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ORDERS OF THE DAY

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2026 AT 9:30 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
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6. **Notices of Motion***

Hon Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;
That, this House Considers and approve the report of the Committee on Education, ICT, Vocational training and Library Services on the public petition by the residents of Waberi Ward regarding lack of ECDE classrooms at Bulla Tawfiq Waberi Ward.

(Hon Omar Abdi Hassan-Committee Chair)

7*. Questions and **Statements***

1.(STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the Garissa County Assembly Standing Orders, and in exercise of my oversight mandate under Article 185(3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I rise to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Finance, Budget and appropriation regarding the status, implementation and accountability framework of the recently launched Ward Bursary Programme across the thirty (30) wards of Garissa County.

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Hon. Speaker, the Ward Bursary Programme is a commendable initiative intended to enhance access to education and support needy and vulnerable students within our County. Access to education is anchored in Article 43(1)(f) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, which guarantees every person the right to education, while Article 53(1)(b) affirms every child's right to free and compulsory basic education.

However, concerns have emerged regarding the implementation of the programme. There remains uncertainty surrounding the verification of beneficiaries, clarity of allocation criteria and the accuracy of beneficiary data. this has created confusion among parents, students and educational institutions.

Hon. Speaker, several institutions have reportedly raised concerns regarding bursary cheques issued, including inconsistencies in beneficiary names and admission details, as well as delays and administrative challenges in processing the payments. These irregularities risk disrupting the academic progression of deserving students.

Hon. Speaker, this Honorable House bears a constitutional duty to ensure transparency, accountability and prudent utilisation of public resources as required under Article 201 of the Constitution. Additionally, the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and the County Governments Act, 2012 require responsible financial management, transparent allocation of funds and effective oversight of County programmes.

Hon. Speaker, this matter touches on the constitutional right to education and the integrity of public resource management. I therefore urge that a comprehensive and time-bound response be tabled before this Honorable House.

Hon. Speaker, In the Statement, the Chairperson should inquire into report on:

1. The verified and authenticated list of bursary beneficiaries across all 30 wards?
2. The criteria and procedures used in identifying, vetting and approving beneficiaries?
3. The total funds allocated and disbursed per ward and per beneficiary institution?
4. The specific issues raised by institutions regarding bursary cheques, including any discrepancies or delays, and the corrective measures undertaken?
5. The timelines within which all administrative anomalies will be rectified to safeguard students from academic disruption?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY AHMED ABDIRAHMAN SHEIKH – MCA LIBOI WARD)

8. Motions and Bills