

THE SIALKOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

01. A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry was held on September 30, 2024 at 12:00 noon 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. Adnan Yousaf | -Member- |
| • 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- |
| • Mr. Matloob Ahmed Qureshi | -do- |
| • Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz | -do- |
| • Mr. Naeem Yousaf | -do- |
| • Mr. Saleem Akhtar Bhutta | -do- |
| • Mr. Saqib Ashfaq | -do- |
| • Mr. Toheed Nasir | -do- |

05. Leave of Absence

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| • Ms. Lubna Tubsim | -Member- |
| • Mian Fiaz Ahmed | -do- |
| • Mr. Peeter John | -do- |

06. Members who could not attend the meeting

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| • Mian Imran Akbar | -Member- |
| • Mr. Shoaib Imtiaz | -do- |
| • Mr. Zain Ul Abideen | -do- |

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

- Mr. Safdar Khan Owner of Shama Parwana Cinema
- Sister in Law of Mr. M. Ibrahim of M/s. Glorious Mercantile Corp., (Pvt) Ltd.
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08. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting of the Executive Committee held on Aug 28, 2024.
Approval	Approved.

09. Point discussed.	Approval of Statement of Accounts for the month of Aug 2024.
Approval	Approved.
10. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Education held on Sep 03, 2024.
Approval	Approved.
11. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Dry Port/ Airport /Shipping /Railways/Transportation held on Sep 05, 2024.
Approval	Approved.
12. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting with Ms. Saira Agha, Collector of Customs, Sialkot held on Sep 4, 2024.
Approval	Approved.
13. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting with a delegation of Japanese Companies Mission under JICA held on Sep 05, 2024.
Approval	Approved.
14. Point discussed.	Approval of Report of Islamic lecture given by Mr. M. Raza Saqib Mustafai held on Sep 10, 2024.
Approval	Approved.
15. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting with H.E. Mr. Donald Blome, Ambassador of Republic of United States held on Sep 24, 2024.
Approval	Approved.
16. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting on visit of Chevening Officials by British High Commission held on Sep 26, 2024.
Approval	Approved.
17. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting of Departmental Committee on Human Resource held on Sep 26, 2024.
Approval	Approved.
18. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Membership/Bye-Laws held on September 28, 2024.
Approval	Approved.

Any Other Point:

19. The President thanked his Office Bearers, EC Members and the Secretariat for their support and cooperation. 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 the members for giving respect to him and also expressed best wishes for them and prayed for their success, as they respected and prayed for him. He also expressed his best wishes for the new team.

20. Mr. Wahub Jahangir also thanked the EC members with the comments that they provided every kind of support, guidance and approved all projects without any resistance and hesitation. He thanked all members, one by one, for spending the tenure of two years wonderfully and also thanked all EC Members for reposing trust on the Office Bearers. He added that all the members had performed honestly on the given responsibilities, whatever was assigned to them. He said that all members performed very well according to their capacity and ideas floated by them. He also prayed for the new team and said that they would further improve the honor and respect of this Chamber.

21. Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh said that he had similar feelings like stated by the President and Mr. Wahub Jahangir. He thanked the President and Mr. Wahub Jahangir to support him in his working. He said that very good relations like a family had been developed with the EC Members. He always welcomed the EC Members to his office and did their work whatever was assigned to him. He also thanked the Secretary General and Staff Members for keeping a good relation, proper guidance and cooperation.

22. Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan said that she did not remember any unpleasant incident during her three years tenure as EC Member. She got a lot of respect and learning. It was an amazing experience which would always be remembered by her. She also appreciated the Office Bearers with the comments that they did a commendable job and performed excellently which was appreciable. She hoped that new elected Office Bearers would follow working of retired team and would make improvements.

23. Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim appreciated the President and said that the President took bold decisions for the development of this Chamber and raised the honor and respect of this Chamber. He said that the work done by the President was not only acknowledged by the business community of Sialkot but also appreciated nationally. He said that the President had a very strong command in his working which was commendable. Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim said that Mr. Wahub Jahangir was very friendly who always gave a good advice for which he thanked him. He thanked Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh for always welcoming to his office. He appreciated the initiative taken by Mr. Amer to facilitate the members related to Membership Department. He also thanked the Secretariat in provision of every kind of favor related to the issues of members which he took to them in the presence or absence of the Office Bearers. He added that he had no differences with the EC members but always discussed the issues. He informed that he did not get any favour/letter for himself during his tenure as EC Members. He was not bound by anyone but was a commitment with himself that he would not get any visa letter during his tenure as EC Member. He thanked the President for his guidance and cooperation to perform as Chairman Departmental Committee on Emergency Disaster. He said that Award Distribution Ceremony for Rescue 1122 under his Committee was also appreciated at National level. He expressed appreciation for Rescue 1122.

24. Mr. Toheed Nasir said that he spent a great time in this Chamber, learnt a lot which improved his knowledge.

He requested the President to assign some responsibility to him so that he could remain in touch with this Chamber.

25. Mr. Adnan Yousaf thanked all Office Bearers and said that he would always remember the time spent in such a good atmosphere with respect and love. He especially thanked the President who gave him full opportunity to express his views on different issues. He added that if any different opinion on any matter or the application of staff was given by him, it was only for the betterment/improvement of the system and if any member or staff had been hurt, he apologized for it. He added that he was always available, if the Chamber assigned any duty to him in future.

26. Mr. Afzal Bhatti congratulated the President, SVP and VP to spend outstanding tenure as Office Bearers. He especially acknowledged the performance of the President. He said that the manner in which the President had given time to this Chamber and resolved the issues of the industry, as well as, the members, was also a respect for EC Members. He added that it would be difficult for the incoming office-bearers to achieve things in the same way and standards of working set by the President. He said that the President was very punctual in the meetings presided by him. He said that very good time was spent in the Chamber and he learnt a lot which would be helpful for the future. He also expressed about the good relations/ friendship with EC Members during the tenure. He said that they would also remain, in touch, with each other.

27. Mr. Matloob Ahmed Qureshi thanked the President, Senior President and Vice President for their cooperation in any hurdle created in his working. He said that he had learnt a lot, especially from the President to do work, well in time, with responsibility.

28. Mr. Ahmed Imtiaz Khan thanked Almighty Allah to help him in completing his three years tenure with great joy and honor. He thanked the President for making him part of the working of this Chamber. He said that whatever duty was assigned to him by the President, he tried to do it, according to his expectations. He said that all the projects like BFC, Renovation of this Chamber etc., done by the President, in his tenure, were commendable. He learnt a lot from the President. The SVP and VP treated him like friend/brother. He did not remember any unpleasant incident but the good occasions were countless. He added that very good relationship was formed with all the members which would continue and he apologized if any member was offended due to his difference of opinion because it was only for the betterment of this house. He also thanked the SCCI Staff for their cooperation. He expressed his best wishes to the new team.

29. Mr. Jawad Hussain thanked the Office bearers with the comments that the President gave them a lot of respect and two years passed very well. A good time was spent with young energetic SVP. The VP warmly welcomed them. He said that the Executive Committee Members also loved and respected him. He said that during the two years, they had made all their efforts for the improvement of this Chamber and he prayed that the coming team would carry on the same. He shared that when he became the Executive Committee member of the Sialkot Chamber, some friends from the business community made negative remarks about joining the group but he was proud of the fact that all their questions have been answered in two years. So, he would give them message that they should also come and work together and when they work together, the things would improve. He again thanked the Office Bearers, EC Members, Secretary General and all staff members for their cooperation. He said

that he had visited many Chambers in Pakistan but never seen such a cooperative staff like Sialkot Chamber.

30. Mr. Awais Ahmed said that he had no words to thank the President. He said that it was the tradition to the former executive members were nominated the Chairmen of the Departmental Committees in most of the Committees but his President changed this tradition and gave a chance to his sitting Executive Members and appointed them Chairmen of different Committees for which they performed. He thanked the President to give the shield to all media persons on his request. He also thanked the SVP. He said that he was thankful to Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh who replied on his bitter questions regarding accounts with a smile. He also thanked all the staff members for their cooperation.

31. Mr. Jawad Hussain requested the President to recommend to the new elected Office Bearers to restart the Sialkot City Package by taking up with the authorities or form a similar kind of Committee to start patch work on main roads of Sialkot.

32. Ch. Jahangir Rasheed said that he was thankful to the Almighty, his family and the leadership who reposed trust on him and brought him to this Chamber. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Hassan Ali Bhatti and Mian Imran Akbar who nominated him as Executive Committee. He was also desirous to join this house because he had a passion for performing for the community since childhood. He said that he was extremely grateful to Mian Imran Akbar and Malik Abdul Ghafoor Sahib who gave him the opportunity to perform as much as he could. He got success only because of his Office Bearers who allowed him to perform. He added that, in many meetings, there were invitations in the name of Office Bearers but they referred him to attend the meeting on their behalf for which he grateful to them. He said that in the interaction with local administration, he performed at local level to resolve the issues of business community, as well as, for his restaurant industry. He added that he visited Turkey, London and Murree for meetings/conferences on behalf of this Chamber which was an honour for him. He said that Mian Imran Akbar, R&D Staff and some of educationists helped him for preparation of speeches which he presented in Turkey and got appreciation. He expressed his thanks to all. He also shared his experience/working as Chairman of Departmental Committee on Environment. He said that the purpose to share the information was to inform the house that whatever work was done was only for the business community and in future it would be done with the same passion. He thanked all the EC Members who cooperated with him. He said that his friends attributed his success to this Chamber, while his parents attributed due to the Holy Quran which he recited in the Chamber. Ch. Janageer again thanked all EC Members, Officer Bearers, Leadership and SCCI Staff who always respected and taught/guided him to perform, at all forums, on behalf of this Chamber. At the end, he said that all the credit of his performance, as well as, all members who performed individually went to the Leadership and the Office Bearers. He prayed and hoped that they would keep in touch with each other. Choudhary Jahangir Rashid also acknowledged the efforts of the President on the issue FTR.

33. Mr. Naeem Yousaf said that he would like to congratulate Mr. Riazuddin Sheikh who elected Malik Abdul Ghafoor as the President of Sialkot Chamber and he had shown his practical performance which was recognized not only in this Chamber but also by other organizations in Sialkot and Pakistan. He said that Mr. Abdul Ghafoor was very corporative and had full command to lead the house and performed very well as President. He had the tenure of two year and proved that to spare time for the institution. Mr. Wahub Jahangir always respected him very much like a younger brother. Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh entrusted him with some responsibilities which he fulfilled. He was nominated the

Chairman of Cyber Crime Committee and arranged Seminars at Sialkot and Islamabad. It was done only due to the cooperation of the President. All the Executive Members were very loving and had a great time even though three years was a long time. He also thanked Mr. Riaz Ud Din Sheikh who gave them a chance to perform. He assured that he would fulfill any responsibility assigned to him in future.

34. The Secretary General acknowledging the services of Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik requested the EC members to give standing ovation to the President and the house applauded him for his outstanding performance and services to the Chamber.

35. Mr. Muhammad Khalil said that they he would miss the President. He said that Mr. Wahub Jahangir was his younger brother who always respected him. He spared two years of time for the Chamber. The real thing to perform was commitment and giving time for work, which he did very well. Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh always gave high respect to the guests who visited his office. He left every guest outside the door like Mr. Riazuddin Sheikh, which he had shared with Sheikh Sahib. He had a great time in the Chamber and his behavior and attitude would always be remembered in the Chamber. He appreciated the President and acknowledged his efforts of construction/renovation work of this Chamber done by him. He said that the President had changed face of this Chamber. He added that the members who visited this Chamber also appreciated the renovation work done by the President during his tenure.

He also endorsed the comments of Ch. Jahangir Rashid about the efforts done by the President on the issue of FTR. He added that the President highlighted the issue of FTR all over Pakistan at all concerned forum and if other Chambers supported him on the matter, the matter of FTR would have been solved.

He saluted the President for his restless efforts for the betterment of this Chamber and resolving/highlighting the issues of the business community. He congratulated all the EC members for completing their tenure. He said that some friends were using the word retire. He said that as per the traditions of this Chamber no member was retired because they would always be given protocol according to their status which they had been enjoying in this Chamber.

He said that all the members were respectable. Mian Khalil said that he never applied for any delegation only due to the reason that even if he was selected on merit, there could have been a question of favoritism. He advised the members to copy Mr. Waqas Akram Awan, if they wanted to involve in the Chamber and would never retire. Mian Muhammad Khalil once again thanked the President, SVP, VP and EC members and prayed for their success.

36. Mr. Naeem Yousaf said that Mr. Waqas Akram Awan was not only the face of this Chamber but also the FPCCI because he remained involved there and had complete information about their affairs.

37. Mr. Saqib Ashfaq appreciated the President with the comments that he performed very well and led the issues in a good manner. He thanked the President for giving all the Executive Members the opportunity to perform at their best. He also thanked Mr. Riazuddin Sheikh. He discussed the pending issues liked addition of Exhibitions in TDAP's annual calendar, HS Code etc., about the Departmental Committee of Beauty Instruments for which he was appointed the Chairman. He said it was a wonderful time of two years and learnt a lot from the friends.

38. Mr. Saleem Akhtar Butta said that he joined the Chamber in 2014 and got an opportunity to work as Senior Vice Chairman of TMA Committee in 2015 and also worked in various Committees. He said that the Departmental Committee on Post Office/Telecommunications for which he was nominated as Chairman had many issues. In this regard, he invited the operational Director Post Office in this Chamber and discussed the issue and shared suggestions. Cantt Post Office was renovated and restored. He thanked the President with the comments that he learnt a lot from him. May Almighty Bless him.

39. The President expressed appreciation by giving standing ovation for Secretary General and Staff of SCCI.

40. Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh said that an application for reimbursement of medical bill of Rs. 54,900/- of Medical treatment of the mother of Miss Ayesha Aman Ullah had been received which required approval from the house.

The house unanimously approved the medical bills of Rs. 54,900/-.

41. Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh said that the Driving License and Testing Center had been established at the BFC Center with the efforts of the President to obtain driving license for the business community. The members of this Chamber would be facilitated there. An amount of Rs. 1,710,890/- was spent for the installation of cameras, construction of cabin, computers and other work which required approval from the house.

The house unanimously approved Rs.1,710,890 spent for the establishment of Driving Licensing and Testing Center at BFC.

Chaudhry Abdul Rashid suggested that such information should be circulated through Social Media for the information of members of this Chamber.

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

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