

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Wednesday 21<sup>ST</sup>September, 2022**

**Third Assembly - First Session - First Day**

*(Third Assembly established vide  
Gazette Notice No.11016 of 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2022)*

*The County Assembly met at 9.00 a.m. at the Chambers  
Buildings on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2022, it being the  
First day of the first session of the Third county Assembly.*

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CLERK**

**The Clerk of the County Assembly** (Mr. Chare): Greetings all, Members and distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen; It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the First Sitting of the Third County Assembly of Marsabit. And I also take this opportunity to congratulate you all on your successful election and nomination, to the County Assembly of Marsabit.

It is remarkable to note that 8 members were re-elected/ nominated for yet another term. That is no small feat and we look forward to another smooth 5-year term, here with you. I further also extend a special welcome to the newly elected and nominated members of the County Assembly, especially one member of our staff, Chawle Miriam Mindisayo. We also have 2 members making a comeback from the first County Assembly, namely Rare Halkano Sora and Daniela Ntalason Lenatiyama.

*{The Clerk orders the laying on the Table of the list of names of the Members of the County Assembly}*

**PAPER LAID**

The following Paper was laid on the Table:-

The GAZETTE NOTICE NO 11016 - CONVENING THE FIRST SITTING OF THE THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MARSABIT, SPECIAL ISSUE VOL. CXXIV (*roman 124*)— NO. 189 DATED 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022 being the aforementioned notification for this First Sitting of the Third Assembly.

**The Clerk of the County Assembly** (Mr. Chare): Members, S. O 3 (2) (b) further requires that on the first sitting of the Assembly, pursuant to the notification by the Governor under S.O. 3, the Clerk shall —

*“(b) Lay on the Table of the County Assembly, a list of the names of the persons gazetted to have been elected or nominated as Members of the County Assembly;”*

As such Members, I will now call upon the Deputy Clerk to read out the names of the elected and nominated members in the two gazette notices and proceed to lay on the Table of the County Assembly the said notices. That is:

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- (i) Special Issue of the *Kenya Gazette Vol. CXXIV(Roman 124)– No.170* dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022, *Gazette Notice No. 9956* Declaration of Persons Elected as members of the County Assemblies; and
- (ii) Special Issue of the *Kenya Gazette Vol. CXXIV(Roman 124)– No. 186* dated 09<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, *Gazette Notice No. 10712* Nominated Members to the County Assemblies

List of the elected Members of the House.

1. Apicha, Dida Omar- United Democratic Alliance (UDA), Butiye Ward.
2. Huka Boru John- Forum for Restoration of Democracy Kenya (FORD-K), Sololo Ward
3. Michal, Siba Haila- Orange Democratic Movement (ODM), Heilu Manyatta Ward.
4. Dida, Adi Edin, Kenya African National Union (KANU), Golbo Ward,
5. Ibrahim, Mohammed Isack- United Party of Independent Alliance (UPIA), Moyale Township.
6. Ali, Halkano Konso, United Democratic Alliance (UDA), Uran Ward.
7. Rare Halkano Sora, United Democratic Movement (UDM), Obbu Ward.
8. Adano Boru, United Party of Independent Alliance (UPIA), Dukana Ward.
9. Diba, Buke Yattani, United Party of Independent Alliance (UPIA), Maikona Ward.
10. Galgallo, Huka Mamo, Jubilee Party (JP), Turbi Ward.
11. Ruru, Tura Elema, Kenya African National Union (KANU), North-horr Ward.
12. Korie James Korie, United Democratic Movement (UDM), Illeret Ward.
13. Guyo, Amos Wako, United Democratic Alliance (UDA), Sagante Jaldesa Ward
14. Leruk, Joseph Admen, United Party of Independent Alliance (UPIA), Karare Ward.
15. Godana, Jacob Elisha, United Party of Independent Alliance (UPIA), Marsabit Central.
16. Emojo, Daniel Musa, United Democratic Alliance (UDA), Loiyangalani Ward.
17. Ogom, Christoper Matahdere, United Democratic Movement (UDM), Kargi-South-horr Ward.
18. Arakhole, Daud Tamagot, Jubilee Party (JP), Korr/Ngurunit Ward.
19. Leakono, Bernard Leakono, United Party of Independent Alliance (UPIA), Logologo Ward.
20. Burcha, Daniel Ltinyilan, Jubilee Party (JP), Laisamis Ward.

List of the Nominated Members of the House - Marginalized List.

1. Hisidin, Ali Abdullahi, Youth, Jubilee Party (JP).
2. Kiya, Jillo Chana, Youth, United Democratic Movement (UDM).
3. Danila, Ntalason Lenatiyama, Minority, United Party of Independent Alliance (UPIA).

Gender top-up list

1. Hadija, Ibrahim Kontoma, United Party of Independent Alliance (UPIA).
2. Darare, Gonche Salessa, United Party of Independent Alliance (UPIA).
3. Rosemary, Adhi Bino, United Party of Independent Alliance (UPIA).
4. Golicha, Ebise Waqo, United Democratic Alliance (UDA).
5. Chawle, Miriam Mindisayo, United Democratic Alliance (UDA).
6. Lucy, Kargiya Obeile, Jubilee Party (JP).
7. Diram, Hussein Roba, Jubilee Party (JP).

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8. Josephine, Nchukunye Leado, Kenya African National Union (KANU).
9. Hindia, Salat Mohamed, United Democratic Movement (UDM).

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

**The Clerk of the County Assembly (Mr. Chare):** ORDER NO. 3 ADMINISTRATION OF OATH/AFFIRMATION  
Members, before we proceed with this critical business, I have a communication to make regarding the  
PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OR AFFIRMATION

Members, the Assembly's Standing Order no. 3 (2) (c) further provides as follows:

- (2) (c) That the Clerk shall administer the Oath or Affirmation of Office provided for in the First Schedule of the County Governments Act, 2012 to all members present in the County Assembly in the order set out in paragraph (3).
- (3) The Clerk shall administer the Oath or Affirmation of Office to Members of the County Assembly as provided for in the Gazette Notice issued by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission in alphabetical order using the following order of precedence —
  - (a) Members with the longest cumulative period of service in the Assembly;
  - (b) All other Members.

Members please note that this has been a long-standing tradition of our National Parliament and other Commonwealth Parliaments across the world. In the same spirit, the senior member of the County Assembly with the longest years of service is bestowed with the title "Father of the House" and is granted the privilege by our standing orders to be sworn in first, and then followed by other members in alphabetical order. That is Daud Tamagot.

Members, we also have some of our nominated MCAs getting nominated a third time and others a second time. We will observe this same tradition across board

*(4) Pursuant to Article 74 of the Constitution, no person shall assume or perform any functions of the office of a Member before taking and subscribing to the Oath or Affirmation of Office provided for under paragraph (2 (c))*

*(5) When the Clerk is administering the Oath or Affirmation of Office to Members and before the Clerk has administered the Oath or Affirmation of Office to the Speaker, any question arising in the County Assembly shall be determined by the Clerk who shall, during that period, exercise the powers of the Speaker."*

- That pursuant to the above provision, I shall now proceed to administer oath or affirmation of office to all MCAs present here in the order of precedence provided in Paragraph (3)
- In order to facilitate this process, the name of each MCA shall be called out, the MCA to proceed to the podium on my right and shall thereupon have the option of taking oath or affirmation of office as you may choose depending on your religious persuasions.
- After taking an Oath or Affirmation of office, the MCA shall proceed to subscribe the Oath or Affirmation at the Table by signing the Oath Book or Affirmation Book.

Please note: You will be signing multiple copies of the certificate, one copy will be given to you and the other copies will be retained by the clerk for record purposes. Please make sure you sign all copies as guided.

***{The Clerk at the table calls out the names of the members in their order of precedence}***

The Oath of Allegiance was administered to the following Members:-

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1. Mr. Arakhole, Daud Tamagot
2. Mr. Ali, Halkano Konso
3. Mr. Burcha, Daniel Ltinyilan
4. Mr. Diba, Buke Yattani
5. Mrs. Danila Ntalason Lenatiyama
6. Mrs. Hadija Ibrahim Kontoma
7. Mr. Kiya Jillo Chana
8. Mr. Korie James Korie
9. Mr. Leakono, Bernard Leakono
10. Mr. Rare Halkano Sora
11. Mr. Ruru, Tura Elema
12. Mr. Adano Boru
13. Mrs. Chawle Miriam Mindisayo
14. Mrs. Darare Gonche Salessa
15. Dida, Adi Edin
16. Ms. Diram Hussein Roba
17. Mr. Emojo, Daniel Musa
18. Mr. Galgallo, Huka Mamo
19. Mr. Godana, Jacob Elisha
20. Mrs. Golicha Ebise Waqo
21. Mr. Guyo, Amos Wako
22. Mr. Apicha, Dida Omar
23. Mrs. Hindia Salat Mohamed
24. Mr. Hisidin Ali Abdullahi
25. Mr. Huka, Boru John
26. Mr. Ibrahim, Mohammed Isack
27. Ms. Josephine Nchukunye Leado
28. Mr. Leruk, Joseph Admen
29. Mrs. Lucy Kargiya Obeile
30. Mr. Michal, Siba Haila
31. Mr. Ogom, Christopher Matahdere
32. Ms. Rosemary Adhi Bino

**The Clerk of the County Assembly** (Mr. Chare): Hon, Members, allow me to reiterate the provisions of Article 74 of the Constitution and Standing Order 3 (4) that no person shall assume or perform any functions of the office of a Member before taking and subscribing to the Oath or Affirmation of Office provided for under paragraph (2) (c).

This is very crucial, because we are about to embark on the next order of business. Any Member that has not taken Oath or Affirmation of Office will not be able to participate in the Election of the Speaker.

- "Members, this is just to confirm that all Members present have sworn and subscribed to the oath or affirmation of office.
- If there is any member who has not been sworn in, we will now proceed to swear them.

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Clerks at the Table, confirm all members have been sworn in and subscribed to the Oath or Affirmation of Office.

*{The Clerks at the table confirm that all the members have been sworn in except for Hon. Sadia Araru}*

Members, it has been confirmed that every member present has been sworn in. The only member who was not sworn in today is honorable Sadia Araru and this is because of the Court Order. Before the Swearing in, you were simply a Member-Elect. Now that you have all subscribed to the Oath or Affirmation of Office, you are now Members of the County Assembly of Marsabit. Congratulations Honorable Members for your ascension to the Office of Member of County Assembly in accordance with Articles 74 and 177 of the Constitution.

Next Order!

#### **ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER**

**The Clerk of the County Assembly** (Mr. Chare): Hon. Members, I have a communication to make regarding the procedure to be followed in the election of the Speaker of the County Assembly of Marsabit.

Firstly, Hon. Members, I wish to confirm that the local Assembly is properly constituted in terms of Standing Order 7 as read together with 31, which provides that a person shall not be elected Speaker unless supported by two-thirds of all members, **which is 22 Members**. From my counting and looking at the members seated in the Assembly, I can confirm that the Assembly is properly seated, having **32 Members present**.

Hon. Members, His Excellency the Governor of the Marsabit County notified this first sitting of the Third Assembly of Marsabit County vide *GAZETTE NOTICE NO 11016 dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022*.

Hon. Members, Article 178(1) of the Constitution provides that each County Assembly shall have a Speaker elected by the County Assembly from among persons who are not members of the Assembly.

From the foregoing, Standing Order no 4. (2) Provides;

*(And I quote)*

*"A Speaker shall be elected when the County Assembly first meets after a General Election and before the County Assembly proceeds with the dispatch of any other business, except the administration of the Oath or Affirmation of Office to Members present- which, we have just undertaken.*

Accordingly, the office of the Speaker became vacant at the commencement of this sitting, being the first sitting of a new County Assembly after general election.

Hon. Members, Pursuant to our Standing Orders a number of activities were required for the election of the Speaker before this first sitting.

Confirmation of Declaration of vacancy of the office of Speaker

Firstly, S.O. 5(1) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"Upon the Governor notifying the place and date for the first sitting of a new County Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 3, the Clerk shall by notice in the Gazette notify*

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*that fact and invite interested persons to submit their nomination papers for election to the office of Speaker.”*

In exercise of the powers conferred by S.O 5(1), I notified the general public of a vacancy in the Office of the Speaker of the County Assembly vide *Gazette notice No. 11037 dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2022*. In addition, I publicized the declaration of the vacancy by advertisement in the *Daily Nation Newspaper dated 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022* of national circulation. I have also ensured that the same has been uploaded on the Members Whatsapp Page, County Assembly website and other social media platforms.

In the notice and advert, I invited interested persons who qualify to be elected as members of County Assembly, but not such members to submit their nomination papers for election as Speaker of the County Assembly.

*{The Clerk tables the GAZETTE NOTICE NO 11037 declaring vacancy in the office of the Speaker}*

Collection of Nomination Papers

Standing Order 5 (2) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*The names of candidates for election to the office of Speaker shall be entered upon nomination papers obtained from the Clerk.....*

Hon. Members, for the position of Speaker of the County Assembly, the following candidates collected nomination papers as at the close of nomination period; -

NO.	CANDIDATE NAMES	ID NUMBER	DATE OF COLLECTION	TIME OF COLLECTION	DATE OF COLLECTION	DATE OF SUBMISSION
1.	EDIN WARIO DIDA	12754864	15/09/2022	16:49 P.M	17/09/2022	02:00 P.M.
2.	LINO LECHET TIMADO	11386022	16/09/2022	08:45 AM	17/09/2022	04:05 P.M.
3.	BALEISA HAMBULE	0060590	16/09/2022			
4.	ISMAIL MAALIM MADEY	24695490	16/09/2022	10:28AM	16/09/2022	02:46 P.M
5.	MATHEW LOLE LOLTOME	9558538	16/09/2022	05:09PM	17/09/2022	06:00 P.M.
6.	ALEXANDER BARILLE ABDUBA	12754197	17/09/2022	12:00PM	19/09/2022	8:55 A.M
7.	KONCHORA CHEPE ISAKO	0067879	17/09/2022	15:56 PM		

Hon. Members, as per the *Gazette notice* and newspaper advertisement, a person who collected nomination papers was required to submit the completed papers together with his or her curriculum vitae and relevant supporting documents to the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly, not later than 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

i. Submission of Nomination Papers and attachments

The said Standing Order further provides—

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(And I continue to read Standing Order 5 (2), the duly completed nomination papers

*".....are handed back to the Clerk, at least forty-eight hours before the time appointed at which the County Assembly is to meet to elect a Speaker."*

At the close of the nomination period, which was Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at not later than 9.00 am; the following persons have submitted their nomination papers for election as Speaker of the County Assembly of Marsabit.

NO.	CANDIDATE NAMES	ID NUMBER	DATE OF COLLECTION	DATE OF SUBMISSION	STATUS OF COMPLIANCE
1.	EDIN WARIO DIDA	12754864	15/09/2022	02:00 P.M.	COMPLETED
2.	LINO LECHEN TIMADO	11386022	16/09/2022	04:05 P.M.	COMPLETED
3.	ISMAIL MAALIM MADEY	24695490	16/09/2022	02:46 P.M.	COMPLETED
4.	MATHEW LOLE LOLTOME	9558538	16/09/2022	06:00 P.M.	COMPLETED

At this point honorable members, I would like to communicate withdrawal of candidature by honorable Mathew Lole Loltome today via an official communication.

*{The Clerk displays the letter}*

I would like to refer you to Standing Order 8 on withdrawal of candidate;

*That, a candidate may by written notice to the Clerk withdraw his or her name before a ballot is started and in the event of such withdrawal, the Clerk shall cross-out the name of the candidate, off any ballot papers for that or any subsequent ballot.*

i. Confirmation of Qualified Candidates.

Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of Article 193 of the Constitution, Section 25 of the Elections Act No. 24 of 2011 and Standing Order 5 (3), 4 out of 5 persons who completed and submitted their nomination papers, qualified as candidates for election as the Speaker of the County Assembly.

In our case, we are only left with three. That is;

NO.	NAMES
1.	EDIN WARIO DIDA
2.	LINO LECHEN TIMADO
3.	ISMAIL MAALIM MADEY

ii. Confirmation of maintenance of a Register

Hon. Members, Standing Order 5(4) requires that-

**(And I quote)**

*"The Clerk shall maintain a register in which shall be shown the date and time when each candidate's nomination papers were received and shall ascertain that every such candidate for election to the office of Speaker is qualified to be elected as such under Article 193 of the Constitution."*

I hereby confirm that a register has been maintained in accordance with the requirements of this Standing Order.

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*{The Clerk displays the register to Members present}*

- iii. Confirmation of publicized list of Qualified Candidates to Members.

Hon. Members, Standing Order No. 5 (5) requires that—

*(And I quote)*

*"Immediately upon the close of the nomination period provided for in paragraph (2), the Clerk shall:*

- (a) Publicize and make available to all Members, a list showing all qualified candidates; and*
- (b) Make available to all Members, copies of the curriculum vitae of the qualified candidates.*

Hon. Members, I hereby confirm that a list showing all qualified candidates was publicized and was made available to all Members. I further confirm that I made available to all Members a list with extracts of the curriculum vitae of the qualified candidates.

- iv. Confirmation of Ballot Papers

Standing Order 5 (6) states that—

*(And I quote)*

*"The Clerk shall, at least two hours before the meeting of the County Assembly, prepare ballot papers upon which shall be shown the names of all candidates validly nominated under paragraph (5) of this Standing Order."*

Hon. Members, I hereby confirm that I prepared the ballot papers and they are here with us.

I will now allow the Clerks at the Table to reorganize the Chamber in readiness for the voting process.

*{Clerks at the Table reorganize the Chamber for the voting process}  
{Loud consultations}*

**The County Assembly Clerk (Mr. Chare):**Hon. Members, are we all back? Sergeant- at- Arm rings the bell.

*{The bell is rung and members walk in to the Chamber}*

Sergeant- At- Arm, close the doors.

*{The doors are closed}*

Honourable members, we are now ready for the next exercise which is voting. I will take you to the next step which is a walkthrough of the voting process.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 6 (1) provides that the election of the Speaker shall be by secret ballot. Specifically, Standing Order 6 (2) provides that –

*(And I quote)*

*"The Clerk shall, at the commencement of each ballot, cause the ballot box empty and unlocked, to be displayed to the County Assembly and shall in the presence of the County Assembly, lock the box, which shall thereafter be kept in the full view of the County Assembly until the conclusion of the ballot."*

Issuing of ballot papers.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 6 (3) provides that-

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*(And I quote)*

*"The Clerk shall issue not more than one ballot paper to each Member who comes to the Table to obtain it and each Member who wishes to vote shall proceed to a booth or designated area provided by the Clerk for that purpose and located next to and within reasonable distance of the ballot box and shall, while there, mark the ballot paper by placing a mark in the space opposite the name of the candidate for whom the Member wishes to vote, fold the marked ballot paper before leaving the booth or area and place the folded ballot paper in the ballot box."*

To facilitate this process, the name of each Member shall be called out; following which the Member shall come to the table (Station 1), directly in front of me and obtain a ballot paper.

Hon. Members, each Member shall then proceed to the polling booth which is clearly displayed and while there, mark the ballot paper by placing a visible mark in the space provided, opposite the name of the candidate he or she wishes to vote for and fold it. The Member shall then leave the booth and place the marked ballot paper in the ballot box at the dispatch area.

The polling booth is on my right as displayed.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 6 (4) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"A member who, before the conclusion of a ballot has marked a paper in error may, by returning it to the Clerk, obtain another in its place and the Clerk shall immediately cancel and destroy the paper so returned."*

I wish to state, that will only be applicable before the member has placed the ballot paper in the ballot box.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 6 (5) provides that consideration of the physically changed Members.

*(And I quote )*

*"The Clerk shall make such arrangements as may be necessary to enable any Member with disability to vote."*

I have confirmed that these arrangements are in place and that those members to be given all the necessary accommodation that suit their needs.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 6 (6) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"when it appears to the Clerk that all Members who are present and who wish to vote have placed their ballot papers in the ballot box, the Clerk shall unlock the box, examine the ballot papers and, having rejected those unmarked or spoiled, report the result of the ballot; and no Member who has not already recorded his or her vote shall be entitled to do so after the Clerk has unlocked the ballot box."*

Further Standing Order 6 (7) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"A ballot paper is spoiled, if in the Clerk's opinion, it does not identify the candidate purported to be selected by the member voting. "*

I will confirm that all the members present and who wish to vote has voted. I shall declare a ballot paper to be invalid in the presence of and after inspection by the Members representing each of the candidates in the election.

The counting of the ballots shall take place in the presence of all Members and Members appointed as agents or representatives by the candidates. So I will shortly ask for the agents of the candidates to come

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forward.

Election threshold.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 7 (1) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"A person shall not be elected as Speaker unless he or she is supported in a ballot by the votes of two-thirds of all Members,"*

That is 22 Members in our case.

Standing Order 7 (2) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"If no candidate is supported by the votes of two-thirds of all Members, the candidate or candidates who received the highest number of votes in the first ballot referred to in paragraph (1) and the candidate or candidates who in that ballot received the next highest number of votes shall alone stand for election in a further ballot and the candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the further ballot shall be elected Speaker.*

And I will declare so.

Hon. Members, I wish to remind the Assembly that the voting exercise we are about to undertake is by secret ballot as earlier communicated. Accordingly, Members are not allowed to display their marked ballot papers to the Assembly, the galleries or to any other person.

Members of the media are also reminded by Standing Order 227 (2) as read with rule 3(c) of the First Schedule, which provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"Wide-angle shots of the Chamber shall be used during voting and Division and no shot shall be taken so as to show the manner in which a Member has voted in any secret ballot."*

Hon. Members, we have arranged the voting booths on my extreme right. For convenience of the Assembly, Members on my left side will slowly walk and bow to the mace and proceed over to the right side when their names are called out. Then, you sign a members list and cast your ballots. Afterward again bow to the mace and take your seat.

Commencement of voting process.

Hon. Members, we are now ready to commence the voting process. But before we start, may the agents or representatives for the candidates please come forth and stand on either side of the table.

No.	CANDIDATE'S NAMES	AGENT'S NAME
1.	Edin Wario.	1. Yattani Buke Diba. 2. Leakono Bernard Leakono.
2.	Madey Ismail.	1. Halkano Sora Rare. 2. James Korie Haile.
3.	Timado Lino Lechet.	1. Arakhole Daud Tamagot. 2. Burcha Daniel Ltinyilan.

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Having explained the voting procedure, I now direct the Sergeant-At-Arms to open the ballot box and display it to the Assembly.

*{The Sergeant at arms opens the ballot box and displays it to the assembly}*

Hon. Members, you have all witnessed for yourselves that the ballot box is empty, in which case I now direct the Sergeant-At-Arms to close it and seal it.

*{The Sergeant -at -arms closes the ballot box and seals it}*

Hon. Members, we are now ready to vote.

Any member incapacitated in any way and cannot vote by themselves can indicate to the Clerks -at- the-Table and I will assist them to vote in the presence of the candidate's agents.

Members wishing to abstain are asked to similarly indicate to the Clerk's at the Table and ensure their abstention is recorded in accordance with Standing Order 72 (1) (b).

I direct the Clerks-at-the-Table to call out the names with priority being given to any member with a disability.

*{The Clerk at the table issues ballot papers to Hon. Members}*

Hon. Members, now that the ballot papers are ready you may proceed to vote.

*{Hon. Members proceed to vote}*

*{Voting comes to an end}*

Hon. Members is there any member who has not voted for any reason or could there be any Member who is present, but has not voted?

*{Silence}*

It appears that all the Members who wished to vote have already done so.

Sergeant-at-Arms, I will now ask you to close the ballot box!

*{The Sergeant -at- arms seals the aperture of the ballot box}*

Hon. Members, Standing Order 6 (6) provides that

*"when it appears to the Clerk that all Members who are present and who wish to vote have placed their ballot papers in the ballot box, the Clerk shall unlock the box, examine the ballot papers and, having rejected those unmarked or spoiled, report the result of the ballot; and no Member who has not already recorded his or her vote shall be entitled to do so after the Clerk has unlocked the ballot box."*

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Therefore, in accordance with this Standing Order, I direct that the ballot box be unlocked and the ballot papers are examined. Once it is ascertained whether there are some which are unmarked or spoilt, we will start counting the votes.

The Clerks-at-the-Table can now open the seals. One agent per candidate can be on standby.

*{The Agents take their positions}*

*{The Clerk unlocks the ballot box and proceeds to count the votes}*

Hon. Members, I wish to announce the results of the ballot.

Total Votes Cast	32
Valid Votes	31
Rejected Votes	1
Spoilt Ballot Papers	0

No.	NAMES	VOTE
1.	Lino Lechet Timado	7
2.	Edin Wario Dida	9
3.	Ismail Maalim Madey	15

Hon. Members, Standing Order 7 (1) provides that a person shall not be elected as Speaker, unless supported in a ballot by the votes of two-thirds of all Members.

Two-thirds of 33 Members is 22. So the person who attained the highest votes Ismail Maalim did not meet the threshold to be elected as the Speaker. In that case, considering that none of the candidates has reached the threshold, I will invoke Standing Order 7 (2) which provides as follows;

*If no candidate is supported by the votes of two thirds of all members, the candidate or candidates who received the highest number of votes in the ballot referred to in paragraph (1) and the candidate or candidates who in that ballot received the next highest number of votes shall alone stand for election in a further ballot shall be elected Speaker.*

Accordingly, these two candidates Ismail Maalim Madey and Edin Wario Dida will proceed to the next ballot. We will allow the members a thirty minutes break so that members can prepare themselves for the second ballot. So, we will be back and by 2:30pm.

*{Loud consultations}*

Order Members! We are taking a break, so that we come back at 2:30pm.

*{The honorable members leave the chamber}*

*{Honourable members walk into the chamber after break}*

**The Clerk of The County Assembly (Mr. Chare):** I now direct the Sergeant-At-Arms to open the ballot box and display it to the Assembly.

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*{The Sergeant -at -arms opens the ballot box and displays it to the assembly}*

Hon. Members, you have all witnessed for yourselves that the ballot box is empty, in which case I now direct the Sergeant-At-Arms to close it and seal it.

*{The Sergeant -at -arms closes the ballot box and seals it}*

Honourable members, I presume the agents for the candidates will remain the same. The ballot papers we are using for this election are different color as compared to the first ones. This is meant to differentiate the two exercises. I now ask the Clerk at the table to call the names of the members and issue them with the ballot papers.

*{The Sergeant- at -arms closes the doors}*

*{The Clerk at the table calls out names of the members and issues them with ballot papers}*

*{Members proceed to vote}*

Honourable members, we have just concluded the ballot and the results are as follows;

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 32.

VALID VOTES: 32.

REJECTED VOTES: NIL.

ABSTENTATION; NIL.

Number of valid votes cast in favor of each candidate;

CANDIDATE'S NAME	NO. OF VOTES
Ismail Maalim Madey	15
Edin Wario Dida	17

*{Applause}*

Therefore, honorable members, noting that Edin Wario Dida has received the highest number of votes in the second round and pursuant to Standing Order 7 (2), Mr. Edin Wario Dida stands elected as Speaker of the Third Assembly of Marsabit County.

*{Applause}*

Custody of the ballot papers

Hon. Members, Standing Order 10 provides that –

**(And I quote)**

*"Immediately the results are declared, all the ballot papers used in the election of a*

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*Speaker shall be packed and sealed in the presence of the County Assembly and kept in the custody of the Clerk for a period of six months and shall thereafter be destroyed."*

I now direct the Clerks at the table that the ballot papers be packed and sealed for safe custody.

*{Clerks at the table pack and seal the ballot papers}*

Swearing- in of the Speaker

Hon. Members, Standing Order 12 provides that –

(And I quote)

*"Immediately following the election of the Speaker, the Clerk shall administer the Oath or Affirmation of Office to the Speaker in the presence of the assembled County Assembly."*

The said Oath or Affirmation of Office for the Speaker derives from the Constitution under Article 74, which provides that –

(And I quote)

*"Before assuming a State office, acting in a State office, or performing any functions of a State office, a person shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation of office, in the manner and form prescribed by the Third Schedule or under an Act of Parliament."*

**Hon. Members:** The said Oath or Affirmation as highlighted above is indeed specifically detailed under the First Schedule of the County Governments Act, 2012.

May I now direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to search, find the said Edin and present her/him before the Assembly forthwith for Swearing-in.

Two Members - a proposer and a seconder of the candidate to accompany the Sergeant- at- Arms to fetch the duly elected Speaker).

*{The Sergeant-at-Arms looks for the Speaker-elect Edin Wario and brings him to the Chamber}*

*{Applause}*

*{The Speaker -elect is escorted to the Chair by Hons. Buke and Leakono}*

*{The Sergeant at Arms, hands over the Speaker elect to the Clerk}*

Welcome, the Speaker- elect. Pursuant to Standing Order 12, I shall now administer the Oath or Affirmation of office to the Speaker in the presence of the Assembled Assembly.

*{The Clerk administers the Oath of allegiance to the Speaker-elect, Mr. Edin}*

*{The Speaker's procession follows}*

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*{The Speaker, Hon. Edin, then takes the Chair and the Mace, which before lay under the table, is placed upon the table}*

*{Applause}*

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

SUBMISSION OF HON. SPEAKER TO THE  
WILL OF THE HOUSE

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable Members of the County Assembly, the Clerk of the County Assembly, distinguished ladies and gentlemen. Let me begin by expressing my gratitude to God, the Almighty for the extraordinary favor that He has placed on me.

Hon. Members, your decision to elevate me, Edin Wario Dida, to the position of Speaker of the Marsabit County Assembly is both a true privilege and a wonderful responsibility, and I am grateful to every one of you. You can rest assured that I do not take it lightly in any way. I consider my presence at this Third Assembly to be a gift, but one that comes with a significant amount of responsibility.

Hon. Members, I feel obligated to express my gratitude to the Clerk of this Assembly for expertly presiding over this chamber at the present transitional phase. His valuable and unreserved advice will always be cherished.

Hon. Members, over the last several months, our nation has been in the midst of heated campaigns. Electioneering is not simple. I recognize that marketing our manifestos to the citizens is a costly and time-consuming endeavor. I would like therefore to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every member of this House on the accomplishment of being elected to your respective positions.

As the Speaker of this Honourable Assembly, it is my duty to encourage you to uphold the highest standards of honesty in the performance of your oversight responsibilities. I anticipate a House that will pass legislation that is consistent with the Constitution and best interest of the people. It is the hallmark of good governance to have an Assembly that is capable of properly carrying out the three primary tasks of representation, legislation and supervision over the Executive. It is important to appreciate both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assemblies, despite trying their best in meeting full expectations of the electorate, while delivering these cardinal responsibilities. It is therefore incumbent upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly to restore and finish the job that they started and act responsibly to advance the interest of the people who elected you.

Honourable Members, I would want to bring to your attention the fact that we are beginning our duties in this magnificent county, whilst in the midst of many challenges; some of which are historical in nature. The issues of poverty, unemployment, deficient public infrastructure, shortage of water, and an inadequate educational infrastructure for our young people continue to delay progress in Marsabit County. Other problems include unexplored cultural, commercial, and recreational potential and an absence of adequate medical services. We are also plagued by sporadic communal conflicts and other insecurity issues.

When I look at the problems that we have as a County and the issues that we have to tackle, I am not

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under any fantasy about the great expectations and responsibilities that come with being the head of this House. The significant challenges and opportunities that lie ahead of us call for an extraordinary level of dedication, concentration, togetherness, and a common vision.

The first and second Assemblies made some progress, and we thank them for several bills they passed into law as well as many Motions and Reports they approved. We shall also keep records and the judgments of previous Speakers to serve as an advice and precedents in this House, since institutions mature in a rational, methodical, and responsible manner. Despite this, we still have a massive project in front of us, and I have faith that we will enable us to meet the demand of our people. I reassure you that I will do all in my power to make sure that the Committees have everything they need to do their duties and achieve outcomes that are to everyone's satisfaction.

The implementation of a plan for sustainable growth should be the primary focus of our efforts in this county. There is no way that things can continue as normal. Our citizens anticipate that we will assist in mending the economy, find employment for the unemployed, enhance access to good standard of education and health care, and overtly instill a sense of optimism in them. They expect us to be trustworthy and responsible leaders attentive to their requirements. In order for our guardianship to be successful, I am requesting everyone's support.

Moving forward, I would like to confirm that in conjunction with the County Assemblies Forum (CAF), the Council of Governors (COG), and the Societies of Clerks at the Table (SOCAT), we will work together to give the required support for MCAs, particularly to boost their working Environments and entitlements. On my part, I am committed to defending, preserving the rule of law and cultivate a culture of democratic processes among us, basing all of my decisions on our Standing Orders, and always protect the Legislature's function as an Arm of the County Government. I also expect each of you to uphold the same values and ideals that mirror and resonate with our natural values and other global best practices.

Honourable Members, allow me to end my address with conviction that, we the Members of this 3<sup>rd</sup> county Assembly will be the most passionate drivers of social - economic revolution of this county. In togetherness, and under the direction of our supreme God, you and I will collaborate in making this a reality.

I want to express once again my deep appreciation and thanks to everyone who has helped me along the way and believed in me. Let us collaborate for the benefit of Marsabit community.

Please accept my sincere gratitude. I pray, May God bless you and also the glorious County of Marsabit.

*{The Speaker presides over the next business of the House}*

Next Order!

#### **ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

**THE SPEAKER (Hon. Edin Wario):** Honourable members, allow me to read the second order. I understand that the sugar levels are down and a number of us may feel hungry, but we have to proceed. The -----

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Hon. Members, County Governments Act of 2012 Section 9A (2) Provides-

*(And I quote)*

*"There shall be a deputy speaker for each county assembly who shall be elected by the county assembly, in accordance with standing orders of the respective county assemblies, from among the members of that county assembly."*

Accordingly, the third County Assembly of Marsabit shall have an election for the office of deputy speaker as soon as practicable after the election of a Speaker.

Confirmation of compliance and previous activities;

Hon. Members, the Elections Act Section 21 (2) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"For the purpose of the election of the speaker of the county assembly after the first election under the Constitution, the procedure set out in the First Schedule shall apply."*

The said section in paragraph 4 provides-

*"The First Schedule shall, with necessary modifications, apply to the election of the deputy speaker after the first election under the Constitution."*

Hon. Members, pursuant to the First schedule as read with our Standing Orders, a number of activities were required for the election of the Deputy Speaker before this first sitting. I will proceed to detail each such activity and the manner in which the Office of the Clerk has complied with the Standing Orders:

1. Hon. Members, vide Newspaper Advertisement dated 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the Clerk of the County Assembly invited Members-elect to submit their nomination papers for election to the office of the Deputy Speaker, County Assembly of Marsabit in accordance with Standing Order 5 (1).
2. The names of candidates for election to the office of Deputy Speaker has been confirmed to be entered upon the nomination papers obtained from the clerk and handed back at least forty-eight hours before the time appointed at which the County Assembly is to meet to elect a Deputy Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 5 (2).
3. The nomination papers of the candidates have been accompanied by the names and signatures of at least two Members who support the candidate in accordance with Standing Order 5(3).
4. A register was maintained in accordance with the requirements of this Standing Order 5 (4).
5. A list showing all qualified candidates was publicized and was made available to all Members of the County Assembly. Copies of curriculum Vitae of the candidates was made available to all Members in accordance with the Standing Order 5(5)

The following candidates were validly nominated as at the close of the nomination period:-

1. Daud Tamagot of ID Number 8150058.
2. Halkano Sora Rare of ID Number 2047566.
3. Did Omar Hapicha of ID Number 36559358.

3. Tura Ruru Elema of ID Number 9561651.

4. Aila Siba Guche of ID Number 36574797.

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*{Loud consultations}*

Order honorable members! Honourable members, four out of six persons who completed and submitted the nomination papers qualified as candidates for election as Deputy Speaker of the County Assembly. Their names are as follows;

1. Halkano Sora Rare.
2. Tura Ruru Elema.
3. Aila Siba Guche.
4. Did Omar Hapicha.

Confirmation of maintenance of register  
Hon. Members, Standing Order 5(4) requires that-

**(And I quote)**

*"The Clerk shall maintain a register in which shall be shown the date and time when each candidate's nomination papers were received and shall ascertain that every such candidate for election to the office of Speaker is qualified to be elected as such under Article 193 of the Constitution."*

I hereby confirm that a register has been maintained in accordance with the requirements of this Standing Order.

*{The Clerk displays the register to Members present}*

Confirmation of the publicized list of Qualified Candidates to Members.

Hon. Members, Standing Order No. 5 (5) requires that—

**(And I quote)**

*"Immediately upon the close of the nomination period provided for in paragraph (2), the Clerk shall-*

- (a) Publicize and make available to all Members, a list showing all qualified candidates; and*
- (b) Make available to all Members, copies of the curriculum vitae of the qualified candidates.*

Hon. Members, I hereby confirm that a list showing all qualified candidates was publicized and was made available to all Members. I further confirm that, I made available to all Members a list with extracts of the curriculum vitae of the qualified candidates.

- i. Confirmation of Ballot Papers

Standing Order 5 (6) states that—

**(And I quote)**

*"The Clerk shall, at least two hours before the meeting of the County Assembly, prepare ballot papers upon which shall be shown the names of all candidates validly nominated under paragraph (5) of this Standing Order."*

Hon. Members, I hereby confirm that I prepared the ballot papers and they are here with us. I will now allow the Clerks at the Table to reorganize the Chamber in readiness for the voting process.

***{Clerks at the Table reorganize the Chamber for the voting process}***

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*{Loud consultations}*

**The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario):** Order honorable members. I have received withdrawal notice from one candidate, honorable Halkano Sora Rare. Now allow me to read Standing Order number 8 on withdrawal of a candidate.

*That, a candidate may, by written notice to the Clerk, withdraw his or her name before a ballot is started, and in the event of such withdrawal, the Clerk shall cross-out the name of the candidate off any ballot papers for that or any subsequent ballot.*

{The Clerk displays the withdrawal notice to the members}

*{The bell is rang}*

Sergeant- At- Arms, close the doors.

*{The doors are closed}*

Honourable members, we are now ready for the next exercise which is voting. I will take you to the next step which is a walkthrough of the voting process.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 6 (1) provides that the election of the Deputy Speaker shall be by secret ballot.

Specifically, Standing Order 6 (2) provides that –

*(And I quote)*

*“The Clerk shall, at the commencement of each ballot, cause the ballot box, empty and unlocked, to be displayed to the County Assembly and shall, in the presence of the County Assembly, lock the box, which shall thereafter be kept in the full view of the County Assembly until the conclusion of the ballot.”*

Issuance of ballot papers.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 6 (3) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*“The Clerk shall issue not more than one ballot paper to each Member who comes to the Table to obtain it and each Member who wishes to vote shall proceed to a booth or designated area provided by the Clerk for that purpose and located next to and within reasonable distance of the ballot box and shall, while there, mark the ballot paper by placing a mark in the space opposite the name of the candidate for whom the Member wishes to vote, fold the marked ballot paper before leaving the booth or area and place the folded ballot paper in the ballot box.”*

To facilitate this process, the name of each Member shall be called out; following which the Member shall come to the table (Station 1), directly in front of me and obtain a ballot paper.

Hon. Members, each Member shall then proceed to the polling booth which is clearly displayed and while there, mark the ballot paper by placing a visible mark in the space provided, opposite the name of the candidate he or she wishes to vote for and fold it. The Member shall then leave the booth and place the marked ballot paper in the ballot box at the dispatch area.

The polling booth is on my right as displayed.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 6 (4) provides that-

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*(And I quote)*

*"A member who, before the conclusion of a ballot has marked a paper in error may, by returning it to the Clerk, obtain another in its place and the Clerk shall immediately cancel and destroy the paper so returned."*

I wish to state that will only be applicable before the member has placed the ballot paper in the ballot box.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 6 (5) provides that consideration for physically challenged Members.

*(And I quote)*

*"The Clerk shall make such arrangements as may be necessary to enable any Member with disability to vote."*

I have confirmed that these arrangements are in place and that those members to be given all the necessary accommodation that suit their needs.

Hon. Member`s, Standing Order 6 (6) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"when it appears to the Clerk that all Members who are present and who wish to vote have placed their ballot papers in the ballot box, the Clerk shall unlock the box, examine the ballot papers and, having rejected those unmarked or spoiled, report the result of the ballot; and no Member who has not already recorded his or her vote shall be entitled to do so after the Clerk has unlocked the ballot box."*

Further Standing Order 6 (7) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"A ballot paper is spoiled, if in the Clerk's opinion, it does not identify the candidate purported to be selected by the member voting. "*

I will confirm that all the members present and who wish to vote have voted. I shall declare a ballot paper to be invalid in the presence of and after inspection by the Members representing each of the candidates in the election.

The counting of the ballots shall take place in the presence of all Members and Members appointed as agents or representatives of the candidates. So I will shortly ask for the agents of the candidates to come forward.

Election threshold.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 7 (1) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"A person shall not be elected as Speaker unless he or she is supported in a ballot by the votes of two-thirds of all Members,"*

That is 22 Members in our case.

Standing Order 7 (2) provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"If no candidate is supported by the votes of two-thirds of all Members, the candidate or candidates who received the highest number of votes in the first ballot referred to in paragraph (1) and the candidate or candidates who in that ballot received the next highest number of votes shall alone stand for election in a further ballot and the candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the further ballot shall be elected Speaker."*

And I will declare so.

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Hon. Members, I wish to remind the Assembly that the voting exercise we are about to undertake is by secret ballot as earlier communicated. Accordingly, Members are not allowed to display their marked ballot papers to the Assembly, the galleries or to any other person.

Members of the media are also reminded by Standing Order 227 (2) as read with rule 3(c) of the First Schedule, which provides that-

*(And I quote)*

*"Wide-angle shots of the Chamber shall be used during voting and Division and no shot shall be taken so as to show the manner in which a Member has voted in any secret ballot."*

Hon. Members, we have arranged the voting booths on my extreme right. For convenience of the Assembly, Members on my left side will slowly walk and bow to the mace and proceed over to the right side when their names are called out. Then you sign a members list and cast your ballots. Afterward, again bow to the mace and take your seat.

Commencement of the voting process.

Hon. Members, we are now ready to start the voting process. But before we start, may the agents or representatives for the candidates please come forth and stand on either side of the table.

Tura Ruru Elema – Mamo Huka Galgallo and Jacob Elisha Godana.

Aila Siba Guche- Guyo Amos Wako and

Diid Omar Hapicha- John Huka and Adi Edin Diida.

*{Loud consultations}*

Order honorable members!

Having explained the voting procedure, I now direct the Sergeant-At-Arms to open the ballot box and display it to the Assembly.

*{The Sergeant -at -arms opens the ballot box and displays it to the assembly}*

Hon. Members, you have all witnessed for yourselves that the ballot box is empty, in which case I now direct the Sergeant-At-Arms to close it and seal it.

*{The Sergeant at arms closes the ballot box and seals it}*

Hon. Members, we are now ready to vote.

Any member incapacitated in any way and cannot vote by themselves can indicate to the Clerks at the Table and I will assist them to vote in the presence of the candidate's agents.

Members wishing to abstain are asked to similarly indicate to the Clerk's at the Table and ensure their abstention is recorded in accordance with Standing Order 72 (1) (b).

I direct the Clerks at the Table to call out the names with priority being given to any member with a disability.

*{The Sergeant at arms closes the doors}*

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*{The Clerk at the table issues ballot papers to Hon. Members}*

Hon. Members, now that the ballot papers are ready, you may proceed to vote.

*{The Clerk calls out the names of the honourable members}  
{Honourable Members proceed to vote}*

*{Voting comes to an end}*

**The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario):** Honourable members, from our records, every member present has voted. Any member who has not voted?

*{Silence}*

Then, it appears that everybody has voted. I now direct that the ballot box is unlocked and each ballot paper examined. I also call the agents to take their positions

*{The agents take their position}  
{The Sergeant-at-arms unlocks the ballot box}*

I will now direct that the Box be unlocked, the contents will then be emptied and there will be a clerk to take the votes for each of the candidates. One clerk will count the total number of ballots cast and thereafter call out and display each ballot paper prominently and say aloud the person for whom the ballot paper is marked and place it methodically on the Table. A separate clerk will record the votes for each of the candidates, which record will be signed by the respective agents for the candidates.

**{Tallying Continues}**

**The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario):**

Total votes cast; 32.

Total valid votes; cast 31.

Rejected votes; 1.

Number of valid votes cast in favour of each candidate;

Dida Omar Hapicha 18.

Honourable members, we have just concluded the ballot and the results are as follows;

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 32.

VALID VOTES: 32.

REJECTED VOTES: NIL.

ABSTENTATION; NIL.

Number of valid votes cast in favour of each candidate;

CANDIDATE'S NAME	NO. OF VOTES
Ismail Maalim Madey	15
Edin Wario Dida	17

*{Applause}*

Therefore honorable members, noting that Edin Wario Dida has received the highest number of votes in

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the second round and pursuant to Standing Order 7 (2), Mr. Edin Wario Dida stands elected as Speaker of the Third Assembly of Marsabit County.

*{Applause}*

Custody of the ballot papers

Hon. Members, Standing Order 10 provides that –

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*"Immediately the results are declared, all the ballot papers used in the election of a Speaker shall be packed and sealed in the presence of the County Assembly and kept in the custody of the Clerk for a period of six months and shall thereafter be destroyed."*

I now direct the Clerks at the table that the ballot papers be packed and sealed for safe custody.

*{Clerks at the table pack and seal the ballot papers}*

Swearing- in of the Speaker

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The said Oath or Affirmation of Office for the Speaker derives from the Constitution under Article 74, which provides that –

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**Hon. Members**, the said Oath or Affirmation as highlighted above is indeed specifically detailed under the First Schedule to the County Governments Act, 2012.

May I now direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to search, find the said Edin and present her/him before the Assembly forthwith for Swearing-in.

Two members: proposer and seconder of the candidate, to accompany the Sergeant- at- Arms to fetch the duly elected Speaker).

*{The Sergeant-at-Arms looks for the Speaker elected in Wario and brings him to the Chamber}*

*{Applause}*

*{The Speaker-elect is escorted to the Chair by Hons. Buke and Leakono}*

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*{The Sergeant at Arms, hands over the Speaker elect to the Clerk}*

Welcome, the Speaker- elect. Pursuant to Standing Order 12, I shall now administer the Oath or Affirmation to the Speaker in the presence of the assembled Assembly.

*{The Clerk administers the Oath of allegiance to the Speaker-elect, Mr. Edin}*

Tura Ruru Elema - 6.

Siba Aila- 7.

I also communicate withdrawal of candidature of one honorable Siba Aila who got the second highest votes.

Honourable members, in such a scenario, our Standing Order does not envisage withdrawal of a candidate. This will call for amendment of our Standing Order in future. I will now invoke Standing Order number 1. That;

*In all cases where matters are not expressly provided for by these Standing Orders or by other Orders of the County Assembly, any procedural question shall be decided by the Speaker.*

I therefore declare that honorable Dida Omar Hapicha is the duly elected Deputy Speaker of the County Assembly of Marsabit.

**{Applause}**

and direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to accompany the said Hon. Hapicha to the podium.

*The Sergeant-at-Arms looks for the Deputy Speaker elect and accompanies him to the podium}*

*{Applause}*

*The Sergeant at Arms hands over the Deputy Speaker elect to the Speaker}*

*{The Deputy Speaker-elect is accompanied by Hons. John Huka and Edin Dida}*

Submission of the Deputy Speaker to the will of the House;

I now direct the Clerk to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Office to the Deputy Speaker in the presence of the assembled Assembly.

*{The Clerk administers Oath of Office to the Deputy Speaker}*

*{The Speaker invites the Deputy Speaker to address the Assembly}*

**Hon. Dida Omar Hapicha: (The Deputy Speaker):** Good evening honorable members? First, I thank the almighty God for giving us this golden opportunity. Second, I thank you for your support. We shall work together and may God assist us all. Thank you.

**{Applause}**

**The Speaker (Hon. Edin Dida):** Hon. Members, before we go to the next Order, I wish to inform members pursuant to Standing Order 17 (1) which provides that the Governor shall address the opening of each newly elected Assembly.

This shall be determined after consultations between the Office of the Speaker of the County Assembly and the Governor. You shall therefore be notified of the place, date and time in due course.

Next Order!

**ORDER NO. 6**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Members,** Standing Order 13 (1) provides-

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*Immediately after taking and subscribing to the Oath or Affirmation of Office under Standing Order 12 (Swearing in of the Speaker), the Speaker shall notify the Members of the place, date and time of the opening of County Assembly.*

The House now stands adjourned, until you are notified of the date and time of the next sitting of the Assembly.

*{The house rose at 3:50pm}*

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