

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE LAHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
HELD ON 25.3.2025 AT 11:30 HOURS
IN AMIN HALL, LCCI BUILDING**

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Name of Member Organization</u>
1.	Mian Abuzar Shad (In Chair)	President	Victoria Fabrics (Pvt) Ltd.
2.	Mr. Khalid Usman	Sr. Vice President	Water Regime (Pvt) Ltd.
3.	Mr. Shahid Nazir	Vice President	Filter House (Pvt) Ltd.
4.	Mr. Faheem-Ur-Rehman Saigol	E.C. Member	Nasir & Sons.
5.	Mr. Asif Khan	E.C. Member	ZXMCO Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd.
6.	Mr. Irfan Ahmad Qureshi	E.C. Member	Matchless Engineering (Pvt) Ltd.
7.	Mr. Abdul Majeed	E.C. Member	Dot Print (Pvt) Ltd.
8.	Mr. Manzoor Hussain Jaffery	E.C. Member	Karawan-E-Hussani International (Pvt) Ltd.
9.	Malik Ahad Amin	E.C. Member	Malik Ahad Amin.
10.	Mr. Muhammad Muneeb Monnoo	E.C. Member	Olympia Oils (Pvt) Ltd.
11.	Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad	E.C. Member	Risan Engineering Industries (Pvt) Ltd.
12.	Syed Hasan Raza	E.C. Member	Dairy Solution (Pvt) Ltd.
13.	Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Shahid	E.C. Member	Ahsan Traders.
14.	Mr. Khurram Lodhi	E.C. Member	Lodhi Traders.
15.	Sh. Muhammad Fayyaz Ahmad	E.C. Member	Atlantic The Network Company.
16.	Mr. Karamat Ali Awan	E.C. Member	Awan Services International (Pvt) Ltd.
17.	Mr. Amir Ali	E.C. Member	China Favor Star.
18.	Ms. Aamna Randhawa	E.C. Member	Victoria Textile Mills.
19.	Mrs. Firdous Nisar	E.C. Member	Tarz Fashion Cottage.
20.	Mr. Kashif Anwar	Ex. Officio	AMK Engineering (Pvt) Ltd.
	Mr. Shahid Khalil	Secretary General LCCI	

1. RECITATION FROM THE HOLY QURAN

The meeting began with the recitation of the Holy Quran.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:-

1.	Mr. Asif Malik	E.C. Member	Trafco Tracking (Pvt) Ltd.
2.	Mr. Ehtisham-Ul-Haq	E.C. Member	Alpha Chemicals (Pvt) Ltd.
3.	Mr. Waqas Aslam	E.C. Member	Super Foods (Pvt.) Ltd.
4.	Mr. Shouban Akhtar	E.C. Member	N Stars Corporation.
5.	Syed Salman Ali	E.C. Member	Abid & Company (Pvt.) Ltd.
6.	Mr. Mohammad Sajjad	E.C. Member	Hafiz Sajjad Motors (Pvt.) Ltd.
7.	Rana Muhammad Nisar	E.C. Member	Ghufraan Enterprises.
8.	Mr. Omar Sarfraz	E.C. Member	Omer Steel Traders.

9. Mr. Riaz Shahid	E.C. Member	Khan Mushtarka Goods Transport Co.
10. Mr. Tanveer Ahmad	E.C. Member	Eiffel Industries Ltd.
11. Mr. Muhammad Imran Saleemi	E.C. Member	Rainbow Stores.
12. Mr. Amir Saeed Mian	E.C. Member	Mian Travel & Trade (Pvt) Ltd
13. Mr. Ali Imran	E.C. Member	Ali Enterprises

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE EC MEETING

- 3.1 Mr. Kashif Anwar requested the Chair to note that certain points, he had raised in the previous meeting, were not included in the minutes, and he urged the Chair to issue necessary instructions in this regard. Mr. Khalid Usman, the Senior Vice President, stated that all the matters that are in the interest of the Chamber should be part of its official record, and he requested the Chair to direct the Secretary General to review the content submitted by Mr. Kashif Anwar.

4 LIST OF ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 The Secretary-General provided an overview of the Chamber's activities over the past 60 days, highlighting that 257 meetings, in almost 50 days, are a record.

Special recognition was accorded to Mr. Khurram Lodhi for his efficient coordination regarding Chinese language classes at LCCI.

- 4.2 The President emphasized the Chamber role towards strengthening of business community relations with the government, citing unprecedented access to top offices such as the President of Pakistan, Prime Minister, Senate Chairman, and Governor of Punjab. Notably, during a meeting with the Punjab Governor, the Chamber was commended for facilitating international engagements, including the Iranian delegation's visit to the LCCI Shopping Festival. He further said that LCCI engagement with the offices of NAB and SIFC reflect the Chamber's elevated profile. The President underscored milestone achievements, including the resolution of critical trade bottlenecks such as the release of 600 containers within 72 hours ahead of Eid holidays through PM office. Additionally, a historic PKR 2 crore donation was secured for LABARD. The President acknowledged the Executive Committee's collective efforts, stating, "*All credit goes to my Executive Committee, I am only a part of it*" and praised the EC's unprecedented meeting attendance as a testament to their commitment.

The Secretary General sought approval of the list of activities. The House granted approval.

5. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- 5.1 The Secretary-General sought approval of the statement of accounts. The House granted approval after discussion.

6 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the following Standing Committee were approved in the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 25.3.2025, with some observations recorded below:

- *It was decided that anything approved in the minutes, contrary to Chamber policy or LCCI Articles or having financial implications, will be considered "not approved." Moreover, all functions of the standing committees will be organized on a self-financed basis.*
- **All Delegations would be as per LCCI SOPs through Delegation Department.**

S. #	Standing Committees	Date of Meeting
A.	Pak China Trade Promotion	30.12.2024 & 4.2.2025
B.	Electromedical & Scientific Equipment	1.1.2025, 21.1.2025 & 19.2.2025
C.	Rice	3.1.2025
D.	Women Entrepreneurs Business Forum	3.1.2025
E.	Mental Health Awareness	4.1.2025
F.	Freight Forwarding	6.1.2025
G.	Handicrafts	6.1.2025
H.	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)	7.1.2025
I.	Poultry Traders	7.1.2025
J.	Supply Chain & Logistics	7.1.2025
K.	Issues of Marble, Granite & Tiles Dealers	8.1.2025
L.	Religious Affairs	8.1.2025
M.	Religious Tourism	8.1.2025 & 25.2.2025

N	Distributors Affairs	9.1.2025
O.	Iron and Steel Sheet	9.1.2025
P	Overseas Issues	9.1.2025
Q	Retail Merchants, Spices and Dry Fruits	9.1.2025
R	Used Cars	9.1.2025
S	Health & OTC Products	11.1.2025 & 10.2.2025
T	Integrated Marketing	11.1.2025
U	TEVTA & TVET Skills	13.1.2025
V	Flower & Decoration	14.1.2025
W	Readymade Garments	14.1.2025 & 17.2.2025
X	Scientific Instrument	14.1.2025
Y	Textile Imports	14.1.2025
Z	Pak Japan Trade	15.1.2025
AA	Pak-USA Educational BPO and Language Promotion	15.1.2025
AB	Research & Development (R&D)	15.1.2025 & 29.1.2025
AC	Central Asia Trade Facilitation	16.1.2025
AD	Ports & Shipping	16.1.2025
AE	Pakistan Uzbekistan and Afghanistan Trade Promotion	17.1.2025
AF	Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)	18.1.2025
AG	Customs Valuation and Import Affairs	20.1.2025
AH	Dry Fruit & Karyana Merchants	20.1.2025
AI	Skill Training and Business Development	22.1.2025
AJ	Used Machinery and Parts	22.1.2025

AK	Dairy & Livestock	23.1.2025
AL	Air Cargo	25.1.2025
AM	Anarkali Affairs	25.1.2025 & 27.2.2025
AN	Business Development	25.1.2025
AO	Legal Affairs & Taxes	27.1.2025
AP	Clothing Marketing	28.1.2025
AQ	Developers	28.1.2025
AR	National Freight & Logistics Policy	28.1.2025
AS	Pak-Portugal Trade & Agriculture	28.1.2025
AT	Art, Culture & Heritage	29.1.2025
AU	Plastic Industries	29.1.2025
AV	Solar Accessories and Parts Trading	29.1.2025
AW	Electric Parts	30.1.2025
AX	Laboratory Chemicals & Equipment	3.2.2025 & 25.2.2025
AY	Manufacturers of Gems and Jewellery	3.2.2025
AZ	Social Governance	3.2.2025
AAA	Young Entrepreneurs	3.2.2025
AAB	Joint Meeting of S/Cs on Stainless Tube Manufacturers and Market Affairs	4.2.2025
AAC	Pak China Trade Logistics	4.2.2025
AAD	Joint Meeting of S/Cs on Auto Parts and Automobiles Rubber Parts	6.2.2025
AAE	Pak-France Trade Promotion	6.2.2025
AAF	Pakistan Turkey Business Promotion	7.2.2025
AAG	Veterinary Business	7.2.2025

AAH	Chemical Manufacturers	8.2.2025
AAI	Tri-Wheel Vehicle Manufacturing & Parts Import Issues	8.2.2025
AAJ	Legal Education	10.2.2025
AAK	Textile Machinery Parts Traders	11.2.2025
AAL	Interfaith Harmony	12.2.2025
AAM	Overseas Pakistani	12.2.2025
AAN	Higher Education Commission	13.2.2025 & 26.2.2025
AAO	Pakistan-Poland Trade Relations	13.2.2025
AAP	Technical Education & Skill Development	13.2.2025
AAQ	Joint Meeting of S/Cs on Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Import & Export and Traders of Fruits & Vegetables	14.2.2025
AAR	Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Import & Export	27.2.2025
AAS	Pakistan-Australia Business Promotion	14.2.2025
AAT	Veterinary Pharmaceutical	15.2.2025
AAU	Halal Certification	18.2.2025
AAV	International Import & Export Promotion	18.2.2025
AAW	Liaison with SMEDA	19.2.2025
AAX	Anti Drugs	20.2.2025
AAZ	Mobile Phone Parts	20.2.2025
AAZ	Walled City	20.2.2025
AAAA	Filter Association	21.2.2025
AAAB	Goods Transport & Logistics	21.2.2025
AAAC	LWMC Affairs	22.2.2025
AAAD	Readymade Garments Association	22.2.2025

AAAE	Bi-Wheel Auto Industry	24.2.2025
AAAF	LESCO related Markets Affairs	24.2.2025
AAAG	Pak Korea Industrial Parts	24.2.2025
AAAH	Primary & Secondary Education	24.2.2025
AAAI	Trade of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables with India	24.2.2025
AAAJ	Issues of Steel Pipe Manufacturing and Steel Mills	25.2.2025
AAAK	National Tariff Commission	25.2.2025
AAAL	Liaison with Parliamentarians	26.2.2025
AAAM	Sweets & Confectionery	26.2.2025
AAAN	Trade with Schengen Countries	26.2.2025
AAAO	Auto Parts and Bearing	27.2.2025
AAAP	Hotel Affairs	27.2.2025
AAAQ	Steel Melters and Re-Rolling Mills	27.2.2025
AAAR	Rachna Industrial Estate Lahore	27.2.2025
AAAS	Textile Machinery & Industrial Parts	28.2.2025
AAAT	Women Economic Empowerment	28.2.2025
AAAU	Environment	1.3.2025
AAAV	Tourism Potential in Pakistan	1.3.2025
AAAW	Startup & Business Incubation	4.3.2025
AAAX	Punjab Curriculum & Textbook Board	6.3.2025
AAAY	SME	8.3.2025
AAAZ	Membership	11.1.2025,18.1.2025, 25.1.2025,1.2.2025,8.2.2025

		15.2.2025 & 1.3.2025
AAAA	International Fairs Exhibitions & Delegations	27.12.2024 & 16.1.2025
AAAB	International Visa Processing & Approval	6.1.2025 & 14.1.2025

7 ISSUES OF TRADE & INDUSTRY & ANYOTHER ITEM

7.1 Mr. Kashif Anwar raised concerns regarding trade and industry matters. He requested to formally add these issues in the agenda under the heading "*Trade and Industry and Other Matters*". He informed the House that he had already submitted a written complaint to the Secretary-General expressing his strong disapproval of certain members who had published derogatory remarks in newspapers against a former office bearer. He demanded that: a) A dedicated agenda item be created to discuss disciplinary action against such elements b) A committee comprising EC members be formed to investigate such incidents, c) The membership of those found guilty be revoked to uphold the Chamber's dignity. He emphasized that no member, regardless of his or her affiliation, should give disrespect to any current or former office-bearer of the Chamber.

Mr. Kashif Anwar sought leave from the Chair because of his scheduled court hearing; the Chair granted the leave. The Chair sought the approval of the House on the matters raised by Mr. Kashif Anwar. The House unanimously declined his requests.

7.2 Ms. Firdous Nisar expressed reservations with the Chair about her role in LCCI. Engr. Khalid Usman, Senior Vice President while responding to her points promised to resolve the matter.

7.3 Mr. Faheem-Ur-Rehman Saigol informed the House about the issues related to FBR harassment, with particular reference to the auto sector and old machinery importers. He requested the Chair to raise these concerns through the LCCI platform in order to get relief for the business community. The President informed the House that businesses must first address their own shortcomings, as these are often the root-cause of FBR scrutiny. The Chair assured the House that these matters would be taken up with the FBR for their early resolution.

7.4 Mr. Abdul Majeed raised concerns regarding unannounced load shedding in the wake of weekly repair and maintenance, issues of overbilling by LESCO, and the significant reduction in solar unit prices from Rs. 37/unit to Rs. 9/unit by the government. In response, the Chair directed to invite LESCO Chief to LCCI immediately for the resolution of LESCO related matters. He also directed to send a letter to Mr. Awais Laghari, Federal Minister for Energy, regarding LCCI representation on LESCO Board and also forward the copies of both letters to the Chairman NAB and SIFC.

- 7.5 Mr. Irfan Qureshi spoke at length about the severe crisis being faced by the tractor industry. He said, "We are sustaining our operations, protecting our workforce, and preserving our institutional integrity by paying our vendors through assets sale and despite these efforts, the tractor industry remains shut down. "Despite the fact that the LCCI wrote a letter to Chief Minister, the tractor industry continued to suffer". The President LCCI issued immediate directives to the Secretary-General to send letters to Chairman SIFC, Mr. Qaiser Sheikh, Federal Minister for Industries and Mr. Haroon Akhtar Khan, Special Assistant to Prime Minister for Industries and Production. The President stressed that the primary objective of these communications is to expedite high-level engagement and find urgent solution to revive the tractor industry.
- 7.6 Syed Hassan Raza raised concerns regarding FBR's powers under Section 38, highlighting that even with complete inventory records, businesses face undue harassment. He cited instances where penalties were imposed despite sales growth of 15-20%, stressing the need to establish clear parameters with FBR to prevent arbitrary actions. He emphasized the need for digital transformation to reduce reliance on physical banking, pointing out that many global economies have shifted to branchless banking while Pakistan lags behind. In response to the issues raised, President LCCI directed to send letters to Chairman FBR and Nab highlighting issues of harassment by FBR under Section 38. He also suggested taking up the matters pertaining to banking sector with Governor State Bank and Federal Minister Finance.
- 7.7 Mr. Khurram Lodhi raised serious concerns regarding FBR's raids on business premises. He said that the business community is consistently singled out and held accountable. He proposed forming a Think Tank Committee from the LCCI Executive Committee members to comprehensively brief the President LCCI on these issues. Additionally, he stressed the need for LCCI presence at Government Department Boards to ensure fair consideration of business concerns. The President LCCI informed members that the Chairman NAB is scheduled to visit LCCI in mid-April, and assured the house that all relevant files documenting these issues would be formally submitted to him for resolution.
- 7.8 Mr. Asif Khan raised issues concerning BOPP film importers, highlighting that the benefit of SRO 656 was withdrawn by the government on the recommendation of EDB. He said that due to this withdrawal of SRO 656 the prices of BOPP film have increased significantly, causing considerable hardship for capacitor manufacturers and affecting their ability to run operations smoothly. He suggested holding a meeting at LCCI with capacitor manufacturers and representatives of EDB to discuss matters related to SRO 656. In response, the Senior Vice President said that there is no objection in holding a meeting with capacitor manufacturers at LCCI.
- 7.9 Mr. Fayyaz Sheikh raised two critical issues concerning POS integration and LCCI renewal process. On the POS matter, he expressed disappointment that despite the fact that LCCI has raised concerns with the FBR Chairman during his visit to LCCI and submitting a formal request through the SVP, no action was taken by FBR in this

regard. He highlighted how FBR target retailers, importers, and service providers without clear categories, issuing arbitrary notices to businesses and speed money for "deactivation" from the POS integration. He stressed that timely intervention by the Chamber could have prevented this harassment. Regarding renewals, he proposed a streamlined system to establish membership renewal desks at various markets in Lahore by LCCI Executive Committee Members to facilitate its members. The Chair asked the Secretary-general to send a letter to FBR Chairman demanding transparency in POS integration and halting coercive practices.

- 7.10 Mr. Amir Ali raised concerns regarding the prevalence of undocumented economic activities and inadequate bookkeeping practices among businesses. He emphasized the importance of routing all sector-specific matters through the relevant Executive Committee (EC) members to ensure proper representation and effective resolution of issues. The Chair directed all EC members to clearly specify their respective sectors of representation to enable proper channeling of matters to concerned members, while emphasizing the expectation for members to actively engage with stakeholders in their designated sectors for more effective resolution of issues.
- 7.11 Mr. Karamat Ali Awan emphasized that all Executive Committee (EC) members should regularly update the house on their performance. He apprised the house about status of Askari Bank case which is resolved from the platform of LCCI. In response, the President instructed all EC members to clearly specify their respective sectors of responsibility for proper delegation and handling of relevant matters.
- 7.12 Mr. Manzoor Hussain Jaffery proposed inviting the Federal Minister for Religious Affairs to discuss matters pertaining to Hajj, Umrah, and Ziarat arrangements. He applauded the exceptional work accomplished in the past six months under the current Office-Bearers. The President LCCI directed the secretary general to send formal letters to the Chairman SIFC and Federal Minister for Religious Affairs emphasizing the importance of tourism industry development and extend an invitation to the Federal Tourism Minister to visit LCCI for focused discussions on tourism sector growth in Pakistan.
- 7.13 Mr. Ahad Amin Malik raised concerns regarding harassment of paper sector businesses by FBR. He proposed increasing the frequency of LCCI trade delegations. He also suggested enhancing the annual foreign remittance limit to USD 100,000 to facilitate in the upcoming Federal Budget 2025-26. In response, the President assured that a formal letter would be sent to the State Bank of Pakistan for revising current

remittance limit. He also directed to explore options for organizing more frequent trade delegation from LCCI to strengthen international business linkages.

- 7.14 Ms. Aamina Randhawa raised the issues pertaining to China delegation announced by LCCI. Engr. Khalid Usman, Senior Vice President showed his concern that we have announced this delegation after complete discussion with Chinese Consul General in Lahore, who assured us his full support in this regard. Now, cancelling this delegation would backfire. He suggested constituting a committee to look into the matter for a win-win situation for LCCI. The Chair directed Mr. Khurram Lodhi and Mr. Amir Ali to have a meeting with Chinese Consul General in Lahore immediately and discuss the LCCI China delegation.
- 7.15 Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed raised issues related to Rachna Industrial Estate and requested the chair to take up this matter. He also said that LCCI should work on updating training curriculum for industrial workforce in collaboration with UET and TEVTA to fulfill industrial demands for skilled labour. He suggested that LCCI R&D department should join hands with PIDE for preparing research reports/studies about various sectors of economy. The Chair directed to take up the issues with Federal Minister for Industries, PITAC, Chairman SIFC and HEC for their resolution.
- 7.16 Mr. Shahid Nazir, Vice President said that we are doing our best for the betterment of trade and industry in the country. He assured the house that LCCI never saw such zeal in taking up industry issues that we have shown in our first six months. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by the Vice President.


SHAHID KHALIL
Secretary-General