

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI
CONSTITUTIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION
CONSTITUTIONAL PETITION NO. E498 OF 2026

**IN THE MATTER OF: ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 10, 22, 23, 35, 47, 73, 75, 159, 165(3)(b) AND
(d), 232 AND 258 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF: THE ALLEGED CONTRAVENTION AND THREATENED
CONTRAVENTION OF THE RIGHTS AND
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS GUARANTEED
UNDER ARTICLES 35 AND 47 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF KENYA**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF: THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE NATIONAL VALUES
AND PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE, THE
PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP AND INTEGRITY,
AND THE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC
SERVICE UNDER ARTICLES 10, 73, 75 AND 232 OF
THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF: THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 42 OF 2012, LAWS OF
KENYA**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF: THE UNIVERSITIES (ESTABLISHMENT OF
UNIVERSITIES) (STANDARDISATION,
ACCREDITATION AND SUPERVISION) RULES, 2014**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF: THE FAIR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ACT, NO. 4 OF
2015, LAWS OF KENYA**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF: THE LEADERSHIP AND INTEGRITY ACT, NO. 19 OF 2012,
LAWS OF KENYA**

AND
**IN THE MATTER OF: THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (PROTECTION OF
RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS)
PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE RULES, 2013**
BETWEEN
CONSUMERS FEDERATION OF KENYA (COFEK) PETITIONER
VERSUS
THE COMMISSION FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION 1ST RESPONDENT
MURANG'A UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY 2ND RESPONDENT
AND
HON. DIDMUS WEKESA BARASA, EGH, M.P. INTERESTED PARTY

REPLYING AFFIDAVIT

**(In opposition to the Petitioner's Petition dated 27th July, 2026, and the Notice of
Motion of the even date)**

I, **DIDMUS WEKESA BARASA**, of Post Office Box Number 41842-00100, Nairobi, within the Republic of Kenya, do hereby make oath and state **THAT**:

1. I am an adult male Kenyan of sound mind and full legal capacity, the Interested Party herein, a serving Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Kenya, and being the person to whom the academic qualifications the subject of these proceedings relate, I am competent, well placed and duly authorized to swear this Affidavit.
2. I have read and understood the Petition dated **27th July 2026**, the Notice of Motion of even date, and the Supporting Affidavit of **STEVEN MUTORO** sworn on 27th July 2026 filed by the Petitioner, and I depose to this Affidavit in reply to, and in opposition to, **both the said Application and the Petition.**

3. Save for matters of law upon which I am advised by my Advocates on record, , which advice I verily believe to be true and correct, the facts deposed to herein are true and within my own personal knowledge.
4. This Honourable Court will note at the outset that both the Application and the Petition are, with respect, **misconceived, speculative, premature, fatally defective, an abuse of the process of this Honourable Court, and calculated to achieve a collateral political objective**. For the reasons set out below, I respectfully urge this Honourable Court to dismiss both the Application and the Petition in limine and in their entirety, with costs to me

MY TRUE, DOCUMENTED ACADEMIC PROGRESSION

5. Contrary to the incomplete, speculative picture painted by the Petitioner, I set out below the true and documented account of my academic progression which single handedly dismantles the substratum upon which both the Application and Petition.
6. I sat and passed the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examination in the year 2000 at Kimilili Boys Secondary School, attaining a mean grade of **B- (minus)**, a grade that is **well above** the minimum university entry threshold of C+ (plain). The Petitioner's insinuation that my KCSE grade may fall short of the university admission threshold is therefore false and is squarely answered by the record. *Annexed hereto and marked "DWB-1" is a true copy of my KCSE result slip.*
7. I thereafter undertook and successfully completed a **Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration** at Mount Kenya University (Registration Number BAPA/2018/36269), and I was duly awarded that degree with **Second Class Honours (Upper Division)** at a congregation held on the 6th day of August 2021. *Annexed hereto and marked "DWB-2" is a true copy of my Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration certificate together with the corresponding academic transcripts.*

8. I further undertook and successfully completed a **Master of Arts degree in Public Administration and Management (Public Policy)** at Mount Kenya University (Registration Number MPAM/2021/77968), and the said degree was formally conferred upon me at a congregation held on the 9th day of December 2022. *Annexed hereto and marked "DWB-3" is a true copy of my Master of Arts in Public Administration and Management certificate together with the corresponding provisional result slips.*
9. It is therefore beyond dispute, on the face of the documentary record, that both my **Bachelor's degree and my Master's degree are in Public Administration** the very same discipline in which I was admitted to pursue doctoral studies. My foundational academic identity is not, as the Petitioner erroneously alleges, that of "an engineer," but that of a scholar of Public Administration holding cognate undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in that field.
10. Armed with the said Master of Arts degree in Public Administration and Management, I applied to the 2nd Respondent, Murang'a University of Technology, for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (Doctor of Public Administration) programme.
11. By a letter dated 13th January 2023, the 2nd Respondent granted me provisional admission to the said doctoral programme in the School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, and I was assigned Registration Number **EH502/5830/2022**. *Annexed hereto and marked "DWB-4" is a true copy of the said letter of provisional admission.*
12. Following my admission, I diligently and continuously pursued my doctoral studies in accordance with the 2nd Respondent's approved academic statutes, regulations and calendar. My progression was staged, documented and supervised at every step, and included, among others:

- (a) a concept paper presentation which was considered and evaluated by the departmental Postgraduate Presentation Board on **24th November 2023**, at which the Board resolved that I proceed with the study upon effecting stipulated revisions;
- (b) a research proposal defence, preceded by a duly completed and signed Intention to Present/Defend Form;
- (c) a data analysis and results presentation before the departmental Postgraduate Presentation Board;
- (d) seminar paper and journal paper presentations before the departmental Postgraduate Presentation Board; and
- (e) an oral thesis defence.

Annexed hereto and marked "DWB-5" (collectively) are true copies of the 2nd Respondent's own departmental records evidencing the said progression, comprising the Minutes of the Postgraduate Presentation Board meeting of 24th November 2023, the duly signed Intention to Present/Defend Forms, and the departmental memoranda, notices and agenda in respect of my proposal defence, data analysis presentation and seminar presentations.

13. By a formal letter dated 19th March 2026, the Directorate of Postgraduate Studies of the 2nd Respondent invited me to my Doctoral Oral Defence, which was duly held on 25th March 2026. *Annexed hereto and marked "DWB-6" is a true copy of the said Oral Thesis Defence Invitation.*
14. Upon my successful completion of fieldwork and the defence of my thesis entitled "*Branding Strategies By County Governments On Service Delivery Among Small And Medium Enterprises In Bungoma County, Kenya*," the 2nd Respondent, through its Director of Postgraduate Studies, issued me with a Letter of Completion of Studies dated 16th June 2026 confirming that I had fulfilled the requirements for the award of a Doctorate in Public Administration, the degree to be conferred at the next graduation ceremony. *Annexed hereto and marked*

"DWB-7" is a true copy of the said Letter of Completion of Studies (being the same document the Petitioner exhibits as "SM-2").

15. The foregoing establishes, on unimpeachable documentary evidence emanating in large part from the 2nd Respondent's own records, a **regular, staged, supervised and completed doctoral academic process** spanning approximately three and a half years, a duration the Petitioner itself concedes falls within the permissible range for a doctorate.

THE ENTIRE FACTUAL PREMISE OF THE APPLICATION AND PETITION IS FALSE AND SPECULATIVE

16. The central factual theory animating the Petitioner's complaint of 25th June 2026 marked as Petitioner's Exhibit "SM-1", and, by extension, the Application and the Petition is the assertion of a supposed "disciplinary mismatch," namely that I am "an engineer" who was improperly admitted into a doctoral programme in a School of Humanities and Social Sciences. That theory is demonstrably and comprehensively false.
17. I hold **both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in Public Administration**. My admission into the Doctor of Public Administration programme was founded upon those cognate qualifications in Public Administration, not upon any engineering qualification. The Petitioner's foundational premise thus collapses entirely, and with it the edifice of "apparent inconsistencies" it seeks to build upon it.
18. The Petitioner candidly admits, both in its complaint and in the Supporting Affidavit, that the matters it raises arose merely from "publicly available information," "official biographies" and its own "considered view" of "apparent inconsistencies." By the Petitioner's own admission, therefore, it never had sight of my actual academic records before rushing to swear affidavits and move this

Honourable Court. Its case is, on its own showing, built on conjecture and surmise rather than on any verified fact.

19. The Petitioner cannot approbate and reprobate. It cannot, on the one hand, plead at paragraph 10 of the Petition and paragraphs 47 and 48 of the Supporting Affidavit that it does *not* invite this Honourable Court to determine the authenticity or validity of my academic qualifications, while, on the other hand, devoting the bulk of its complaint and affidavit to insinuations about my secondary, undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications, my alleged professional history, and supposed "chronological impossibilities." Those insinuations are, on the Petitioner's own case, irrelevant to the reliefs sought and have been included for no purpose other than to prejudice this Honourable Court and to injure my reputation in the public eye.
20. Insofar as the Petitioner references qualifications said to have been obtained from other institutions, I depose that those qualifications are genuine and are, in any event, **not the basis of the doctoral admission impugned in these proceedings**. They are neither properly before this Honourable Court nor material to the narrow question the Petitioner claims to raise, and I decline to be drawn into litigating, by way of a hurried conservatory application, matters that the Petitioner expressly disclaims asking this Court to decide.
21. It is telling that the Letter of Completion of Studies relied upon by the Petitioner is dated 16TH June 2026, that is, **nine days before** the Petitioner's complaint of 25th June 2026. My doctoral academic process had therefore already reached its natural conclusion, on the merits and through the 2nd Respondent's ordinary academic organs, *before* the Petitioner lodged any complaint at all. There was thus no live academic process for the 1st Respondent to "halt" as a consequence of the complaint, and no basis for the suggestion that the 2nd Respondent acted in response to, or in defiance of, the complaint.

22. The numerous paragraphs of the Supporting Affidavit alleging "apparent inconsistencies," "chronological impossibilities," and questions concerning my admission, supervision, examination and the qualifications of my supervisors and examiners are speculative, are advanced without any supporting evidence, and are in any event contradicted by the documentary record annexed hereto. The deponent Mr. Mutoro does not, and cannot, depose to any of these matters from personal knowledge; he deposes, on his own showing, from "information in the public domain."
23. The characterisation of the Letter of Completion of Studies as evidence of an "imminent" and improper conferment is misconceived. The said letter is a routine academic communication confirming completion of degree requirements, and conferment at a graduation ceremony is the ordinary, lawful and administrative culmination of every completed programme in every university in Kenya. There is nothing unlawful, irregular or sinister about it.

THE APPLICATION AND PETITION ARE BAD IN LAW (ON THE ADVICE OF COUNSEL)

I am advised by my Advocates on record, which advice I verily believe to be true, and I respectfully depose, as follows:

24. **The Petition discloses no prima facie case and offends the precision rule.** A party seeking constitutional redress must set out with a reasonable degree of precision that of which it complains, the provisions said to be infringed, and the manner of the alleged infringement. The Petition pleads a litany of Articles but fails to demonstrate, with the requisite precision, any actual constitutional violation by the Respondents or myself. A generic, inelegant and speculative pleading of this nature embarrasses the adverse party should not and cannot found constitutional relief.
25. **The Petition and mandamus prayer are premature.** The Petitioner lodged its complaint on 25th June 2026 and rushed to this Honourable Court barely a month later, on 27th July 2026. An order of mandamus lies only where a public body has

failed to perform a public duty **within a reasonable time** after a demand. A statutory regulator handling a comprehensive complaint touching on multiple institutions and records cannot be said to have unlawfully failed to act within some thirty days. There is, in law, no established refusal or failure capable of grounding either the Petition or the mandamus sought.

26. **The Application is self-contradictory and an abuse of process.** The Petitioner asserts that the matters it raises fall within the "special statutory competence" of the 1st Respondent and cannot be resolved without regulatory investigation. Having so asserted, it cannot simultaneously ask this Honourable Court to preempt that very regulator by freezing the conferment of my degree. If the regulator is the proper forum, the Petitioner must allow the regulator to act; it cannot invoke the regulator's jurisdiction and, in the same breath, seek judicial orders that render that jurisdiction nugatory.
27. **The Petitioner has bypassed available statutory remedies.** Where the Constitution or an Act of Parliament prescribes a clear procedure for the redress of a grievance, that procedure ought to be followed to the letter. The **Universities Act, No. 42 of 2012** vests the 1st Respondent with ample investigative and regulatory powers. The doctrines of exhaustion and constitutional avoidance require the Petitioner to permit those statutory mechanisms to run their course before invoking the extraordinary constitutional jurisdiction of this Honourable Court.
28. **The threshold for conservatory orders is not met.** An applicant must demonstrate an arguable prima facie case with a likelihood of success, a real risk that the substratum of the petition will be rendered nugatory, and that the public interest favours the orders. A prima facie case must rest on more than a speculative basis. The Petitioner satisfies none of these limbs: its case is speculative; the substratum is not imperilled; and the public interest lies in

permitting a completed, lawful academic process to reach its ordinary conclusion.

29. **The prohibition sought is, in substance, a final order at an interlocutory stage.** Conservatory orders are meant to preserve, not to pre-determine. An order restraining the conferment of my degree would grant the Petitioner the very substantive relief it seeks in the Petition, at the interlocutory stage, before any trial on the merits. This Honourable Court is enjoined to resist the temptation to pre-empt the merits under the guise of preserving the substratum.
30. **The orders sought would condemn me unheard and violate my rights.** I have, over three and a half years, lawfully and diligently earned my doctoral qualification. To freeze its conferment on the strength of an unproven, speculative and premature complaint would violate my right to fair administrative action under Article 47 of the Constitution, my legitimate expectation, my right to the fruits of my education, and my proprietary interest in a qualification lawfully earned. Such a drastic order, made against a party against whom no wrongdoing has been established, would be manifestly disproportionate and unjust.
31. **There is no risk of the Petition being rendered nugatory.** Even on the Petitioner's own theory, the conferment of a degree is not irreversible: if, at the conclusion of any lawful process, a qualification were ever found wanting, the competent authorities retain full power to address it. Conferment now therefore occasions no irreparable prejudice to the Petitioner and creates no nugatory risk. By contrast, the prejudice to me from a freezing order would be immediate, severe and irreparable.
32. **Mandamus cannot dictate an outcome, and prohibition cannot issue in vain.** Even if the 1st Respondent were to be compelled to consider the complaint, this Honourable Court cannot, by mandamus, dictate the *result* of that consideration. Equally, this Honourable Court does not act in vain: it will not issue prohibitory

orders divorced from any established illegality, particularly where the academic process was completed before the complaint was even lodged.

33. **The proceedings are a collateral political weapon.** The Petitioner's own complaint contained as Exhibit "SM-1" openly ties this matter to my declared political ambitions and to "the next general election cycle." These proceedings are, in truth, an attempt to deploy the constitutional jurisdiction of this Honourable Court as an instrument in a political contest. This Honourable Court should be slow to lend its process to such an endeavour, the more so where the conservatory relief sought would inflict grave and irreparable political and reputational harm upon me on the basis of unproven speculation.

PREJUDICE TO THE INTERESTED PARTY AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST

34. I have invested years of study, labour and resources in the lawful pursuit and completion of my doctoral programme. The conservatory and prohibitory orders sought would arrest, at the eleventh hour, the ordinary and lawful culmination of that process, occasioning me severe, immediate and irreparable prejudice, both personal and professional, for which the Petitioner offers no undertaking as to damages and which no order for costs could ever compensate.
35. The public interest does not lie in freezing legitimately earned academic qualifications on the strength of speculative and premature complaints. On the contrary, the public interest lies in upholding the autonomy and regularity of lawful academic processes, in protecting citizens from having the fruits of their lawful endeavours held hostage to political contests, and in ensuring that the extraordinary jurisdiction of this Honourable Court is reserved for genuine and ripe constitutional controversies.
36. The balance of convenience tilts decisively in my favour and against the grant of any of the reliefs sought.

37. In the premises, both the Application and the Petition are misconceived, speculative, premature, defective, an abuse of the process of this Honourable Court, and devoid of merit. They ought to be dismissed with costs.

38. All what is deposed to hereinabove is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, save where deposed on the basis of legal advice, the source whereof has been disclosed.

SWORN by the said

DIDMUS WEKESA BARASA

at **Nairobi** this 7th day of August 2026

EIPROTICH RONO ROBERTS
ADVOCATE &
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS
P.O. BOX 71357-00100,
NAIROBI.

BEFORE ME:

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DEPONENT

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

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2. Murang'a University of Technology,
Muranga.

3. Tali Tali Advocates,
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THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL
EXAMINATION FOR THE KENYA CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION RESULT SLIP

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101 ENGLISH
102 KISWAHILI
121 MATHEMATICS
231 BIOLOGY
232 PHYSICS
233 CHEMISTRY
312 GEOGRAPHY
443 AGRICULTURE

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B (PLAIN)
B-(MINUS)

SUBJECTS RECORDED *EIGHT*
***** MEAN GRADE B-(MINUS)

SUBJECTS DONE *EIGHT*

Mount Kenya



University

Upon the recommendation of the Senate and the authority of the

University Council, hereby confers upon

WEKESA D BARASA

the degree of

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**

with

SECOND CLASS HONOURS - UPPER DIVISION

*at a congregation held at this University on the
sixth day of August in the year Two Thousand*

and Twenty One,

*with all rights and privileges thereunto appertaining, in witness
whereof we have affixed our signatures and the seal of the University*

Registrar
Academic Administration

Vice-Chancellor

Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Academic & Research Affairs

Cert No: 00 21 01283





OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

Name of Student : WEKESA D BARASA
Reg No. : BAPA/2018/36269
Faculty / School : School of Business and Economics
Department : Department of Management
Programme : Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration
Academic Year : 2019/2020 **Level of Study :** Third Year

Unit Code	Unit Title	Academic Hours	Marks %	Grade
BAF3202	Public Finance	42	66	B
BBCU001	Research Methodology	42	65	B
BBM3106	Labour Laws	42	65	B
BBM3107	Human Resource Management	42	67	B
BBM3116	Planning and Policy Analysis	42	71	A
BBM3203	Conflict Management	42	59	C
BED2126	Basic Social Statistics	42	57	C
BED3122	Political Economy	42	62	B
BED3124	Local Government Administration	42	79	A
BED3201	Environment Management	42	66	B
BED3201	Environment Management	42	49	D
BED3202	Population and Development	42	57	C
BED3203	Development Planning	42	64	B
BLW3103	Company Law	42	54	C
Mean :			62.92	

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RECOMMENDATION

PASS. PROCEED TO LEVEL FOUR

KEY TO GRADING SYSTEM

A	=	70 - 100	Excellent
B	=	60 - 69	Very Good
C	=	50 - 59	Good
D	=	40 - 49	Pass
F	=	0 - 39	Fail

CT = Credit Transfer
 Exempt = Exempted

[Signature]

Dr. Ronald Maathai (Phd) :
REGISTRAR, ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

Date of Issue : Thu 29-Jul-2021 09:01

Serial No. 20:0002934



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

Name of Student : WEKESA D BARASA
Reg No. : BAPA/2018/36269
Faculty / School : School of Business and Economics
Department : Department of Management
Programme : Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration
Academic Year : 2020/2021 **Level of Study :** Fourth Year

Unit Code	Unit Title	Academic Hours	Marks %	Grade
BBM4119	Public Policies and Regulatory Process	42	75	A
BBM4120	Capacity Building in Government	42	79	A
BBM4213	Management of Change	42	49	D
BBM4226	Principles of Organizational Planning and Accountability	42	67	B
BBM4227	Privatization of Government Services	42	74	A
BED4219	Role of Development Partners	42	72	A
Mean :			69.33	

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RECOMMENDATION

PASS. AWARDED THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT SECOND CLASS HONOURS, UPPER DIVISION

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Dr. Ronald Maathai (Phd) .
REGISTRAR, ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION



Date of Issue : Thu 29-Jul-2021 09:01

Serial No. **20:0002933**



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

Name of Student : WEKESA D BARASA
Reg No. : BAPA/2018/36269
Faculty / School : School of Business and Economics
Department : Department of Management
Programme : Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration
Academic Year : 2018/2019 **Level of Study :** Second Year

Unit Code	Unit Title	Academic Hours	Marks %	Grade
BBM2102	Introduction to Purchasing and Supplies	42	69	B
BBM2103	Organization Behavior	42	66	B
BBM2104	Public Sector Management	42	60	B
BBM2203	Public Policy Formulation and Management	42	56	C
BBM2204	Fundamentals of Management and Leadership	42	52	C
BBM2208	Strategic Planning in The Public and Non Profit Sectors	42	73	A
BED2102	Gender and Development	42	59	C
BED2111	Democracy and Human Rights	42	65	B
BED2217	Community and Rural Based Development	42	73	A
BED2218	Decentralization and Development	42	67	B
BUCU004	Entrepreneurship	42	64	B
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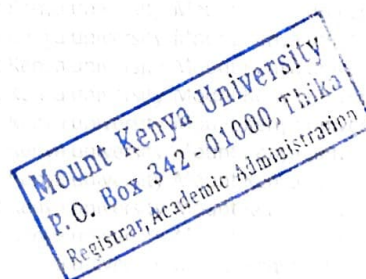
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**Dr. Ronald Maathai (Phd) .
REGISTRAR, ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION**



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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

Name of Student : WEKESA D BARASA
Reg No. : BAPA/2018/36269
Faculty / School : School of Business and Economics
Department : Department of Management
Programme : Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration
Academic Year : 2017/2018 **Level of Study :** First Year

Unit Code	Unit Title	Academic Hours	Marks %	Grade
BBM1204	Theories of Public Administration	42	69	B
BBM1208	Managing Public and Non - Profit Organizations	42	67	B
BED1101	Introduction to Microeconomics	42	72	A
BED1104	Introduction to Sociology	42	54	C
BHU1201	Introduction to Political Science	42	61	B
BJL1104	Introduction to Public Relations	42	52	C
BJS1212	Comparative Public Administration	42	63	B
BMA1207	Introduction to Business Mathematics	42	51	C
BUCU001	Communication Skills	42	69	B
BUCU003	Development Studies	42	67	B
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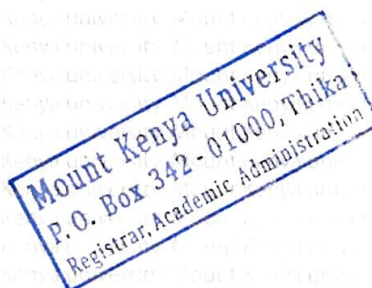
PASS. PROCEED TO LEVEL TWO

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REGISTRAR, ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION**



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KIPROTICH RONO ROBERTS
ADVOCATE &
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Mount Kenya University

*Upon the recommendation of the Senate and the authority of the
University Council, hereby confers upon*

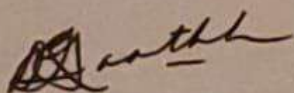
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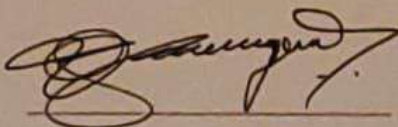
**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
AND MANAGEMENT (PUBLIC POLICY**

*at a congregation held at this University on the
ninth day of December in the year Two Thousand
and Twenty Two,*

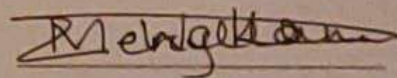
*with all rights and privileges thereunto appertaining, in witness
whereof we have affixed our signatures and the seal of the University*



Registrar
Academic Administration



Vice-Chancellor



Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Academic & Research Affairs

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**MURANG'A UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
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REG.NO: EH502/5830/2022

FRIDAY, 13th JANUARY, 2023

DIDMUS WEKESA BARASA,
P.O Box 41842-00100,
NAIROBI, KENYA.

Dear Mr. Wekesa,

RE: PROVISIONAL ADMISSION FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES DURING 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

Following your application to Murang'a University of Technology (MUT) to undertake a Doctor of Philosophy degree course, I am pleased to inform you that your admission for the degree of **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION** in the School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences has been approved.

The Degree course will be offered by coursework, examination and thesis.

The following are detailed Joining Instructions and Rules and Regulations for your information. You should **DOWNLOAD** them from the University Website (www.mut.ac.ke), fill in the forms and bring them with you on registration day:

1. ADM 01 Letter of Acceptance/Non-acceptance
2. ADM 02 Students' Regulation Declaration
3. ADM 04 Students' Medical Entrance Examination
4. ADM 05 Emergency Operation Form
5. ADM 06 Students' Data Sheet
6. ADM 07 Course Acceptance Declaration
7. ADM 09 Students Personal Details Form
8. ADM 10 Fee Structure
9. WI University Rules and Regulations

Pay your fees as per the attached fee structure at the following banks: Kenya Commercial Bank Account Number 1107198356, Murang'a Branch or Equity Bank Account Number 0220273636188, Murang'a Branch or any other branch of these two banks countrywide and remember to get pay-in slips, which you are expected to present to the University during registration.



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Meanwhile, I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your admission and I look forward to welcoming you to the University on **Monday, 23rd January, 2023 at 8.00a.m.**

However, registration for the programme will only be possible on payment of the requisite fees and upon verification of your original certificates and national ID Card/Passport.

Please feel free to contact the Director, Board of Postgraduate Studies or the undersigned if you need further clarification on any matter regarding the above issue.

Yours faithfully,



PROF. RICHARD JUMA, Ph.D.
REGISTRAR (ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS)



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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

MINUTES OF A POST GRADUATE PRESENTATION BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 24th
November 2023 VIRTUALLY AT 11 A.M

AGENDA

1. PRAYERS

2. APOLOGIES

To Receive: Apologies on behalf of absent members

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

To consider and adopt: The agenda of the meeting

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To Receive: any personal Interests that may be in conflict with the Agenda

5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

To Receive: Communication from the Chairperson

6. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

To assess and evaluate presented concept Papers by the following postgraduate students in the School of Education, Humanities & Social Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration

i. ANNE N. MWANGI - BE501/5635/2021

ii. DIDMUS WEKESA BARASA- EH502/5830/2022

PRESENT

1. Dr Alice Omariba

2. Dr Peter Mwangi

3. Dr Gitonga Ndung'u

4. Dr John Ndavula

5. DR Nancy Githaiga

6. Dr Jacob Chavulimu

7. Dr. Andrew Nyongesa...Recording Secretary

MIN NO.	SUBJECT	ACTION BY
MIN 1/11/2023 Preliminaries	The meeting started at 11.00 am with a word of prayer by , Dr John Ndavula	Dr Alice Omariba
MIN 2/11/2023 Apologies	The following apologies were given: 1). Dr Beth Ngugi 2). Dr Jane Maithya 3). Dr Naomi Mbacho 4). Dr Andrew Makori 5). Dr Peace Agufana Resolved: the board noted the apologies	All
MIN 3/11/2023 Preliminaries	Introductions The chair introduced all members to the students; students introduced themselves Resolved: The board took note of the introductions	Dr Alice Omariba
MIN4 /11/2023 Declaration of Conflict of Interest	There was none recorded	All
MIN 5/11/2023 Communication from the Chair	The chair welcomed members to the session and informed: i). That the concept paper would not be graded; only guidance sufficed ii) That each candidate would be allotted 15 minutes to present iii). That supervision would be delimited to the members of area of expertise iv). That members to team up and develop programmes in their areas of expertise v). That Dr Gitonga would lead the meeting in the chair's absence ...	Dr. Gitonga Ndung'u
7/11/2023 DIDMUS WEKESA BARASA-	Presented concept paper on Efficacy of Government branding Strategies on Citizen satisfaction among Business community in	

EH502/5830/2022	County governments in Kenya. The board observed: i) That the area of study (Nairobi) is mentioned in the study but not specified in the title ii) That “business community” is too broad. SMEs in Nairobi County would serve as a better substitute iii) That the word “efficacy” is unclear. Will the study have control groups? It is not measurable iv) That there is a disconnect between title and objectives. While the title talks about “efficacy” the objectives outline “effect” v) That there is need to specify one dependent variable between citizens and business community. vi) That there should be a clear definition of branding vii) That branding strategy is a variable, but not the main one viii) That the study needs a major theory to hinge itself around it ix) That Nairobi County is too broad; the scope should be narrowed x) That phrases such as “majority of countries in Africa” should be avoided. xi) That the statement of the problem should be formatted into one paragraph xii) That aims should be deleted from the problem statement, instead show the gap in your study xiii) That serious studies in branding should be referred to specify the gap, for instance Luzuka (2015) on the “impact of social media engagement on a City’s brand: social networking sites influence on Citizen Satisfaction” etc Resolved: The candidate should proceed with the study after execution of the above-mentioned revisions	
MIN 28/9/2023 Adjournment	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12.55 pm with a word of prayer by Dr Andrew Nyongesa	Dr Gitonga Ndung’u

MINUTES APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION:

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CHAIRPERSON

DATE: /11/2023

MINUTES CONFIRMED AT MEETING:

.....
CHAIRPERSON

DATE:.....



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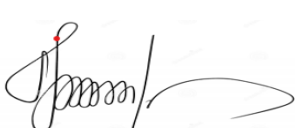
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INTENTION TO PRESENT /DEFEND FORM

(Tick appropriately)

- ☐ Concept Presentation
- ☐ Proposal Defense
- ☐ Data Analysis and Results Presentation
- ☐ Pre-Defense (Draft Thesis)
- ☒ Journal Paper 1 Presentation/Seminar 2
- ☐ Journal Paper 2 Presentation

Student Details

Name of Student	DIDMUS WEKESA BARASA
Registration Number	EH502/5830/2022
Programme of Study	PHD IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Research Topic	EFFECTS OF BRANDING STRATEGIES ON SERVICE DELIVERY SATISFACTION AMONG SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN BUNGOMA COUNTY, KENYA.
Student Signature / Date	 19 / 09/ 2025

Supervisors' Details

Supervisor	Name	Signature	Date
1st Supervisor	Dr. Nancy Githaiga		
2nd Supervisor	Dr. Alice Omariba		19-09-2025

NB: This form must be completed and submitted to the Office of the Chairman at least two weeks in advance before the presentation/defense.



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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

INTENT TO PRESENT/DEFEND FORM

NAME: DIDMUS WEKESA BARASA	REG. No. EH502/5830/2022
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Concept paper [☐]	Research proposal [☒]
Title: EFFECTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT BRANDING ON SERVICE DELIVERY SATISFACTION AMONG SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES: A FOCUS ON BUNGOMA COUNTY, KENYA	

Date of presentation: 5/02/2024
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Signature:



Date: 18/01/2024

NB: This form must be duly completed, signed dated and submitted to the respective department/school at least two weeks prior to the date of presentation.



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INTERNAL MEMO

TO: The Listed

DATE: 22nd JULY, 2025

FROM: COD, SOCIAL SCIENCES

REF: MUT/SS/2021/VOL.1

RE: NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL POSTGRADUATE PRESENTATION MEETING.

You are hereby invited to attend the departmental postgraduate presentation meeting to be held on Friday, 1st August 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in Postgraduate Room No. 6 (formerly the VC's Boardroom).

Please find the agenda attached for your reference.

Thank you

Dr. Nancy Githaiga

AG. COD SOCIAL SCIENCES

CC: Dean, SHSS

House Keeping - To arrange the venue

Listed:

Post-Graduate Board Members

1. Dr. Jacob Asige
2. Dr. Edna Moi
3. Dr. Mwai Kariuki
4. Dr. Evans Oruta
5. Dr. Kepha Marube



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**AGENDA FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL POSTGRADUATE PRESENTATION MEETING
TO BE HELD ON 1ST AUGUST 2025 AT 9.00A.M**

- 1. Prayers**
- 2. Notice Of Meeting**
To Note Notice of Meeting
- 3. Apologies**
To Receive Apologies on Behalf of Absent Members
- 4. Introduction of New Members**
To Introduce New Members of the School, If Any
- 5. Declaration Of Personal Interest**
To Receive Any Personal Interests that may Conflict with The Agenda
- 6. Adoption of the Agenda**
To Consider and Adopt the Agenda of the Meeting
- 7. Communication from the Chairperson**
To Receive Communication from the Chairperson
- 8. Postgraduate Presentation**

Data analysis and Results Presentation for PhD in Public Administration Candidates

- i. *BE501/5117/2017- Lydia Keya Abuko*
- ii. *EH502/5830/2022- Didmus Barasa*

Proposal Defense for MSc. Criminology & Security studies Students

- i. *EH402/5029/2023- Stephen Ochieng Otieno*
- ii. *EH402/5013/2023- Wanjiku Caroline Njambi*
- iii. *EH402/5176/2024- Muriungi Godfrey*

Proposal Defense for Master of Public Administration Student

- i. *EH400/5741/2021- Oscar James Soi*

9. Adjournment and Closing Prayer



Dr. Nancy Githaiga
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INTERNAL MEMO

TO: Listed

DATE: 23rd October, 2025

FROM: COD, SOCIAL SCIENCES

REF: MUT/SS/2021/VOL.1

RE: NOTICE OF POSTGRADUATE PRESENTATION MEETING.

This is to invite you to a virtual Departmental Postgraduate Presentation Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 28th October 2025, at 10.00 a.m. The link shall be shared in due course in your emails.

Kindly see the attached agenda.

Thank you.

Dr. Nancy Githaiga

AG. COD SOCIAL SCIENCES

CC: Dean, SHSS

Listed:

Post-Graduate Board Members

1. Prof. Richard Juma
2. Dr. Jacob Asige
3. Dr. Isaiah Ochieng
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- 8. Postgraduate Presentation**

Concept Paper Presentations for PhD in Criminology & Security Studies

- i. Lucy Wamuyu Mwangi, EH503/5121/2024

Concept Paper Presentations for Master of Public Administration

- i. Jacob Mbuthia, EH400/5134/2024
- ii. Josphat Kanyari Mwangi, EH400/5128/2024

Seminar Paper Presentations for PhD in Public Administration

- i. Lydiah Keya Abuko, BE501/5117/2017
- ii. Didmus Wekesa Barasa, EH502/5830/2022

9. Adjournment And Closing Prayer



Dr. Nancy Githaiga

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REF: MUT/BEM/PGS/23/2020/VOL.1/(134)

DATE: 19th March, 2026

Mr. Didmus Wekesa Barasa-EH502/5830/2022,
C/O School of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Murang'a University of Technology,
P.O Box 75-10200,
Murang'a

Dear Mr. Barasa,

RE: ORAL THESIS DEFENSE INVITATION

Reference is made to the above subject matter

You are invited to attend your Doctoral oral defense to be held on Wednesday 25th March, 2026 at 2.00 p.m. at the Postgraduate Defense Room(Room 2). Dress code is **formal**.

Kindly be punctual.

Regards,



Prof. Geoffrey Muchiri, PhD
Director, Postgraduate Studies

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Ref: MUT/CSL/PGS/24/2020 /VOL.1

Date: 16th June, 2026

Mr. Didmus Wekesa Barasa-EH502/5830/2022
School of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Murang'a University of Technology,
P.O. Box 75-10,200,
Murang'a.

Dear Mr. Barasa,

RE: LETTER OF COMPLETION OF STUDIES

Following successful completion of field work and thesis defense of your work entitled "*Branding Strategies By County Governments On Service Delivery Among Small And Medium Enterprises In Bungoma County, Kenya*" under the supervision of Dr. Nancy Muthoni and Dr. Alice Omariba, you have fulfilled the requirements for the award of a Doctorate in Public Administration, from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences of Murang'a University of Technology. The degree will be conferred at the next graduation ceremony to be held later in 2026.

We congratulate you for this great achievement and hope that you will use the knowledge attained to provide scholarly, professional and disciplined leadership.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof. Geoffrey Muchiri, PhD
Director, Postgraduate Studies

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Copy to:

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2. Dr. Alice Omariba



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