

THE SIALKOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

01. A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry was held on September 28, 2023 at 11:30 hours at Sheikh Muhammad Shafi Hall of the Sialkot Chamber.

02. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik, President of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry presided over the meeting. He thanked the members for attending the meeting.

03. The proceedings of the meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Mian Fiaz Ahmed.

04. The following members attended the meeting:

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| • Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik | President |
| • Mr. Wahub Jahangir | Senior Vice President |
| • Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh | Vice President |
| • Mr. Adnan Yousaf | -Member- |
| • Mr. Afzaal Bhatti | -do- |
| • Mr. Ahmed Imtiaz Khan | -do- |
| • Mr. Awais Ahmed | -do- |
| • Ms. Lubna Tubsim | -do- |
| • Mr. Matloob Ahmed Qureshi | -do- |
| • Mian Fiaz Ahmed | -do- |
| • Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz | -do- |
| • Mr. Naeem Yousaf | -do- |
| • Mr. Peeter John | -do- |
| • Mr. Saleem Akhtar Bhutta | -do- |
| • Mr. Shoaib Imtiaz | -do- |
| • Mr. Toheed Nasir | -do- |

05. Leave of Absence

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| • Mr. Choudhry Jahangir Rashid | -Member- |
| • Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan | -do- |
| • Mr. Jawad Hussain | -do- |
| • Mian Imran Akbar | |

06. Members who could not attend the meeting.

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| • Mr. Saqib Ashfaq | -do- |
| • Mr. Zain Ul Abideen | -do- |

07. Special Invitees

- Mr. Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi.

08. The Committee offered Fateha for departed souls and passed condolence resolution on the sad demise of the following: -

- Haji Nisar Ahmed M/s. Allen Surgical
- Mother of Humayun Iqbal Malik, Former Chairman Sialkot Press Club.

09. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Executive Committee held on August 31, 2023
Approval	Approved.

10. Point discussed.	Approval of Statement of Accounts for the month of August 2023.
Discussion:	
Mr. Awais Ahmed inquired about the calculation of Annual Bonus issued to Staff Members.	
Mr. Amer Rashid Wyne replied that the Employees bonus was calculated @ one and half salary with 10 Leaves Encashment.	
Participants	Mr. Awais Ahmed.
Approval	Approved.

11. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Chairman Departmental Committee on Education with Vice Chancellor GC Women University Sialkot held on August 08, 2023
Approval	Approved.

12. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting with the delegation of LUMS organized by the Departmental Committee on Advance Manufacturing Technologies & Industry-Academia Linkages held on August 29, 2023
Approval	Approved.

13. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of Chairman Departmental Committee on Martial Arts/MMA/Fitness with President Women Chamber held on August 26, 2023
Approval	Approved.

14. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting with Mr. Farukh Amil, Chairman of Intellectual Property Organization (IPO) held on August 28, 2023.
Discussion:	
Miss Lubna Tubsim expressed her concerned about the questions asked by members to Guest in the meeting. She said that the members were not mentally prepared, hence they did not ask relevant questions of the meeting. She said that the members/participants in the meetings should be well informed about Guests and their departments and should ask questions relevant to the agenda point. She suggested that the concept about the questions should be cleared and asked those question which could benefit to Industry/Members.	
Mr. Saleem Akhtar Bhutta said that the questions were asked by the Chair. He said that the person who Chair the meeting should have the grip on the question and if he/she had not information, they could seek information online by Google Search where all the information about the Departments/Guests was available. Secondly, the questions should very short, simple and to the point.	
Participants	Mr. Saleem Akhtar Bhutta and Miss Lubna Tubsim.
Approval	Approved.

15. Point discussed.	Approval of Report of the Seminar with Faysal Bank Limited on "Islamic Shariyah" Compliant Banking" held on August 29, 2023.
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Approval	Approved.
16. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting on visit of His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Azhar Bin Mazlan, High Commissioner of Malaysia to Pakistan held on September 07, 2023.
Approval	Approved.
17. Point discussed.	Approval of Report of Seminar on Capacity Development Session regarding Chief Value Officer in collaboration with Association of Chartered Certified Accounts (ACCA) held on September 11, 2023.
Approval	Approved.
18. Point discussed.	Approval of Report of Press Conference held on September 13, 2023
Approval	Approved.
19. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Gloves Industry held on September 14, 2023.
Discussion:	
Miss Lubna Tabsim said that she had studied the minutes of the meeting and found that the committee had discussed and finalized the SOPs regarding labor but expert opinion was not obtained. She suggested that an expert opinion on labor laws should be sought from an expert to avoid any inconvenience while implementing it.	
Participants	Miss Lubna Tubsim
Approval	Approved.
20. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting on visit of H.E. Mr. Wada Mitsuhiro, Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan held on September 21, 2023
Discussion:	
Mr. Naeem Yousaf said that during the year number of Embassies' Delegations visited this Chamber but in respond, there was no positive feedback which could be beneficial to the Members. He said that there should be proper feedback to get fruitful results of their visits.	
Mr. Wahub Jahangir replied that it had done a proper follow of the meetings. He added that he always made suggestions to the business delegations which followed up with the commercial counsellor, but after working on it, if it was found that the export of our product was not so fruitful in those countries, so it did not pursue further.	
Mr. Naeem Yousaf expressed that the Trade of the Delegation who came with the Ambassador was not relating to The Sialkot Industry.	
Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh asked whether it had been shared the detailed information of the delegates who visited this Chamber or not.	
The President replied that all the information was shared.	
Participants	The President, Mr. Wahub Jahangir, Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh and Mr. Naeem Yousaf.
Approval	Approved.
21. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of Departmental Committee on Industrial Safety And Risk Management held on September 25, 2023 at 03:00 p.m.

Discussion

Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim said that the meeting was called for safety inspection of SCCI's building and obtaining quotation. Mr. Naveed Iqbal, District Emergency Officer of Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue 1122) was also invited in the meeting who shared insights the safety inspection of SCCI's building. He highlighted several critical observations which were mentioned in the minutes. Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim said that it was necessary to start work/make implementation on the observations regarding safety point of view of this Chamber.

The President asked about the total cost of the project.

Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim replied that the total cost was PKR 2643150/-.

The President said that it was very necessary to install fire system & others regarding security point of view, hence it should be approved.

The house unanimously approved the amount of PKR 2643150/- against the proposal of Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim to installation of fire system etc., in SCCI's Building.

Participants	The President, Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim and The house
Approval	Approved.

22. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of Meeting of Departmental Committee on Human Resource held on September 25, 2023
Approval	Approved.

23 Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Membership/Bye-Laws held on August 29, 2023.
Approval	Approved.

Any Other Point:

24. Mr. Saleem Akhtar Butta congratulated the President for hosting a grand reception in the honour of Mr. Riaz-ud-Din Sheikh and Khawaja Zaka Ud Din (Late) Sitara-e-Imtiaz. He said that it was a very good function.

25. The President said that an application for the loan of Rs. 2,300,000/- with the deduction of PRK 35000/- per month from salary and Rs. 200,000/- from Annual Bonus of Mr. M. Azhar Iqbal Dar, Deputy Secretary Admin had been received. He said that it had been mentioned in the application that he had purchased a new home by availing facility of 2.7(M) from UBL Islamic Bank under Apna Ghar Scheme of Prime Minister of Pakistan. He had returned PKR 700,000/-. The interest on remaining amount was very high, therefore, he had requested to approve the subject amount as loan in order to get rid from Bank Loan and to save around 1(M) bank interest.

The house unanimously approved the loan of PKR 2.3 (M) as loan with the deduction of PKR 35,000/- @ per month and Rs. 200,000/- from his annual bonus.

26. Mr. Naeem Yousaf inquired the status of the Executive Committee Members whose tenure would complete on September 30, 2023, as EC Members.

The President requested Mr. Tariq Mahmood Malik, Secretary General to brief the house in this regard.

Mr. Tariq Mahmood Malik, Secretary General replied that it had already been approved about the retirement of EC Members in an Emergent Meeting of Executive Committee held on July 15, 2023 wherein the Election Program was approved. Ten Executive Committee Members would retire on September 30, 2023 and after that the EC would continue with 10 members. As concerned to vacant seats, it would request the DGTO to seek permission to hold the elections which would be followed.

Miss Lubna Tubsim inquired about the detailed the writ petition filed in Islamabad High Court. She asked whether the petition was filed specifically on extension of tenure of the Office Bearers or all Executive Committee.

The Secretary General replied that the case was specifically about the extension of Office Bearers Tenure which had disposed of by Islamabad High Court and a short note had been issued which was as followed: -

“The Office Bearers will hold their offices for 2 years from the date of their elections to their offices. The Federal Government is directed to amend rule 21(13) of the Trade Organizations Rules 2013 (as amended) to provide that the 2 year tenure of any member of an executive committee, who was an office bearer at the time the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act 2022 was passed, shall ipso facto be deemed extended by such term as required for such executive member to complete his 2 year tenure as an office bearer”.

He informed that the case was not relating to the Executive Committee. He added that the Karachi Chamber of Commerce had held their elections. The Sialkot Chamber was nominated in the contempt proceedings; therefore, the polling of EC Members was postponed, otherwise the elections had to be held on September 18 & 19, 2023.

The President informed that the Islamabad High Court had passed order only for Office Bearers. The tenure of Office Bearers had been extended for 2 years from the date of their elections to their offices. Even the Office Bearer who had completed 2 years tenure as executive committee would also be continued, hence Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh, Vice President would continue as Vice President, although, his time period of 2 years as elected of EC Members would complete on September 30,2023.

Mr. Adnan Yousaf asked that the house would continue with 10 members.

The President replied that it required 5 members to complete the quorum of the house. He also requested the remaining members for their maximum attendance in the meeting.

Mr. Muhammad Shabaz Saim said that the name of Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh was also mentioned in the list of retired EC Members as per the EC Minutes. He asked whether Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh would be authorized to sing as Office Bearer.

The Secretary General replied that the President had already explained about it. The honorable Court had directed The Federal Government to amend rule 21(13) of the Trade Organizations Rules 2013 (as amended) to provide that the 2 year tenure of any member of an executive committee, who was an office bearer at the time the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act 2022 was passed.

Mr. Wahub Jahangir informed that it had also been mentioned in the minutes of meeting that any decision from the Federal Government/DGTO would be followed.

Mian Fiaz Ahmed said that The High Court had stopped the election.

The President clarified Mian Fiaz Ahmed about it.

Mr. Muhammad Shabaz Saim said that there was no clarity on it, therefore it should wait the reply or any instruction from office of the DGTO.

The Secretary General again explained on it.

27. The President thanked his Office Bearers, EC Members and the Secretariat. He said that without support from the Executive Committee and his team nothing would have been possible. The President said that he performed according to his intellect. He thanked all members for respect to him and also expressed best wishes for them and prayed for their success, as they respected and prayed for him.

28. Mr. Wahub Jahangir also thanked the house with the comments that they provided every kind of support, guidance and approved all projects without any resistance and hesitation. He thanked all EC Members to trust on the Office Bearers. He added that all the members had performed honestly on the responsibilities, whatever was assigned to them.

29. Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh said that a record renovation/development work of the building done during this tenure with the approval of Executive Committee. He had a very good experience to work with the President who guided him and learnt a lot. He thanked all EC Members to support him.

30. The president said that a large number of members had requested to replace the main lobby floor with new tiles like the membership department because the area looked too old. He requested the house to approve it and whenever the funds would be available its floor work would be done similar like Membership Department so that the whole area looked alike.

The house unanimously approved the request to change the floor of Main Lobby of the building.

31. The house also approved to change the Conference Mike System of Sheikh Muhammad Shafi Hall having cost of PKR 3.5 to 4 (M) with the instruction that the existing system would install in Mini Meeting Room.

32. Mr. Adnan Yousaf requested the President that Minutes of the Meeting held with Station Commander should share with GOC and held a follow-up meeting for implementation on the decision taken in the meeting especially visit of Foreign Buyers in Commercial Area and security pass.

The President approved the request of the Mr. Adnan Yousaf. He said that a summary of the meeting would be shared through Sheikh Zahid Hameed and held a meeting.

33. All Executive Committee Members appreciated the Office Bearers, Members and staff for the cooperation, work efficiently and trust on each other.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes approved by the President, Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry.