

THE SIALKOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2024

01. A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry was held on August 28, 2024 at 03:30 pm 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 Mr. Choudhry Jahangir Rashid.

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. Afzaal Bhatti | -Member- |
| • Mr. Ahmed Imtiaz Khan | -do- |
| • Mr. Awais Ahmed | -do- |
| • Mr. Choudhry Jahangir Rashid | -do- |
| • Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan | -do- |
| • Mr. Jawad Hussain | -do- |
| • Ms. Lubna Tubsim | -do- |
| • Mr. Matloob Ahmed Qureshi | -do- |
| • Mian Fiaz Ahmed | -do- |
| • Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz | -do- |
| • Mr. Saleem Akhtar Bhutta | -do- |
| • Mr. Toheed Nasir | -do- |

05. Leave of Absence

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| • Mr. Adnan Yousaf | -Member- |
| • Mr. Naeem Yousaf | -do- |
| • Mr. Peeter John | -do- |
| • Mr. Zain Ul Abideen | -do- |

06. Members who could not attend the meeting

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| • Mian Imran Akbar | -do- |
| • Mr. Saqib Ashfaq | -do- |
| • Mr. Shoaib Imtiaz | -do- |

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

- Mr. Aslam Khan Pasha father of Mr. Wasim Khan Pasha, M/s. Euro Sports (Pvt) Ltd.

08. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting of the Executive Committee held on July 30, 2024.
Approval	Approved.

09. Point discussed.	Approval of Statement of Accounts for the month of July 2024 and Audited Accounts for the year 2023-24 ended on June 30, 2024.
Discussion Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan said that a Cheque of Rs. 100,000/- for this month was not paid to the Women's Chamber. Mr. Amer Rashid Wyne replied that the Cheque had been issued. The President requested Mr. Amer Rashid to check it again and if it was not issued, it should be issued.	
Participants	The President, Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan and Mr. Amer Rashid Wyne.
Approval	Approved.

10. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting with Mr. Saif Anwar Jappa, Director General, Punjab Housing and Town Planning Agency held on July 27, 2024.
Approval	Approved.

11. Point discussed.	Approval of Report of a Training session on Electronic Certificate of Origin held on Aug 02, 2024.
Approval	Approved.

12. Point discussed.	Approval of Report on Celebration of 77th Independence Day of Pakistan, organized by the Chairman, Departmental Committee on Garrison HQ/Cantonment Board affairs held on Aug 05, 2024.
Approval	Approved.

13. Point discussed.	Approval of Report of Award Distribution Ceremonies among the Media Persons held on Aug 07, 2024 and Aug 19, 2024.
Approval	Approved.

14. Point discussed.	Approval of Report of a Training Session on Digital Marketing for the Blinds held on Aug 08, 2024.
Approval	Approved.

15. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting with H.E. Mr. Park Kijun, Ambassador of Republic of Korea held on Aug 16, 2024.
Approval	Approved.

16. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting with H.E. Mr. Sharifzoda Yousuf Toir, Ambassador of Tajikistan held on August 20, 2024.
Approval	Approved.

17. Point discussed.	Approval of Report on Award Distribution Ceremony for Rescue 1122, Sialkot held on August 23, 24.
Discussion Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim informed that Engr. Naveed Iqbal, District	

Emergency Office Sialkot on behalf of entire team of Punjab Emergency Services (Rescue 1122) had written a letter of thanks to President SCCI. He expressed gratitude to the President and members of this Chamber for presenting honorary shields, certificates and cash awards to their brave personnel.

The President replied that the letter was received today.

Mr. Saleem Akhtar Bhutta said that the Sialkot Chamber was the only Chamber in Pakistan who had been arranging Award Distribution Ceremony for Rescue 1122, Sialkot. He said that the acknowledgement from the Chamber would significantly boost the morale of the team of Rescue 1122.

Participants	The President, Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim and Mr. Saleem Akhtar Bhutta.
Approval	Approved.

18. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting of Departmental Committee on Human Resource held on August 23, 2024.
<u>Discussion:</u> Miss Lubna Tubsim said that she had studied the minutes of meeting and according to the minutes, the status of number of contractual employees was updated as employee of the Chamber. She said that the status of the Cameraman of this Chamber was not updated although his probationary service period of three months was completed. The President replied that as per the internal policy of this Chamber it required minimum one year of service in this Chamber to change the status. He added that many employees were working, on contract for the last five to six years, hence the Committee had recommended for making them permanent. Miss Lubna Tubsim inquired about the duration of probationary period. The President replied that it was a three month's period of joining the Chamber as employee, and if the management was satisfied about his/her working then the contract of one year was signed.	
Participants	The President and Miss Lubna Tubsim.
Approval	Approved.

19. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Membership/Bye-Laws held on August 27, 2024.
<u>Discussion:</u> The President said that this month more than 1000 new applications for the membership were received.	
Participants	The President,
Approval	Approved.

Any Other Point:

20. Mr. Matloob Ahmed Qureshi discussed about the refusal of visa cases of China.

The President replied and suggested him to re-apply and submit his visa application to Mr. Salman Mir. He said that it had been observed that the Chinese Embassy granted visa in re-applying cases. He also suggested that the members should submit their visa applications well before the time of their visit plan, at least, one month before to avoid any such inconvenience.

21. Mr. Matloob Ahmed Qureshi requested the President to set up a Ministry of Foreign Affairs counter at Sialkot for attestation of trade-related documents for the facilitation of members. He said that the members had to go to Lahore/Islamabad for the attestation of their documents. He informed that Ministry of Foreign of Affair had approved and setup a facilitation desk in Gujarat.

Mr. Wahub Jahangir replied that with the efforts of this Chamber, Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent their Counsellor Affairs to this Chamber for one day for attestation of documents. It was requested to them to approve and confirm a visit on monthly or weekly basis to this Chamber but the MOFA did not agree due to lack of cases reported during their visit to Sialkot Chamber.

The President said that the attestation cases were high in Gujarat, therefore the MOFA setup their desk over there. He said that the MOFA Counsellor visited 2-3 times in this Chamber but most of the members of this Chamber presented request for attestation of their family case instead of business cases.

Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh informed that President had also demanded to Mr. Mohsan Naqvi, during his visit to Sialkot, to set up a Ministry of Foreign Affairs counter at the Business Facilitation Center Sialkot for attestation of trade-related documents.

The President said that counter could not be set up even in BFC because the number of cases were very few.

22. Miss Lubna Tubsim said that her Committee had generated a Survey Form to gather the viewpoint from the industry regarding the issues of Industrialist with Labour which was discussed in last EC Meeting. It was approved by the Committee to circulate the form to members to study and complete the form by putting valuable information. The form was circulated to the members but nobody responded. She again requested the members to spare sometime to complete the form by putting their input, so that the Committee could proceed further on the basis of their information. She said that it was the duty of all members to support and make active all Committee with their participation and feedback etc.

23. Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh said that an application for reimbursement of medical bill of Rs. 158736/- - of eyes operation of wife of Mr. Naveed Akhtar, Library Incharge had been received which required approval from the house.

The house unanimously approved the medical bill of Mr. Naveed Akhtar of Rs. 158736/-.

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

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