimana Martin
7. Hon. Nengo Emmanuel
8. Hon. Ngendakumana Jeremie
9. Hon. Ngenzebuhoro Frederic
10. Hon. Nsabimana Yves
11. Hon. Abisai Nancy Lung'ahi
12. Hon. Abubakar Zein Abubakar
13. Hon. Bonaya Talaso Sarah
14. Hon. Mathuki Peter Mutuku
15. Hon. Ng'aru Mumbi Agnes
16. Hon. Nkanee Saole Ole
17. Hon. Ogle Abubakar Abdi
18. Hon. Ombasa Joseph Kiangoi
19. Hon. Pareno Judith Nayiai
20. Hon. Bazivamo Christophe
21. Hon. Hajabakiga Mugorenejo Patricia
22. Hon. Harelimana Abdul Karim
23. Hon. Muhongayire Jacqueline
24. Hon. Ndikuryayo Straton
25. Hon. Nyirahabineza Valerie
26. Hon. Dr. Nyiramirimo Odette
27. Hon. Rwigema Pierre Celestin

**Clerk-at-Table:** Hon. Members, I will proceed to call the name of hon. Samuel Sitta. He has made a special request to the Speaker regarding the need for him to take oath now due to urgent Cabinet matters, which he has to handle.

28. Hon. Samuel Sitta
29. Hon. Bhanji Shy-Rose Sadrudin
30. Hon. Kimbisa Adam Omar
31. Hon. Kizigha Angela Charles
32. Hon. Murunya Bernard Musomi
33. Hon. Mwinyi Abdullah
34. Hon. Dr. Nderakindo Perpetua Kessy
35. Hon. Nyerere Charles Makongoro
36. Hon. Taslima Twaha Issa
37. Hon. Yahya Maryam Ussi
38. Hon. Byamukama Dora

39. Hon. Kidega Daniel Fred
40. Hon. Mukasa Mbidde Fred
41. Hon. Mulengani Bernard
42. Hon. Nakawuki Susan
43. Hon. Opoka-Okumu Chris
44. Hon. Sebalu Mike Kennedy
45. Hon. Tiperu Nusura

**Clerk-at-Table:** Hon. Members, as you aware, ex-officio members are also members of this House. I will now proceed to call their names, one after the other starting with hon. Musa Sirma.

46. Hon. Musa Sirma
47. Hon. Eriya Kategeya
48. Hon. Léontine Nzeyimana
49. Hon. Samuel Sitta
50. Hon. Dr. Abdallah Sadala Abdalla
51. Hon. Amb. Dr. Richard Sezibera

**Clerk-at-Table:** The rest of the ex-officio members whose names I have not called out will be presented for the oath when they are ready. That is hon. Monique Mukaruliza, hon. Peter Munya and hon. Wilbert Kaahwa.

#### APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

**The Speaker:** Hon. Members, the next item on the agenda is the appointment of House Business Committee but I have been reliably informed by the Clerk that some of the chapters still need some more time to do consultations. I wish to say that this item will be considered tomorrow and I request the various chapters who have not concluded on this item to use this time and perhaps tomorrow morning to ensure that they constitute this very important committee.

**Mr Mwinyi:** Hon. Speaker, if I may, there has been a document that has been circulated listing members that have been nominated to the House Business Committee. Can I seek clarification in relation to this list? Thank you, hon. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** Hon. Mwinyi, I am informed that yes some chapters have already concluded on this very important item but some other chapters have not and it is for that reason that I was advised that we conclude on it tomorrow. That is why I am pushing it to tomorrow. Thank you.

Today has been a long day but we have come to item number seven on the Order Paper. Before I adjourn, I have a few announcements to make. First and foremost, immediately after the adjournment, we shall have a cocktail organized by the Office of the Speaker in honour of the inauguration of the Third Assembly. It will take place in the AICC Pieza Gardens. It will be preceded by a group photograph. You are all most welcome.

The second announcement is that the Secretary General also graciously invites you, hon. Members to a dinner tomorrow Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Mt Meru Hotel at 7.00 p.m. He intends to use the dinner to give you some preliminary induction and awareness about EAC so you should not miss.

The third announcement, as of now, the Office of the Clerk has not received nominations to the various committees by all chapters. We need this information urgently as the House Business Committee meets tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. to consider those nominations.

I am advised that more information will be given on this so this announcement can draw by the way side.

The other announcement is that hon. Members you are requested to come and sign the Tax Identification Number (TIN). You are requested at the Clerk's Office by 9.00 a.m. More details can be got from the Office of the Clerk.

Today, the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012, the Secretary General Ambassador Dr Sezibera is celebrating his birthday. We congratulate him, and I assure him that the hon. Members will sing that beautiful chorus for you as you celebrate your X<sup>th</sup> year.

Hon. Members, I wish to adjourn the House to tomorrow 2.30 p.m. House stands adjourned.

*(The House rose and adjourned until Wednesday, 6 June 2012 at 2.30 p.m.)*