

THE SIALKOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD ON AUGUST 31, 2026

01. A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry was held on August 31, 2026 at 2:30 P.m. at the Sialkot Chamber.

02. Syed Ahtesham Mazhar, 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 Arshad Jamil Chaudhary.

04. The following members attended the meeting:

• Syed Ahtesham Mazhar	President
• Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad	Senior Vice President
• Mr. Salman Sheikh	Vice President
• Mr. Ikram Ul Haq	-Member-
• Mr. Omer Khalid	-do-
• Mr. Aamer Mahmood	-do-
• Mr. Adnan Safdar	-do-
• Mr. Arshad Jamil Chaudhry	-do-
• Mr. Bilal Ahmed Khan	-do-
• Mr. Haseeb Tahir	-do-
• Mr. Hassan Akbar	-do-
• Mr. Jawad Khalid	-do-
• Mr. Khurram Javaid Sethi	-do-
• Mr. Mehtab Maqsood	-do-
• Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Asad	-do-
• Mr. Muhammad Abid	-do-
• Sh. Muhammad Shahid Inam	-do-
• Sheikh Atique-ur-Rehman	-do-
• Mr. Sohail Masood	-do-

05. Leave of Absence

• Ms. Kinza Ijaz	-do-
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06. Members who could not attend the meeting.

• Mr. Waseem Shahbaz Lodhi	-Member-
• Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik	-do-
• Ms. Syeda Ayesha Wadood	-do-

07. Special Invitees

- Malik Naseer Ahmed, Chairman Departmental Committee on Accounts.
- Mr. Raza Ullah Shah, Chairman Departmental Committee Research Management for Sustainable Development

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

- Mir Muhammad Dawood, M/s. JSD Sports
- Mother of Mr. M. Usman Munir of M/s. Tanchy Instruments
- Mr. Malik M. Afzal Founder of M/s. Glance Leather

09. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Executive Committee held on Aug 03, 2026
<u>Discussion</u>	
Mr. Aamer Mahmood informed the House that Mr. Omer Khalid had raised a concern regarding the discount facility available at Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital, wherein he mentioned that no discount was given to him. Mr. Aamer Mahmood said that the President had advised him to verify the matter. Upon inquiry, it was learnt that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Chamber and Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital had been signed after Mr. Omer Khalid's visit. He further informed that several members had availed the discounted services after signing of the MOU and had appreciated the facility. The President informed the House that a meeting of the Export Facilitation Committee would be held the following day. He stated that the Committee had been constituted to discuss and address issues relating to the Final Tax Regime (FTR). The President explained that, as per the understanding reached with the Government, companies paying tax at the rate of 1.25% would not be required to provide additional documents or undergo audit. He advised that if any company paying tax under the agreed regime had received an audit notice from the Department, the company could submit its case to the Chamber so that the matter could be taken up with the concerned authorities for resolution. The President further informed the House that M/s. Gold Panel had submitted its case to the Chamber for discussion, as the Government had initiated an audit of the company on the grounds that it had applied for a tax refund. Mr. Sohail Masood informed the House that the Tax Department was issuing notices to exporters requiring them to ensure the registration of their vendors under Sales Tax, whereas, according to him, the responsibility for registering vendors rested with the Department. He requested the President to look into the matter, stating that if exporters compelled their vendors to obtain Sales Tax registration, the vendors might refuse to register and consequently decline to supply materials to exporters. The President stated that according to the information available to him, exporters were required under the law to act as withholding tax agents. Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad informed the House that 5% tax was applicable on purchases made from unregistered persons/vendors. The President informed the House that a meeting had been held two days earlier with the Punjab Revenue Authority (PRA), during which the Chamber had requested that exporters be exempted from registration with PRA in their capacity as withholding agents. However, the PRA did not agree to the request, maintaining that registration was mandatory under the applicable rules. The President stated that, in view of the matter, a meeting with the concerned Minister might also be arranged to seek appropriate relief for exporters. He further informed the House that a meeting had been held earlier today to obtain expert opinion from Mr. Nasir, Mr. Zulfiqar and other senior members to get information whether member companies, particularly Private Limited companies, were required to register with PRA. He stated that the members expressed different opinions on the matter. Some members suggested that the Chamber should continue to maintain the	

position it had adopted for the past several years.

The President cautioned that PRA had the authority to register companies on its own and that, in such cases, companies could face substantial penalties. He referred to the case of M/s. K.M. Ashraf & Sons, where a significant fine had reportedly been imposed, and stressed the need to carefully examine the matter and seek appropriate clarification from the concerned authorities.

Participants	The President, Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad, Mr. Aamer Mahmood and Mr. Sohail Masood.
Approval	Approved.

10. Point discussed.	Approval of Statement of Accounts for the month of July 2026 and Audited Accounts for the year 2025-26 ended on June 30, 2026 and Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Accounts & Finance held on August 27, 2026.
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Discussion.

Mr. Malik Naseer Ahmed informed the House that the Accounts Committee had thoroughly scrutinized the accounts and related vouchers, which were found to be in accordance with the prescribed SOPs. He invited the members to raise any questions or seek clarification regarding the accounts.

Mr. Sohail Masood inquired about the total income and expenditure for the financial year 2026.

Mr. Amer Rashid Wyne informed the House that the total income amounted to Rs. 167,849,919, while the total expenditure stood at Rs. 144,809,129, resulting in a surplus after tax of Rs. 14,357,163. He further stated that the surplus during the preceding year was only Rs. 59,000, highlighting a significant improvement in the financial position.

Mr. Hassan Akbar inquired whether the comparative details and audited accounts had been incorporated in the Annual Report. The Secretariat confirmed that the Audited Accounts were duly attached to

the Annual Report.

Mr. Malik Naseer Ahmed informed the House that the Audited Accounts for the year ended June 30, 2026 had been placed before the House for consideration and approval.

The House unanimously approved the Audited Accounts for the year ended June 30, 2026.

Participants	The President, Muhammad Asad Iqbal, Mr. Sohail Masood, Mr. Omer Khalid, Sheikh Muhammad Shahid Inam and Mr. Malik Naseer Ahmed.
Approval	Approved.

11. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Income Tax/FTR held on August 04, 2026.
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Discussion:

Mr. Jamshed Murtaza Badar stated that in the meeting scope and role of the newly constituted Export Facilitation Committee was discussed. Secondly, concern regarding the audit notices being issued by the FBR, particularly the selection of exporters for audit was also discussed.

The President informed the House that the matter had already been discussed with the

members. He stated that a briefing session on the newly constituted Export Facilitation Committee had been held, in which SCCI tax consultants, including Mr. Imran Rana, had participated. He further informed that the first formal meeting of the Export Facilitation Committee was scheduled to be held the following day.

The President further explained that the Committee had been constituted specifically to facilitate exporters and address their tax-related issues. He stated that exporters in the Sialkot region would be protected from unnecessary audits under the normal tax regime, and that resolving such matters would be one of the key responsibilities of the Export Facilitation Committee. He further clarified that, under the new arrangement, a tax deduction of 1.25% would be applicable to exporters. The benefits of the Export Facilitation Committee would be available exclusively to exporters, particularly those deriving up to 80% of their total turnover from exports.

Mr. Ikram Ul Haq raised a concern regarding the audit exemption being provided to exporters. He stated that, as Vice Chairman of the Committee, he wished to place on record that the matter should be taken up through the Executive Body and appropriate representations should be made to the relevant authorities.

He emphasized that the exemption should not be treated as a temporary facilitation. He observed that, under the existing arrangement, the FBR could potentially reopen the audit of previous years within the prescribed seven-year period, thereby leaving a continuing uncertainty and compliance burden for exporters.

Mr. Ikram Ul Haq proposed that formal letters should be addressed to the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), the Prime Minister, and the Federal Minister for Finance, requesting that exporters qualifying under the applicable tax regime, particularly those complying with the prescribed profit margin of 1.25% or above, should be granted a permanent and explicit exemption from audit for the relevant tax year.

He urged to seek a clear and permanent decision from the Government and FBR in this regard, so that exporters could operate with certainty and without the continuing risk of audits being initiated in subsequent years.

The President informed the House that the matter had already been discussed with the Prime Minister and stated that the proposed arrangement was intended to be a permanent policy rather than a temporary relief. He further stated that exporters paying tax at the proposed rate of 1.25% would be covered under the arrangement.

The President further stated that he had requested the Prime Minister to provide the arrangement in writing to ensure clarity for the business community, particularly in view of the discretionary powers available to the relevant departments. However, he was informed that the matter would be managed through internal arrangements.

The **President assured the House that letters would be addressed to the concerned authorities** and that the Chamber would continue to pursue the matter for a clear written policy and appropriate exemption for exporters.

Participants	The President, Mr. Ikram Ul Haq and Mr. Jamshed Murtaza Badar.
Approval	Approved.

12. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Research Management for Sustainable Development held on August 12, 2026.
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<u>Discussion</u>	Dr. Raza Ullah Shah informed the Committee that a meeting had been held in which the Director General, Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR), was
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also invited. He stated that, after detailed deliberations, the following proposals were discussed and agreed upon:

It was agreed that Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI), in coordination with the participating universities and the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR), would facilitate structured industry visits. Each participating university would be linked with 5–7 industrial units with the following objectives:

- i. To identify the actual technical, testing and research requirements of the participating industrial units.
- ii. To assess and map the laboratory equipment available at universities that required calibration, and to establish the necessary calibration traceability in line with the requirements of ISO 17025 accreditation.
- iii. To disseminate information regarding PCSIR's student research testing waiver facilities among BS, MPhil and PhD researchers, enabling them to avail themselves of the available testing facilities.
- iv. To explore the possibility of including relevant industry experts and PCSIR scientists in the Boards of Studies of the participating universities, where appropriate.
- v. To arrange technical seminars, scientific lectures, workshops and practical training sessions by PCSIR experts at universities in Sialkot, with a view to enhancing students' practical knowledge and strengthening industry–academia collaboration.

Mr. Iqbal Asad inquired about the progress made under the MoU signed with the concerned departments and universities. He further stated that the Government had made significant investments in institutions such as PCSIR to facilitate the industrial sector. He highlighted that substantial amounts were being spent on testing services, particularly by the leather and surgical industries.

Dr. Raza Ullah Shah informed the Committee that SCCI was regularly coordinating with the concerned universities and the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR). He stated that considerable progress had been made in establishing coordination with the universities, and formal letters had also been issued to facilitate further engagement.

He further informed that SCCI was planning visits to PCSIR and the participating universities to identify available testing facilities, technical resources, research capabilities and other relevant facilities that could be utilized for the benefit of local industry. He added that extensive coordination had already been undertaken with the universities. He expressed hope that visits to PCSIR would commence in September 2026.

Dr. Raza Ullah Shah acknowledged that establishing effective industry–academia linkages was a gradual and challenging process; however, once the initial visits and collaborations commenced, practical cooperation, particularly in the areas of testing, research and technical support, was expected to develop rapidly.

The President appreciated the efforts of Dr. Raza Ullah Shah in bringing various Government institutions, including PCSIR and the National Productivity Organization (NPO), along with the universities, at a common platform at Sialkot Chamber and facilitating the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs). He termed these efforts a commendable achievement and expressed hope that they would contribute towards developing a strong culture of research and development (R&D) in Sialkot.

The President further observed that hundreds of Phd. faculty members had been

appointed in universities, representing a valuable pool of experts that could be effectively connected with local industry. He emphasized that stronger liaison between universities and industry could provide substantial benefits through product research, innovation, testing and technical development, which was the need of the time.

Mr. Salman Sheikh stated that efforts were being made to develop a more effective industry–academia collaboration model. He shared that international models, particularly from the UK, demonstrated strong industry support and funding for university research, laboratories and testing facilities, enabling universities to deliver better results.

He highlighted that local institutions such as PCSIR have limited resources and testing capabilities. He suggested that SCCI should strengthen coordination among universities, PCSIR and other government-supported institutions having laboratories and technical facilities, so that available equipment and expertise could be jointly utilized for industry-related research, testing and product development.

He further proposed developing a structured model whereby university professors and students could work directly with industry to identify practical problems, conduct research, utilize laboratory facilities and develop solutions. He emphasized that such collaboration, supported by government and industry funding, would not only address the immediate technical requirements of local industries but would also provide students with practical exposure and create opportunities for future investment and industrial development.

Participants	The President, Mr. Salman Sheikh, Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Asad and Dr. Raza Ullah Shah.
Approval	Approved.

13. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Gloves & Footwear Industry held on August 05, 2026.
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Discussion

Mr. Sohail Masood informed that the meeting discussed the adoption of new technologies and modern machinery, identification of potential suppliers for the Gloves and Footwear Industry, and issues relating to the availability, sourcing, and procurement of raw materials for these sectors.

He further stated that Mr. Haroon Kabeer, a member of the Committee, had emphasized the growing importance of international certifications, sustainability standards, and regulatory requirements, including EUDR, PPWR, EQDR, LWG, CS3D/HR3D, and Digital Product Passport (DPP). He proposed to establish a Help Desk/Mentorship Platform at the Chamber through which he could voluntarily provide practical guidance to members on product development, technology, sustainability, ERP systems, certifications, marketing, and other technical matters.

Mr. Sohail Masood further stated that some Committee members had also requested that visits to leading companies be arranged to provide members with practical exposure to modern technologies, machinery, and industrial practices.

The President replied that Mr. Haroon Kabeer was a private consultant working as an agent and was not authorized to issue CE certification. He could only facilitate or refer members to the relevant certification agencies.

Mr. Sohail Masood clarified that the proposed role of Mr. Haroon Kabeer was to guide members regarding the appropriate sources and procedures for obtaining certifications, including CE certification. He stated that such guidance would enable members to follow the correct procedures, save time and reduce unnecessary expenses.

Mr. Hassan Akbar stated that he had heard from Mr. Ikram Ul Haq and Mr. Majid Raza Bhutta that there was considerable potential for growth in the Footwear Industry. However, despite this potential, the industry had not developed to the desired level, particularly due to a lack of technology and other related facilities. He, therefore, asked Mr. Sohail Masood to brief the House regarding the initiatives undertaken over the years for the development of the Gloves and Footwear sectors and the support, if any, obtained from the Government for their growth.

Mr. Sohail Masood explained about the Gloves and Footwear Industries.

A Member asked whether the proposal for establishing a Help Desk/Mentorship Platform had been approved or not.

Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad stated that similar proposals had been received to him and he had generally declined such requests. He explained that the Chamber could not formally entertain or facilitate private entities. He added that approximately 8-10 similar requests had been received during the year from different Embassies and other entities seeking the establishment of desks or similar arrangements, but these requests had not been entertained for the same reason.

Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad proposed that, instead of establishing a Help Desk involving private entities, the information regarding certification requirements, procedures, approved sources, technical requirements, and other relevant matters for different industries should be collected, properly documented, and made available through the Chamber's library and website. He emphasized that this approach would enable the Chamber to facilitate its members without formally associating itself with any private consultant, supplier, or service provider.

Mr. Sohail Masood agreed with the proposal of Mr. Murad Arshad.

Participants	The President, Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad, Mr. Sohail Masood and Mr. Hassan Akbar.
Approval	Approved.

14. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting on visit of Mr. Khalid Mahmood Tippu, Commissioner (Gujranwala Division) Punjab Revenue Authority, Gujranwala held on August 08, 2026.
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Discussion.

The President informed that the Commissioner and Additional Commissioner of the Punjab Revenue Authority (PRA) had visited the Chamber, where detailed discussions were held regarding the applicability of PRA taxation to exporters. He further stated that a meeting had subsequently been held with the Chairman, PRA during which the Chamber requested that exporters should not be subjected to PRA taxation. However, the PRA had maintained its position that exporters were required to register with the Authority. He added that similar discussions had also been held with the PRA during today's meeting.

Mr. Ikram-ul-Haq stated that the matter primarily concerned federal taxation and, from the perspective of exporters, the business community should remain within the federal taxation framework administered by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR).

The President explained that the PRA's position was based on the existing provincial laws, rules and regulations, under which every business entity, whether an exporter or a local business, was required to pay tax. He stated that, according to the PRA, exporters were not being treated as service providers but as withholding agents in respect of services obtained from other service providers.

He explained by way of example that where an exporter engaged a cargo or

transport company to move goods from Sialkot to Lahore, the transport company was providing a taxable service. Therefore, according to the PRA's interpretation, the exporter was required to withhold the applicable tax from the payment made to the service provider and deposit the same with the Government.

The President further stated that the PRA remained firm on its position and that another meeting had been held today at 10:00 a.m. on this issue. He said that differing views existed among the members regarding whether exporters should voluntarily register with the PRA or continue opposing such registration. He noted that Mr. Zulfiqar Hayat, who had been associated with the matter for a considerable period, continued to favour efforts to avoid registration and payment of PRA tax.

The President, highlighted the case of M/s. KM Ashraf of potential risks of non-registration. He said that voluntary registration would enable businesses to complete the required formalities themselves and manage their tax affairs in accordance with the applicable requirements.

Mr. Ikram-ul-Haq stated that there were differing opinions among the members and that no final decision had yet been reached. He suggested that the Chamber should obtain information from major Chambers in other provinces before reaching a final position. He proposed writing to the Peshawar, Karachi and Quetta Chambers to ascertain whether exporters in those provinces were registered with their respective provincial revenue authorities and whether they were required to withhold and deposit provincial sales tax on services in a similar manner.

He further suggested seeking information from the Lahore and Faisalabad Chambers regarding the prevailing practice in Punjab and whether exporters in those cities were facing similar requirements. He emphasized that comparative information from other Chambers would help the Chamber determine whether the issue was being applied uniformly across the country or whether exporters in Sialkot were facing disproportionate pressure.

Mr. Ikram-ul-Haq expressed the view that Sialkot, due to its large number of exporting companies, should not become a test case for the implementation of a policy that could subsequently be extended throughout Pakistan.

The President clarified that the matter was not specific to Sialkot, as the PRA law was applicable throughout Punjab. He stated that the PRA had provided examples of businesses in different sectors and areas that had already been registered with the Authority.

He referred to the case of marriage halls, stating that thousands of marriage halls had been brought into the PRA registration framework. In Sialkot, approximately 20–25 marriage halls had reportedly been registered and fines of around Rs. 1 million each had been imposed. He observed that voluntary registration, at an earlier stage, could potentially help businesses avoid such enforcement-related complications.

Mr. Ikram-ul-Haq reiterated that domestic businesses and businesses making domestic sales should appropriately fall within the provincial taxation framework, whereas exporters should continue to remain under the federal taxation system applicable to exports.

The President stated that Mr. Ikram-ul-Haq's point was valid and that the matter had also been discussed during the meeting with the Chairman, PRA, in the presence of a tax consultant. He explained that the Chairman, PRA, had maintained that, under the existing provincial law, there was no distinction between an exporter and a local business entity for the purpose of taxable services. According to the PRA's position, an

exporter remained a business entity and was therefore required to register.

Mr. Hassan Akbar expressed concern over the manner in which the PRA was pursuing businesses and stated that frequent telephone calls and follow-ups were creating a sense of pressure among the business community. He stated that the PRA appeared to be seeking to make exporters responsible for withholding tax on services obtained from their suppliers.

Mr. Murad Arshad questioned why the responsibility should rest with the exporter when the cargo or service provider itself was providing the taxable service and receiving payment for it. He stated that if a cargo company charged an exporter Rs. 1 million for freight and included a separate service charge, the service provider should itself be responsible for declaring and paying the applicable tax.

The President clarified that the PRA's position was that both parties had responsibilities. According to the PRA, the service provider was required to discharge its tax liability, while the recipient of the service was also required to act as a withholding agent and report the transaction. He explained that the PRA viewed this as a mechanism for cross-checking transactions and ensuring compliance by both the service provider and the recipient.

Mr. Murad Arshad reiterated that the business community was concerned about being placed under an additional provincial taxation mechanism when the services in question were already subject to taxation through the service providers. He emphasized that, if the objective was to collect tax on local services, the responsibility should primarily remain with the service providers rather than creating additional compliance obligations for exporters.

Mr. Sohail Masood emphasized that unless all stakeholders remained united and worked together on a common platform, the business community would continue to face pressure and would not be able to achieve the desired results.

Participants	The President, Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad, Mr. Ikram Ul Haq, Mr. Hassan Akbar and Mr. Sohail Masood.
Approval	Approved.

15. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Small Business Development held on August 10, 2026.
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Discussion: Sheikh Muhammad Shahid Inam briefed the House on the minutes of the meeting. He stated that Mr. Sarwar Hanif, Project Director, Sports Industries Development Centre (SIDC), had been invited to brief the participants on the services and facilities being offered by SIDC.

He said that Mr. Sarwar Hanif highlighted the services available for SMEs. He stated that SIDC was producing footballs and bladders and had expanded its operations into composite sports goods, including paddle rackets, cricket bats, field hockey sticks, women rackets, and pickleball paddles. He further apprised that upcoming product lines included fishing rods, ice hockey equipment, and boating paddles.

Sheikh Muhammad Shahid Inam further stated that Mr. Sarwar Hanif emphasized that the installation of a solar energy system at SIDC could significantly reduce production costs, as the high cost of electricity was contributing to increased product prices. He informed that the matter had been referred to TDAP for securing a grant from the Export Development Fund (EDF) for the installation of the solar system.

He emphasized that if the President, SCCI, took up the matter with the relevant authorities, the issue could be resolved on a priority basis.

Participants	Sheikh Muhammad Shahid Inam.
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Approval	Approved.
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16 Point discussed.	Approval of Report of Awareness Session on Conversion of Physical Shares into Book-Entry form by SECP and CDC held on August 11, 2026.
Discussion:	
The President informed the House that an awareness session had been organized by the SECP and CDC regarding the conversion of physical shares into book-entry form. Mr. Jamshed Murtaza Badar stated that newly incorporated companies were required to register their shares with the CDC, while existing private companies must convert their physical shares into electronic/book-entry form before processing any transfer, transmission, or succession of shares. He further informed that the applicable conversion fee was waived till February 2027. The existing companies could avail of the fee waiver by completing the conversion during this period and after that a fee would be charged.	
Participants	The President and Mr. Jamshed Murtaza Badar.
Approval	Approved.

17. Point discussed.	Approval of Report on three Health Awareness Sessions held on August 12,20 & 21 2026.
Discussion:	
Mr. Aamer Mahmood informed the House that three awareness sessions had been organized during the previous month. The first session was held in collaboration with the relevant authorities, where Professor Ahmed Saeed delivered a lecture on nutrition and community health. The second session was arranged in collaboration with Hamid Latif Hospital, during which Professor Faisal Waseem Iqbal delivered a presentation on fatty liver disease. An MOU was also signed with Hameed Latif Hospital. The third session was organized with the Wazirabad Cardiology Department, with Dr. Faisal Rasheed and Dr. Naeem Tariq participating in the session. He further informed that an MOU had also been signed with Shifa International Hospital and its written confirmation dated August 01, 2026 had been received, hence the agreement was active. He requested that the information be circulated accordingly. Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad appreciated the efforts of Mr. Aamer Mehmood and observed that his Committee had remained the most active committee throughout the year. He stated that Mr. Aamer had organized the highest number of awareness sessions.	
Participants	Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad and Mr. Aamer Mehmood
Approval	Approved.

18. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting with Collector of Customs, Sialkot held on August 12, 2026.
Discussion:	
Mr. Jamshed Murtaza Badar said that the new Collector was welcomed at the Chamber. Mr. Mohsin Rafiq participated in the meeting online and was appreciated for his positive role in resolving issues related to the Export Facilitation Scheme (EFS). It was agreed that any further issues or concerns would be addressed through close coordination and collaboration with the Chamber. The Chamber also expressed its satisfaction with the effective working relationship with the new Collector.	
Participants	Mr. Jamshed Murtaza Badar.

Approval	Approved.
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19 discussed.	Point	Approval of minutes of meeting with a delegation from Privatization Commission, Government of Pakistan held on August 13, 2026.
Discussion:		
Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad stated that a delegation from Privatization Commission, Government of Pakistan, visited the Chamber regarding proposed privatization of GEPCO. He informed that the privatization process had been under consideration for the past two to three months. The Government was moving forward with the process and had kept the Chambers on board. The appointed intermediary company had been briefing the stakeholders regarding the entities proposed for privatization and the terms and offerings involved. He further informed that the process was currently in the pipeline.		
Participants	Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad.	
Approval	Approved	

20 discussed.	Point	Approval of Report of Awareness Seminar on EU Packaging & Packaging Waste Regulation held on August 15, 2026.
Approval	Approved.	

21. discussed.	Point	Approval of Report of Seminar on European Union Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism held on August 19, 2026.
Approval	Approved.	

22. discussed.	Point	Approval of Minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Human Resource held on Aug 22, 2026.
Discussion:		
Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad stated that a meeting of the Human Resources Committee was held to discuss the annual salary increments of Chamber employees, renewal of contracts of capable employees, and their grade upgrades. He appreciated the dedicated efforts of the Chamber employees.		
Participants	Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad	
Approval	Approved.	

23. discussed.	Point	Approval of Minutes of Meeting of Departmental Committee on Membership/Bye-Laws held August 28, 2026.
Discussion:		
Mr. Salman Sheikh stated that the outcome for the month was very positive, as 1,034 Associate and 14 Corporate members were registered during the month . He noted that membership data was growing rapidly and emphasized the need to plan for this expansion. He further highlighted the importance of strengthening the system to effectively utilize membership data and project future growth, particularly with the increasing participation of young local entrepreneurs.		
Participants	Mr. Salman Sheikh.	
Approval	Approved.	

Any Other Point

24. Mr. Aamer Mahmood informed the House that the Sialkot Chamber had previously donated two ultrasound probes to Wazirabad Institute of Cardiology and that the Institute

had now requested two additional probes for the facilitation of patients. He stated that a quotation amounting to Rs. 800,000/- had been obtained and requested approval for the donation.

The President highlighted the importance of cardiac care facilities and appreciated the Institute's services, particularly in facilitating angioplasty and angiography for patients referred by the Chamber.

Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Asad said that the donation was for the welfare of patients which should be approved.

Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad suggested that the required amount be collected from the EC Members, with any remaining amount, if necessary, to be contributed by the Sialkot Chamber.

The House agreed to the proposal of Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad.

25. Mr. Salman Sheikh stated that only one photocopier was currently installed in the Sialkot Chamber's Library for the facilitation of members, which was insufficient. He highlighted that members visiting the Membership Department faced difficulties in photocopying their documents. He further informed that the existing photocopier in the library was outdated and not functioning properly. He requested the purchase of two new photocopier machines, one for the Membership Department and the other for the library, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.0 million.

The President informed the House that the request had been received from the Secretariat.

After thorough discussion, the House unanimously approved an amount of Rs. 1.0 million for the purchase of two photocopier machines, one for the Membership Department and the other for the library.

26. The President informed the House that the Sialkot Chamber had committed a contribution of Rs. 1 million to Fatima Jinnah Park. He stated that he had personally paid the entire amount.

The House appreciated his personal contribution and commitment of the President.

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

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