BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES 2024-2025

1. **MAIN BOARD:**

1.ACCOUNTING	
James Gathuku 	**CPA James Ndirangu Gathuku** holds Bachelor of Commerce, CPA-K, Diploma in banking, CISA and is currently pursuing Masters in Business Administration. He is a specialist in Cyber Security, Big Data analysis, Business Intelligence He has a comprehensive understanding of financial reporting, regulatory compliance, and strategic financial planning. He has a solid background in auditing and accounting, extensive experience in Sacco operations, and dedication to promoting ethical practices. He has demonstrated strong leadership and collaborative abilities through roles in various organizations with a proven track record of working effectively to achieve common goals and foster a culture of transparency and accountability
Jim Kinuthia 	**Jim Kinuthia Gathuna FCCA** is a finance and accounting expert with extensive experience in corporate finance, controlling, and reporting across Africa. He is an independent consultant specializing in corporate strategy in the telecommunications sector. Previously, he held leadership roles at Nokia, including Sub Region Accounting Head for North Africa and Finance and Accounting Manager for Central, East, and West Africa. He also chaired the board of trustees of Nokia Solutions and Networks staff pension scheme. Jim is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA) and holds a Master of Science in Professional Accountancy from the University of London.

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2.TECHNICAL ICT

Alvin Omondi

Alvin Omondi Agingu is a results-driven professional with over 13 years of experience in ICT management and cooperative leadership. Committed to transparency and innovation, I aim to leverage technology to empower Sacco members by driving digital transformation, ensuring system reliability, and fostering long-term prosperity and good governance. My vision emphasizes inclusivity, accountability, accessibility, and building resilient systems to support members' goals. Vote Alvin Omondi for a service-oriented, forward-thinking, and tech-savvy approach to Sacco leadership.

Johnbosco Mulei

Johnbosco Munyao Mulei serves as the Senior manager – Technical Security at KCB group. JB has a wealth of experience as a seasoned technology Leader with over 15 years of experience in Financial and Technology industries.

Passionate about guiding organizations through the intricacies of securing organization assets, JB combines his technical acumen with an understanding of cybersecurity to deliver solutions that protect and empower customers. His ability to identify risks & opportunities and craft tailored strategies ensures that Organizations' offerings not only safeguard assets but also contribute to sustainable growth. JB spearheads initiatives that elevate technology services, ensuring that customers benefit from secure, resilient, and scalable solutions tailored to their unique needs.

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Paul Msava	**Paul Msava Mutwii** is a leader who drives innovation, strengthens governance, and contributes to the development of both Safaricom, Sacco movement and the broader Kenyan ICT community. Drives key technology initiatives at Safaricom PLC.
	He has served as connectivity manager, Senior manager - Enterprise Infrastructure services, Senior Manager-Enterprise Tech support, and Senior manager -Network Ops. Previously he worked at UUNET Kenya and Africa Online in Operations, Network Engineering and Service delivery team leadership.

Msava holds BSc. Computer Science (Egerton), Executive MBA (JKUAT), certified Sacco director (CUK), Master effective director (Strathmore) and currently pursuing Doctorate (Eaton Business School). He holds valuable professional certificates in IP Networking, Cloud Computing, AI operations, Cybersecurity, RPA, Project management, ITIL service framework, Fixed network connectivity, Customer service and transformational people and non-executive board leadership. He is a member of Kenya Institute of management and institute of directors of Kenya. |
| **Vincent Odhiambo** | **Vincent Ochieng Odhiambo** is a professional in IT and Telecommunications spanning over 27 years' experience in public and private sector with work experience locally and internationally. Started career at Telkom Kenya before moving to United Nations and its various Agencies in East and West Africa countries in ICT and Infrastructure starting at support level and got to management level.

Currently a director in charge of operations at Global mark Technologies Limited, an ICT company that deals in design, support and after sales support of various ICT systems, software, and hardware with clients within insurance, banking, NGOs and universities amongst many others. A Bachelors in Business and Information Technology (BBIT) and ongoing MBA-Project |
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	Management student from Africa Nazarene University. A member of Computer Society of Kenya.
Zackaria Mwaniki 	**Zackaria Mwaniki Kathenge** is a trustworthy technology leader with 17+ years in the telecom. Skilled in IT solution development and deployments having delivered $1M+ projects annually across Africa as a technical project manager. Holds an Engineering master's degree from University of Bristol (UK, 2008), in Communication Systems and Signal Processing, PMP certification and leadership experience with certifications in data Analytics, BI and AI/ ML. Passionate about building highly successful communities that constantly improve. I will work to improve the uptime of our Sacco tools, growth of Qona Sacco amongst the new earning generations and increase productivity of our teams
3.GENERAL MANAGEMENT	
Alex Okoth 	**Alex Ochieng Okoth** holds a B. ED [Hons.] Degree from Moi University, The Effective Director Certificate from Strathmore University, is a Certified SACCO Director from the Co-operative University of Kenya and a member of the Institute of Directors [IOD]. He is a career Teacher turned Customer Experience and Enterprise Sales professional. He has over 15 years' experience in Enterprise Sales and Customer Management and is currently working at Safaricom PLC in the Enterprise Business Unit as a Business Development Specialist for the Health, Hospitality and Services Chapter.Alex has a previous stint as Board Director and is the immediate former Hon. Secretary to the Board. During his time at the helm membership ballooned to 15,000, member assets grew from Ksh.6.9 billion to Ksh.11.5 billion and Customer experience was excellent.

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Charles Kiragu

Charles Ngucuga Kiragu is a seasoned entrepreneur and person living with a disability (PWD), bringing resilience, innovation, and leadership to every endeavor. As the founder of three thriving businesses, Kiragu has consistently demonstrated excellence in business strategy, growth, and community impact. Passionate about inclusivity and empowerment by mentoring and leading youth into entrepreneurship, he is dedicated to using his expertise to champion innovation, financial literacy, sustainable development, and the interests of all QONA SACCO members.

A dedicated leader, Kiragu aims to foster transparency, progress, and equity within the organization to serve ALL its members effectively and responsibly.

Faith Njue

Faith Kathomi Njue is a highly accomplished senior leader with over 18 years of expertise in financial management, vendor governance, and strategic innovation in telecommunications.

As Vice Chairperson of Qona Sacco, she has been instrumental in driving growth and efficiency while championing member care by ensuring the Sacco remains responsive to member needs. Passionate about community development, Faith advocates for youth and boy child empowerment, blending her entrepreneurial vision with a dedication to societal progress. Her proven ability to lead transformative initiatives, foster member value, and inspire trust defines her as a visionary leader committed to uplifting communities and driving change.

John Munywoki	
	John Mbiti Munywoki is a graduate of Mathematics and computer science and a holder of Diploma in project management. A result driven professional with an excellent track record of over 10 years delivering solutions in the telecoms industry. I am an innovative and efficient problem solver who combines exceptional analytical and planning skills to tackle challenging issues both in technical and commercial fronts.
	With over 7 years' experience working with institutions; supporting strategic planning, governance, financial management and building beneficial linkages/relationships.
	I am a good listener who communicates effectively, believes in continuous improvement, and ensures accountability is exercised to deliver verifiable results to organizations.
Stephen Kirimi	
	Dr. Stephen K. Maore, PhD, a seasoned leader with over 18 years of expertise in brand management, marketing, corporate governance, and strategic planning. He holds a PhD in Business admin (UoN), MBA in Marketing (UoN) and a Bed. in mathematics (KU).
	He has served as Director of Marketing at a leading private university and participated in Rebranding of a number of SACCOs and MFIs. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Regional Center for Groundwater Resources in Eastern Africa (RCGWR).
	He has also served in a national and county public corporations as a board member (KEPHIS & MCIDC), demonstrating a strong commitment to leadership, governance, and organizational growth. Stephen is a member of MSK, KIM and AMFI. He's a strong advocate of PWDs and is a member NCPWD. Ready to serve QONA.

Paul Manyeki

Paul Manyeki Kamau is currently a Guru in customer care management, working with Safaricom PLC for over 9 years.

He is a trained instructor at the Kenya School of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). He has experience in supervisory roles and is certified in supervisory skills development and fraud detection. He is also a peer counsellor.

Paul possesses strong leadership and team management skills, with experience in managing Sacco matters, financial management and analysis, adaptability, innovation, and excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

He is a farmer and a director of his own companies.

He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) degree, has completed CPA Part 1, and holds a Diploma in Project Management. He is currently pursuing a specialization in cybersecurity from Moringa.

Paul is a person with a disability (PWD) and is passionate about championing the rights of PWDs within the Sacco.

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Salome Ayany

Salome Anyango Ayany, CHRP-K, is a seasoned professional with over 23 years of experience in Customer Service and Human Resources. She holds a Master's Degree in Organizational Development and currently serves as a Team Leader at the Safaricom Call Centre.

Salome has extensive governance expertise, having served as Assistant Chairman of NALSA (K) and Chairman of the Nawiri Queens Investment Forum. In these roles, she has successfully overseen strategic planning, policy development, and stakeholder engagement. Her commitment to social entrepreneurship, particularly in environmental conservation initiatives such as clean cooking and waste management, underscores her dedication to sustainable development and effective leadership.

Simon Kinuthia

Simon Wainaina Kinuthia is a distinguished entrepreneur and management professional in the ICT, medical and hospitality industry. He is currently the Group Chief Executive Officer of Computer Revolution Africa Group Limited, Founding Director of Gardens Medical Center, Fami Grill Restaurants and Victoria Capital.

He's a holder of Bachelor of Science – Technology and Entrepreneurship and Master of Arts – Corporate Leadership and Governance from University of the Valley, Mexico, and Master of Science in Applied Technology and Management from the University of Atlanta – Georgia, USA.

He has been an active member of the Sacco for over 10 years.

He seeks to bring to Qona Sacco: -

1. Member engagement – marketing, management training & support services
2. Exemplary Customer Experience for all members

| | 3. Disruptive innovation of products and systems |
| | 4. Financial growth backed by proven management style engagement. |

| **5.** **SUPERVISORY- TECHNICAL ICT** |

Hazel Gachoka	
	Hazel Wanjiku Gachoka is the CEO of TechAkili Technologies overseeing and managing customers Technology solutions. She defines IT Roadmaps, aligning Tech Solutions to Business Priorities. Hazel also trains TVETs on Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security. Prior to TechAkili, Hazel was a Systems Engineer/AM for Service Provider Accounts at Cisco Systems for over 15 years. Ms. Gachoka possesses a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Jersey City University and a Master of Science in Telecommunication Management from Steven's Institute of Technology in New Jersey. She is a CCIE with 20+ years of experience. Ms. Gachoka currently sits on the board of QED Solutions
Pamela Nyakoah	
	Pamela Nyakoah Osore is seasoned Information Systems Auditor who has over 13 years deep and wide experience in Information Systems Audit and in Governance and Risk Management in the Telecommunication industry. She is currently a Principal Information Systems Auditor in Safaricom PLC. Pamela Nyakoah is currently serving as the Chair of the Supervisory committee. During her tenure, she oversaw the strengthening of the internal controls within the SACCO and safeguarding of the SACCO assets. She has led the Supervisory committee in having constant engagements with the SACCO Board and management to ensure that all issues noted were tracked and followed up for resolution.

	Pamela Nyakoah is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), a Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH), a Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer (CDPSE), a Member of the International Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)-Kenya Chapter and a Member of the Institute of Internal Auditors. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Technology from Maseno University.