

# **THE SIALKOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

## **Minutes of Meeting of the Executive Committee**

**Held on June 30, 2022.**

**01.** A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry was held on June 30, 2022 at 1200 hours at Sheikh Muhammad Shafi Hall of the Sialkot Chamber.

**02.** Mian Imran Akbar, 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 Choudhry Jahangir Rashid.

**04.** The following members attended the meeting:

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| • Mr. Imran Akbar             | President             |
| • Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi | Senior Vice President |
| • Mr. Qasim Malik             | Vice President        |
| • Mr. Ali Amer Bhatti         | -Member-              |
| • Sheikh Sohail Zafar         | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy      | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Asif Ali                | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Aneel Sarfraz           | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Muhammad Ahsan ul Haq   | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Muhammad Idrees         | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh      | -do-                  |
| • Choudhry Jahangir Rashid    | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Naeem Yousaf            | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Shoaib Imtiaz           | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Ahmed Imtiaz Khan       | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Awais Ahmad             | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz        | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Saleem Akhtar Bhutta    | -do-                  |
| • Mr. Adnan Yousaf            | -do-                  |
| • Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan     | -do-                  |
| • Mrs. Shabnam Asif           | -do-                  |

**05. Leave of Absence**

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| • Mr. Qaisar Iqbal Baryar | -Member- |
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**06. Members who could not attend meeting**

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| • Mr. Shahid Nadeem Mughal | -Member- |
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**07. Special Invitees.**

- Malik Naseer Ahmed, Chairman Departmental Committee on Accounts
- Sheikh Zahid Hameed , Chairman Departmental Committee on Garrison/HQ/Cantonments

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

1. Wife of Mirza Bashir Baig (Late) M/s. B-Dream Company
2. Mian Tariq Son of Mr. Yasin Tahir, Former Federal Secretary
3. Mr. Shahid Ismail, Elder Brother of Mr. Rahat Chand, Former Vice President

4. Haji Tariq Mahmood, Younger brother of Mr. Saleem Mahmood, M/s. S.S. Medident
5. Mr. Ch. Kausar Javed, Father of Ch. Jawad Sharif, M/s. Raza Khalid and Company
6. Mother-in-Law of Mr. M. Ejaz Chaudhary M/s. Szco Mfg. Co.

<b>09.</b>	<b>Point discussed.</b>	Approval of minutes of meeting of Executive Committee held on May 31, 2022.
<b><u>Discussion:</u></b>		
<p>Sheikh Zahid Hameed, Chairman Departmental Committee on Garrison, gave a presentation about working of his Committee and special incentives given for members of this Chamber, on instructions of the Executive Committee on Point No. 11 of the minutes. (Presentation attached with minutes)</p> <p>Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim expressed his concern on the facilities of Service Club. He said that the dining membership of the members gotten as per the MOU with Services Officer Mess (SOM) had been terminated.</p> <p>Sheikh Zahid Hameed replied that a few senior members who had gotten dining membership of Services Club against payment of full fee of PKR 200,000/- had raised the issue with higher concerned authorities of Cantonment about MOU signed with SCCI, especially the difference of membership fees.</p> <p>The Department had contacted this Chamber, in this regard, but requested to consider the MOU signed between SCCI and GOC for the facilitation of members. He said that the dining membership of Services Club gotten by members on behalf of this Chamber was not cancelled. Nobody was stopped to dine at the SOM. He also shared that he organized a function last week at SOM and no such problem was faced by him. Sheikh Zahid Hameed assured that issue would be resolved amicably.</p> <p>Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim said that he had no issue about the Forms printed for the members. The issue was to define categories like Cantonment Resident's Card, Non-Residents' Card and SCCI's Members' Card which he had disagreed and emphasized that the SCCI's Departmental Committee on Garrison HQ/Cantonment Board Affairs should take up these matters which were only related to the members of Sialkot Chamber from this platform.</p> <p>Sheikh Zahid Hameed replied that in last meeting of the Executive Committee, an issue was raised by Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim that only the issues of the Cantonment residents were discussed instead of all members in Departmental Committee on Garrison while it wasn't the case. Moreover, it was also suggested that issues of all members of Sialkot Chamber should be discussed rather than of only the residents of Cant. In order to clarify, it was decided that the record of working of Cantonment Committee would be put up in today's Executive Committee to see the Special Incentive given for members of this Chamber. Hence a presentation was given in this meeting.</p> <p>The President said that the members had not expressed any concern about working of the Departmental Committee. The concern was to define categories like Cantonment Resident's Card and Non-Residents' Card. It had been requested that Departmental Committee on Garrison HQ/Cantonment Board Affairs should take up matters which were only related to the members of Sialkot Chamber from this platform. Anyhow, the President appreciated Sheikh Zahid Hameed about services done by him and also said that the Chamber would ask for his opinion and help in whatever future issues arise.</p> <p>Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim asked Sheikh Zahid Hameed about the action</p>		

taken by the Committee on the proposal of Master Card for getting 50% discount on the services of Cantonment, as discussed in the meeting with Lt. Gen. Muhammad Aamer, Corps. Commander, Gujranwala.

Sheikh Zahid Hameed replied that the letter had been written by the President SCCI to Lt. Gen. Muhammad Aamer, Corps. Commander, Gujranwala for approval of proposals discussed in the meeting with him.

Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim said that the facility of Master cards were only available to the Army personel or their families. It would never be approved for Civilians.

The President explained that Lt. Gen. Muhammad Aamer, Corps. Commander had offered for discount rates. He made it very clear and also instructed Maj. General Naseem GOC-15 Div. to waive 50% rates for the members of SCCI. The President informed that the Corps. Commander asked him two to three times about number of registered members of SCCI which he replied to be 16000 approx. The Corps Commander offered to give discount to all of them.

Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh said that there was dire need of state of the art Gym Khana having all facilities in Sialkot. He requested the President to initiate the project of Sialkot Gymkhana during his tenure.

The President replied that the matter was already under consideration with the Government Authorities including Chief Secretary. He informed that the point had been discussed in a meeting with Chief Secretary who agreed for the arrangement of land for establishment of Sialkot Gym Khana. The Chief Secretary had further instructed the concerned Departments to identify the land. The Chief Secretary had assured that the Government would arrange a piece of land while other arrangements would be made by Business Community by their own which he agreed. The President said that the work was being done and he had a meeting in this regard. The latest information would be shared to members.

Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Ul Haq pointed that the reports of visit of Lt. Gen. Muhammad Aamer, Corps. Commander, Parliament and NUST University were missing in Agenda.

The President replied that the meeting with Lt. Gen. Muhammad Aamer, Corps. Commander was not part of agenda because it was a dinner function. Moreover, the Notices of Meetings had not issued by this Chamber, and in case any member had a point relating to it, that could be discussed.

Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Ul Haq asked Sheikh Zahid Hameed to explain the criteria that how the Executive Committee Members were invited in the meeting with Corps. Commander. He said that some of the senior members had been dropped for meeting due to objection of Security Clearance/ Non-genuine businessmen/blackmailer which was shameful for the Executive Committee Members. He condemned it and requested to Sheikh Zahid Hameed to explain the issue.

The President informed that he had personally investigated about the word "Blackmailer" but did not find any clue of it being used. Moreover, he discussed with the person who suspected that he had used this word but he had also refused on "Oath". The President said that after this meeting, he would arrange a meeting in his Office with him for his satisfaction. The President said that it was an objectionable word; therefore he had done a proper investigation. The President said that there were so many issues about non clearance of Security but could not imagine it being security risk.

Sheikh Zahid Hameed explained that the Department of Security Clearance had its own procedure to clear the Security and it was their routine work like making a phone call to individuals for verification or getting information. In case no proper reply was received or not being satisfied, they dropped the name from list. Secondly, the list of members for meeting with the Corps. Commander had been shared with the President.

The President said that he would not comment on the participants list. He shared that he tried his best to postpone meeting by requesting Corp. Commander Staff. He also requested to meet with with four people, Office Bearers and Chairman Departmental Committee on Garrison.

Secondly, as concerned to participants list, he was told that the Executive Committee Members and names of some Senior Members who were residents of Cantonment was planned to include which was accordingly done. He further said that one of the reasons for non-clearance of security could be time constraint to finalize the meeting with the staff of Corps Commander, as he stated. There was not any involvement of Chamber to remove the names of members from the list.

Mr. Naeem Yousaf requested to share the list of members who had not Security Cleared

The President replied that this number could be confirmed by raising hands of the members.

Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi endorsed the view point of the President and said that it was a misunderstanding done from other side but not from Chamber. He said that all the members were respectable to this Chamber.

Mr. Naeem Yousaf asked that why all members were not gotten on board.

Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Ul Haq agreed with the President and said that it was right that all members could not accompany in all meetings but this was not the case here. This was an issue of personal liking & disliking. He said that security clearance and contact to members are two different things. He also agreed with Sheikh Zahid Hameed about the process of Security Clearance.; the objection was that some members were not contacted. He said that it was a matter of concern, if the Executive Committee Members of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry did not have security clearance. He said that it should be clarified that how the names of some EC members were dropped.

Mr. Qasim Malik suggested that a Sub-Committee comprising of EC Members should be formed to thrash out the matter and submit report.

Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy opposed and said that it should be decided in this meeting.

Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh shared that he had also not been received security clearance confirmation call, therefore, met the President SCCI in his office and discussed the issue. The President shared the list sent to Corps. Commander Office wherein the names of all Executive Committee Members including his were mentioned. On enquiry, he came to know that his mobile number given in the list was not operational during that time. He said that members who had not been confirmed might have their mobiles turned off or have any similar kind of issue like signal etc.

The President said that many members had reservations on this point and would not complete in such short time, therefore, requested that as suggested by Mr.

Qasim Malik that a Sub-Committee headed by Mr. Naeem Yousaf might be formed to probe and submit a report within 24 hours, to take further necessary action.

Sheikh Sohail Zafar said that viewpoint of the house be gotten on this proposal.

Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy requested the President to allow him to brief the matter.

Mr. Qaisar Ikram Dodhy explained that on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Muhammad Sarwar, Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi and Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Ul Haq received a telephonic call from the office of Corps. Commander for the confirmation of dinner meeting. Fifteen minutes later, the President received similar call. The Office requested to President for some information but he replied that other information could be gotten from SCCI. It became main cause of the issue because the President did not know that false information would be provided from the Chamber.

The President requested to mention the name of person who provided wrong information.

Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy replied that Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi had shared wrong information by keeping in view of his personal liking & disliking. He should explain that why he had provided wrong information and how the position of the members would be clarified whose false information had been provided.

Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Ul Haq requested the President that Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethis should clarify his position, in this regard, and should make corrective measures and action.

Chaudhary Jahangir Rashid shared that Security Clearance Officers of Corps. Commander Dinner Meeting came to his factory for getting information of his Foreign Buyers. He called them in his Office and discussed in detail about the invitation list of Corps. Commander Dinner Meeting. They replied that a list of 20 Members was received from SCCI and as per routine, they had contacted all members from which 4-5 members did not attend call and 2 members responded in a rude attitude and did not provide information, therefore, their names were dropped from the list. Mr. Jahangir said that he asked about the invitation of Mian Naeem Javed and Main Muhammad Riaz. He replied that they had been directly invited by Corps. Commander Office.

Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy said that a group of 10-11 comprising of sitting & former EC members had been formed by them who arranged or attended programs together. During the last two months, they had attended two functions in Cantonment Area, one at Polo ground and the other hosted by General Islam. Unfortunately, the names of five EC Members who had recently attended two functions were dropped due to security clearance which was a matter of concern.

Mr. Naeem Yousaf agreed with the explanation of Chaudhary Jahangir Rashid with the comments that it covered one side while on the other side, why SCCI did not get onboard to Executive Members. He said that the Chamber should get on board and inform its Executive Members priorly about the Security Clearance Calls.

The President replied that SCCI could not be involved in all matters because it was the personal matter of Security Clearance Department to clear the Security.

Mr. Muhammad Idrees said that the matter was directly relating to the Office

Bearers therefore, it should be clarified from their side instead explanation by the EC Members.

Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi stated that he had the similar stance like Chaudhry Jahangir Rashid, as shared by him. He said that he had not issued any kind of list and nor had any information about it. He came to know at the time when the concerned Security Clearance staff visited this Chamber for getting the information which he had provided. He had only fulfilled his data verbally while as concerned to security clearance, the Department had its own procedure. There is nothing like the members saying that he had given their data. It was just a misunderstanding of the members. Mian Muhammad Riaz, Mian Naeem Javed and other members were invited directly by the Office of Corps Commander.

Mr. Aneel Sarfraz said that it meant that list was not provided by this Chamber.

Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi replied in negative.

Mr. Aneel Sarfraz asked who had provided the list.

Sheikh Sohail Zafar said that the Security Clearance Officers came to his home for getting information where he also invited Mr. Awais Ahmed and Mr. Adnan Yousaf. He checked the list for invitation provided by this Chamber, in detail, and found that names of some EC Members were missing, therefore, he immediately contacted some of them and shared the information. On inquiry, it was informed that some members were missing due to Security Clearance.

Sheikh Zahid Hameed confirmed that the names of all EC Members were sent and mentioned in the list, no one's name was dropped.

The President said that discussions had going, on the same point, for the last 45 minutes without any outcome. He made a policy statement that this Chamber had not removed the name of any EC Members from the list and in case the Security Clearance Department had removed the name due to some issue like non-attendance of the phone or any other reason, the Chamber could not say anything in this regard. He personally did not desire to invite so many members but when the Corps. Commander Office emphasized then a list comprising of 34 members including all Executive Committee Members was provided by this Chamber and after that did not make any interference on the list. The President suggested that they should be careful in future and sort out such cases three to four days, in advance, to make sure that all members had security clearance and then Office Bearers should attend the meeting with maximum participation of members.

Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy replied that the members had not any complaint from the President. He enquired from Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi if thought that Mr. Muhammad Sarwar, Mr. Ansar Aziz Puri, Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Ul Haq and Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy were not genuine businessmen and shouldn't they have attended the programme? He said that such statement had been given to Security Clearance Staff from this Chamber.

Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi replied and stated that "Mr. Muhammad Sarwar, Mr. Ansar Aziz Puri, Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Ul Haq and Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy are all genuine businessmen. They were all representing 16000 members of such respectable organization and he was always proud of them. All the Executive Committee Members were highly respectable and feather of their head and bound to respect them and resolve their issues whatever arising for the betterment of business community of Sialkot, betterment of the economy of Pakistan and betterment of the popularity and prestige of the organization".

Mr. Asif Ali said that the President had stated according to his knowledge but there was an issue which was known to all. Lots of discussion had been held on the topic. Moreover, Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi had also given an explanatory statement in his speech that all the members were respectable businessmen; therefore it should not be discussed further and be careful in future. He said that suggestion of the President should be followed for future programs by making it a policy. He said that even his name was missing in the list which he included by requesting someone.

Mr. Ali Amer Bhatti suggested that a fact finding Sub-Committee under the supervision of Mr. Naeem Yousaf could be formed to thrash out the matter as suggested by Mr. Qasim Malik.

The President replied that it had been suggested earlier 30 minutes ago but the members did not agree.

<b>Participants</b>	The President, Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Mr. Qasim Malik, Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy, Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Ul Haq, Mr. Naeem Yousaf, Mr. Muhammad Idrees, Sheikh Sohail Zafar, Mr. Asif Ali, Mr. Ali Amer Bhatti, Mr. Aneel Sarfraz, Chaudhary Jahangir Rashid, Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh, Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim and Sheikh Zahid Hameed.
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>10. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of Statement of Accounts for the month of May 2022.
<b><u>Discussion:</u></b>	
<p>Mr. Aneel Sarfraz inquired about the details of Air Conditioners mentioned on Page No. 2 Expenditure sub Point 28-P10 and Page No. 3 Point No. 1.2.</p> <p>Mr. Amir Rashid Wyne replied that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Air Conditioner had been donated to Women Chamber</li> <li>• One Air Conditioner had been installed in PSW Cabin Office</li> <li>• A 2 ton Air Conditioners had been installed in Chamber's Mosque.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Awais Ahmad said that he had observed that the Expenditure of this Chamber had increased as compared to its Income which should be controlled.</p> <p>Malik Naseer Ahmed agreed and said that the routine expenditure like Electricity Bills, Repair &amp; Maintenance, Printing &amp; Stationery etc., which were mentioned in Monthly Accounts Statement had increased due to increase in rates. It needed to be controlled. He said that the amount of PKR 1,661,087, was the short fall against Income &amp; Expenditure while accumulative short fall was Rs. 200,000/- till month of May, 2022. He said that expenses of the Chamber had increased comparatively with last years.</p> <p>The President requested that the members could give direction to control the expenses.</p> <p>Mr. Adnan Yousaf requested the President to change the Executive Chairs.</p> <p>The President replied that it had already been approved by the house for purchase of new Chairs, hopefully Chairs would be replaced soon.</p> <p>Mr. Awais Ahmad suggested that membership fees could be increased.</p>	

Malik Naseer Ahmed informed that the other funds like Education, R&D, Sports & Culture etc., were charged from the members with Membership/Renewal fee that were included in Income. If transferred directly in the income head, then, the income would be five times increase (profit) instead of the loss.

**The President asked whether there was legal objection to transfer of these funds in income.**

**Malik Naseer Ahmed replied that there was no objection.**

**The house approved to transfer all above fee in the Income Head.**

Sheikh Zohaib Rafique said that Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry had set a system for getting the contribution from members in different heads like Shalimar Hospital, education, etc., by attaching a check list with renewal fees. He said that it could be followed.

Malik Naseer Ahmed replied that the Chamber members already contributed in different heads like Khud Kafalat Rozgar Trust, Child Labour funds etc.

Malik Naseer Ahmed said that major expenses had made in the heads of Staff Salaries, Entertainment and Miscellaneous which needed to be controlled or to increase the fee to manage it.

The President agreed to control the expenses instead of increase in fee. He suggested that if the Executive Committee formulated a policy to control the expenses, the Office Bearers would make implementation on it.

Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy opposed to increase the fee.

Malik Naseer Ahmed said that the point to form an Audit Committee was rejected in last Executive Committee due to misinterpretation. The purpose to form the Committee was to keep check/thrash the bills submitted in Executive Committee.

The President replied that the Executive Committee was authorized in this regard.

Malik Naseer Ahmed shared that the Accounts Committee had found a voucher of issuance of amount PKR 35000/- to an Employee for special medical allowance without completing the requirements by the Accounts Department which was a not a good practice. He requested the Vice President that he should check the supporting documents along with voucher before approval.

Mr. Qasim Malik replied that the amount of PKR 35000/- was issued to an employee for the payment of hospital bill. The bills had been received which could be seen.

The President requested the house to keep check on such bills before approval.

<b>Participants</b>	The President, Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Mr. Qasim Malik, Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy, Mr. Adnan Yousaf, Mr. Awais Ahmad and Mr. Aneel Sarfraz.
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<b>11. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Education held on June 06, 2022
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>12. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of minutes of meeting of Departmental Committee on Surgical Instruments, Health, Personal Care and Allied Industries held on June 17, 2022
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>13. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Employers & Workers/Vendors Dispute held on June 22, 2022.
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>14. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Dryport/ Airport/ Shipping/ Railways/ Transportation held on June 25, 2022.
<b>Approval</b>	The meeting was postponed

<b>15. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of Report of meeting with a delegation of British High Commission, Lahore held on June 01, 2022.
<b>Discussion:</b>	
<p>Aneel Sarfraz said that members were invited in this meeting also under the pick &amp; chose policy.</p> <p>The President denied it.</p> <p>Mr. Aneel Sarfraz explained that some members had been called for a meeting and instructed not to tell about this telephonic call. He did not receive the call.</p> <p>Mr. Ali Amer Bhatti shared the detail and said that Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi made a telephonic call to some Executive Committee Members, one day before the meeting with the delegation of British High Commission with the request that it should not be shared that he had made a phone call to them because the President was not willing to invite Executive Committee Members. He said that he did not intend to degrade anyone. The issue was the procedure adopted by SVP to invite the Executive Committee in such a credible institution. Secondly, if the President had not allowed, then why he made phone calls?</p> <p>The President replied that the delegation of British High Commission did not have an important agenda; it was just a profile making meeting which could be checked by studying the minutes, therefore, he did not consider inviting all the members.</p> <p>Amir Majeed Sheikh said that it was the second time when SVP had used name of the President and shared the information with members. The President did not clarify the house about question asked by him whether he had told the SVP or not. It must be clarified.</p> <p>The President replied that he had clarified his position on the point.</p> <p>Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy said that President had clarified that he did not wish to invite EC Members, keeping in view the lack of importance of the meeting.</p> <p>Sheikh Sohail Zafar said that SCCI is a credible organization having the dignity &amp; honor at National and International level which must be maintained. The members present here were only due to this organization. He said that it was an</p>	

Official Meeting and the members could be called officially instead of privately. He condemned the approach of Senior Vice President to call the members privately for his self projection.

Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi said that all the members knew that daily schedule of meetings was placed on the tables of Office Bearers and Secretaries. Hence, 8-10 EC members already knew about the meeting which they confirmed to him. Moreover, he received many calls from the members for getting information relating to this Chamber and being an office holder, he was bound to speak the truth. He said that it was not an issue for the members, as well as Chamber. He said that he would be happy if members could study the minutes of meeting and ask questions relating to it and if there was any shortcoming that could be taken up with the concerned.

Mr. Qasim Malik said that it was not the issue of the members that why they had been invited in the meeting, the issue was that the instructions of the President should be followed. There should be coordination between Office Bearers.

Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi said that it was the practice that Executive Committee Members came in the Office of the President, during the meetings, got seated, although they were not invited but could not be requested to leave. He said that already 8-10 members knew about the meeting while some others made a phone call for confirmation which he replied accordingly. He said that the issue could be that the members could not attend the meeting. He said that officially, no message was sent.

Mr. Ali Amer Bhatti said that officially the President, SCCI was authorized and if he had disallowed inviting the members in meeting then why Sheikh Zohaib Rafique violated the decision.

Sheikh Zohaib Rafique replied that he did not invite anybody.

Sheikh Sohail Zafar refused and said that Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi made telephonic call to some members for meeting instead of all and he had record of the phone calls. He said that if he had respect for all members then he should make a phone call to all members or share in the group. He said that it confirmed the personal likeness & dislike.

Mr. Naeem Yousaf said that the personal liking & disliking of Sheikh Zohaib Rafique had been confirmed as a result of discussion. He had shown his behavior like a school children and being a mature businessman it should not happen. He said that Sheikh Zohaib Rafique should accept it to proceed with the meeting further. He requested the President control the SVP as enough was enough. He also shared that Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan had asked him about the invitation for Parliament which he did not reply. She asked the right question because nobody was invited for the visit of Parliament Visit.

Mr. Asif Ali said that Sheikh Zohaib Rafiq Sethi called the meeting of the members despite disallowing the President which was his mistake. He said that SVP and VP should follow the instructions of his President regarding the meetings or other matters of the Chamber.

Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Ul Haq said that Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi should accept his mistake, if done. Moreover, the clarification given by SVP was valid but he could not overrule the President.

The President said that in future more care would be taken in dealing with such issues.

<b>Participants</b>	The President, Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Qasim Malik, Qaiser
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	Ikram Dodhy, Mr. Naeem Yousaf, Mr. Aneel Sarfraz, Mr. Ali Amer Bhatti, Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh, Sheikh Sohail Zafar, Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Ul Haq and Mr. Asif Ali,
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>16. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of Report on visit of H.E Sheikh Noori Muhammad Ahmed Ali, Khadim Roza-e-Rasool Pak (SAW) held on June 01, 2022.
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>17. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of report of meeting with a delegation of Trade & Investment Officers/Commercial Attaches to be appointed in foreign Countries by Ministry of Commerce held on June 10, 2022
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>18. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of Report to hear and view Federal Budget Speech 2022-23 held on June 10, 2022.
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>19. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of report of Seminar on Conflict Management under SCCI's Business Executive Course held on June 11, 2022.
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>20. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of minutes of meeting on visit of Mr. Arsalan Haider, Cantonment Executive Officer Sialkot held on June 14, 2022.
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>21. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of report of seminar on Solar Power Loan for Small & Large Businesses held on June 21, 2022.
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>22. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of Report of meeting with a Delegation of Malaysian Businessmen held on June 23, 2022.
<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>Mr. Naeem Yousaf asked as how many days ago the meeting was planned.</p> <p>The President replied 4-5 days ago.</p> <p>Mr. Naeem Yousaf said that it was a high profile business community delegation, therefore, said that it could had been better to share their portfolio with the members so that they could be asked questions related to their business. He suggested that information of such meetings should be shared with EC members well before time, held in future, so that they could make preparation with professionalism.</p> <p>The President replied that the meeting was held on the request of TDAP and the delegation was similar to British High Commission delegation, as discussed earlier. Moreover, sectors of the Sialkot Industry were not discussed in the</p>	

meeting.	
<b>Participants</b>	The President and Mr. Naeem Yousaf.
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>23. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of Report on visit of World Bank Team on June 22, 2022.
<b><u>Discussion:</u></b>	
<p>Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy said that he had not been invited for said meeting. He came to know about the meeting by seeing picture uploaded on Social Media.</p> <p>The President replied that the members could consider the importance of meeting by studying the minutes of meeting and comments of members. The meeting was called on special request of the Government Officials to fulfill a formality. It was the reason that all EC Members had not been invited in the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Ali Amer Bhatti suggested that the Secretariat of this Chamber should share the agenda point of meetings with EC Members well before in time for their information and if necessary, they could attend the meeting.</p> <p>The President replied that he was not willing to hold the meeting but was forced, therefore, meeting was held.</p> <p>Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi said that Ministry of Planning &amp; Commission had requested for the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Qasier Ikram Dodhy asked the President if only two members could hold the meeting with World Bank representatives.</p> <p>The President replied that even he (Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy) could hold meeting alone.</p>	
<b>Participants</b>	The President, Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Mr. Qasier Ikram Dodhy and Mr. Ali Amer Bhatti
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

<b>24. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of minutes of Meeting of Departmental Committee on Sports Activities held on June 27, 2022
<b><u>Discussion:</u></b>	
<p>Mr. Asif Ali, Chairman Departmental Committee on Sports Activities said that the minutes were placed on the table and the members could ask question, if they wish.</p> <p>The house appreciated Mr. Asif Ali for conducting Sports Event.</p> <p>The President said that one of the members of Committee Meeting had suggested that Chamber should get in control the Jinnah Cricket Stadium/High Performance Center after completion of its work to further look after with the permission of Government. He said that it required huge amount for the maintenance which was not feasible to spend by this Chamber. Moreover, the house had already approved to control expense; therefore, the point should be cancelled.</p> <p>The house agreed and cancelled the point.</p>	
<b>Participants</b>	The President and The House.

<b>Approval</b>	Approved.
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<b>25. Point discussed.</b>	Approval of minutes of Meeting of Departmental Committee on Membership/Bye-Laws held on June 28, 2022.
<b>Approval</b>	Approved.

**Any other point.**

**26.** Mr. Qasim Malik, Chairman Departmental Committee on Fairs & Exhibitions/Delegations informed that the Sialkot Chamber and Industry (SCCI) would be organizing a Business Forum/Trade Delegation to Japan during the month of October 2022 in collaboration with the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan TDAP, wherein multiple sectors of Industry of Sialkot would be shortlisted by TDAP as per their rules. He further mentioned that SCCI had received 103 applications out of which 7 applications were received after due date of 27 June, 2022. He added that as per the instructions received from TDAP, the applications received within due date would be forwarded to TDAP, Sialkot Office for selection and further processing.

The house unanimously approved and appreciated Mr. Qasim Malik on his working as Chairman of Departmental Committee on Fairs & Exhibitions.

Sheikh Sohail Zafar asked as who would lead the delegation on behalf of this Chamber.

The President replied that Mr. Qasim Malik should lead the delegation.

**27.** Mr. Adnan Yousaf highlighted the issue of load shedding and said that it had become an alarming issue for the industry, therefore, suggested that the Chamber should play its role.

The President agreed with Mr. Adnan Yousaf and said that the Chief Executive of a country had given the statement and also shared the information about load shedding. It had become a National issue and in such difficult situation, the Chamber should support the Government instead of strike.

Mr. Adnan Yousaf said that he had not proposed for strike but suggested to request SC GEPCO for sharing the schedule of load shedding.

The President replied that SC GEPCO had no information about load shedding schedule.

Mr. Adnan Yousaf suggested that it should published in SCCI bulletin that the Chamber had planned a meeting with the concerned on the issue of load shedding for the information of members.

**28.** Sheikh Sohail Zafar said that delegations of various trade bodies like Surgical, Sports etc. visited the TDAP office to meet its officers. He asked whether the Sialkot Chamber had also formed a delegation.

The President replied that the Trade Bodies had visited DG TDAP Office but the DG TDAP visited the Sialkot Chamber twice. All the issues were discussed with him.

**28.** Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan requested that a proper message should have been sent to all EC members for the visit to Parliament because both women members had planned to become part the visit.

The President replied that the visit of the Parliament had not been confirmed. It was on a chance that if time would be available during the visit of NUST University, the Parliament would also be visited, if confirmed.

Sheikh Zohaib Rafiq Sethi said that the visit of the Parliament was canceled twice planning. The visit of NUST University was confirmed, therefore it had been planned that if they got time or confirmation from Parliament then they would visit the Parliament. He said that he had mentioned clearly in the message sent to all EC members through WhatsApp Group that visit to NUST would not be cancelled but he would try his best to get confirmation from Parliament.

Chaudhry Jahangir Rashid said that the Sialkot Chamber was a credible Organization, therefore, the members should avoid visiting such places where they were not been properly invited. They should visit officially with proper invitation.

Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi said that they were officially invited because the letter for the approval of visit of Parliament was sent from this Chamber, which was on record. On the basis of that letter, the visit was confirmed. As per the procedure, request for visit had to be made minimum 10 days before the visit. The confirmation from NUST University was received, therefore, request was made to concerned staff of Parliament to consider the request which had already been sent. They replied that a delegation from Mansehra had been confirmed but would try to approve and give space for the delegation of SCCI.

Chaudhry Jahangir Rashid said that the delegation of Mansehra should not have been compared with Sialkot Chamber's delegation because Sialkot Chamber had its own worth and importance. It should have been given a special protocol to Sialkot Chamber's delegation. He expressed his opinion that visit to Parliament, in such circumstances, should not have been made. He suggested that a proper delegation with maximum members for the visit of Parliament should be planned next time. The delegation should not be attached with any other delegation during the visit to Parliament.

Mrs. Shabnam Asif suggested that maximum members should accompany on the visit of such institution arranged by this Chamber.

Mr. Asif Ali said that Chaudhary Jahangir Rashid was well informed about the visit of Islamabad and also suggested about the dress code of visitors to Parliament in the WhatsApp group. He should have discussed, at that time, instead of discussing here.

Mr. Asif Ali said that Chaudhry Jahangir Rasheed was well aware about the visit of Islamabad. In addition, he gave advice in WhatsApp Group about dress code of delegation for parliament and if he knew about the situation, he should have given suggestion, at that time.

Chaudhry Jahangir Rashid replied that he had refused to visit Parliament at the time when he came to know that the Sialkot delegation was being attached to another delegation planned to visit Parliament. Secondly, as concerned to the proposal of Dress Code, it was only for the visit of NUST.

Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Ul Haq said that conclusion of all discussions of last two hours held in this meeting was that the programs were not handled properly due to lack of coordination between the Office Bearers and members. It was their responsibility to execute the programs, in an organized manner, and in this regard, the coordination between the Office Bearers should be very effective who should also communicate with Executive Committee Members about the

programs well in time. He suggested that in future, the programs should be organized appropriately, in order to avoid such misunderstandings.

Mr. Adnan Yousaf suggested that the members should be careful while making comments, on any issue, in the WhatsApp Group. He also endorsed the suggestion of Mr. Muhammad Ahsan ul Haq.

Sheikh Sohail Zafar said that being Pakistani Citizen, he condemned the comments passed by a member of wearing Shalwar Kameez, being improper, for visiting Parliament.

**29.** A briefing was given by Mr. Umair Nisar, Deputy R&D on instructions of Mr. Qasim Malik to the house on the proposal to sign an MOU with Foursource GMBH, a German B2Bplatform for textile based businesses. It was informed that Foursource was willing to offer lucrative discounts to the members of this Chamber opting to utilize the platform.

Mr. Adnan Yousaf shared that his experience with the company was not satisfactory as their employees were found to be offering direct trade leads bypassing the company.

The house, after due deliberation deferred the proposal of the MOU.

**30.** Mr. Qasim Malik said that an application from Mr. Muhammad Sarwar, Naib Qasid had been received requesting therein for extension of tenure for his services.

After thorough discussion, the house unanimously approved extension of tenure for one year of Mr. Muhammad Sarwar.

**31.** Mr. Qasim Malik said that an application for the loan of Rs. 1.5 lacs of Miss Komal Khan, Assistant Social Media & Member's Affair Officer had been received. It had been mentioned in the application that she would return the amount within 5 months.

The President requested Mr. Amer Rashid Wyne to brief on application.

Mr. Amer Rashid Wyne informed that she was serving from the last one and had no entitlement of gratuity, therefore, the house could decide on it.

After thorough discussion, the house unanimously approved the application with deduction of amount from her salary in 5 installments in 5 months as mentioned in her application.

**32.** Mr. Qasim Malik said that an application from Mr. Imran Fazal, Naib Qasid for the loan of PKR 110,000/- to purchase a Honda CD 70 had been received. His gratuity was PKR 50,000/-. He asked that how the difference of amount of PKR 60,000/- could be managed, whether it should be paid as loan or grant.

Malik Naseer Ahmed said that the rules to issue of loan had been mentioned in the Service Rules which should be followed. He said that the loan could be issued against the gratuity. He said that the service rules had not been followed while approval of application of Miss Komal Khan because she was serving from one year and was not entitled of gratuity. He asked about security against the application for loan.

Mr. Qasim Malik replied that applications were put up in the house to discuss for approval/disapproval. Mr. Qasim Malik said that in addition, four applications of

the staff of their medicals bills less than amount of PKR 50,000 had been received for approval. Details are given below:-

- Mr. Shahzad Ahmed Qasid, Reimbursement of Medical Bill of his Wife PKR of 20,000/-
- Mr. Sagar Masih, Sanitary Worker, Reimbursement of Medical Bill of his Wife of PKR 41487/-
- Mr. Shahzada Fahad, Record Incharge, Reimbursement of Medical Bill of his Wife of PKR 28931/-.
- Miss Hina Abid, Membership Assistant, Reimbursement of Medical Bill of her treatment of PKR 25,500/-

After thorough discussion, the house unanimously approved all applications with the condition to follow the Human Resource Policy.

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