

Busia to lose sh1b over recruitment

BUSIA

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The Busia district local government risks losing sh1b in its wage bill if 80 employees are not recruited by June 30, this year. According to John Charles Namayindi, the district chairperson, the public service ministry's permanent secretary cleared

the district to recruit in November last year and the exercise expires in June.

However, the district is grappling with a challenge of an unconstituted district service commission (DSC), which has only three of the required five members.

The positions to be advertised fall in the education, health, engineering and commercial departments, in which 46 new workers are needed, while other positions are for replacement.



Namayindi

In an effort to hit the deadline, the district convened an extraordinary council meeting on Friday and resolved to hire the Namayingo District Service Commission to conduct the exercise.

This is the first time Busia is hiring an external service commission to recruit employees since the district was established in 1997.

However, some councillors opposed the move, asking for the appointment of the two missing members, including

the female and representative of persons with disabilities, to fully constitute the Busia service commission.

Stephen Mayende, the Bulumbi sub-county councillor, said hiring Namayingo DSC would deprive Busia residents of the chance to be recruited. He said it is common knowledge that Namayingo DSC would favour candidates from their district.

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