

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LAHORE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
HELD ON 20.9.2024 AT 11:30 HOURS
IN AMIN HALL, LCCI BUILDING**

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Member Organization</u>
1.	Mr Kashif Anwar	President (In Chair)	A.M.K Engineering (Pvt) Ltd
2.	Mr Zafar Mehmood Ch	Senior Vice President	Naeem Zafar Industries
3.	Mr Adnan Khalid Butt	Vice President	New Kings Packages (Pvt) Ltd
4.	Mian Rehman Aziz Chan	EC Member	M-R Law Chambers (Pvt.) Ltd
5.	Mr. Haris Ateeq	EC Member	Bridel Zone
6.	Mian Jabbar Khalid	EC Member	Feroz Flour & General Mills
7.	Mr Khalid Mehmood	EC Member	The Fuelers (Pvt.) Ltd
8.	Muhammad Riaz-ul-Hassan	EC Member	Ajmair Food (Pvt.) Ltd
9.	Mr Momin Ali Malik	EC Member	Euro Guard (Pvt.) Ltd
10.	Rana Tariq Mehboob	EC Member	Rana Trading Co
11.	Muhammad Usman Sheikh	EC Member	Marhaba Laboratories (Pvt.) Ltd
12.	Mr. Asim Pervaiz Siddiqi	EC Member	Siddiqi & Associates
13.	Malik Muhammad Nadeem	EC Member	Hafiz Brothers
14.	Dr. Shahid Raza	EC Member	S.R Laboratories (Pvt.) Ltd
15.	Mr Khadim Hussain	EC Member	Hussain Trading Co
16.	Sh. Muhammad Ibrahim	EC Member	Cannon Foam Industries (Pvt.) Ltd
17.	Muhammad Tauqeer Malik	EC Member	Bin Qutab International (Pvt.) Ltd
18.	Raja Hassan Akhtar	EC Member	Waris & Company
19.	Mr Rizwan Haider	EC Member	Excellent Packers (Pvt.) Ltd
20.	Mr Khamis Saeed Butt	EC Member	Khamis Papers
21.	Mr Muhammad Usman Malik	EC Member	Usman Tractor House
22.	Ch Wajid Ali	EC Member	United Plastic Company
23.	Mr Muhammad Yousaf Shah	EC Member	Al-Yousaf Enterprises
24.	Mr Muhammad Waseem Yousaf	EC Member	Quality Vision
25.	Mr. Muhammad Ejaz	EC Member	Fair Marketing Pakistan
26.	Ms Fareeha Younas	EC Member	FSN Travels & Tours
27.	Ms Shamim Akhter	EC Member	In-Out Trading (Pvt) Ltd
	Mr. Shahid Khalil	Secretary-General LCCI	

1 RECITATION FROM THE HOLY QURAN

The Meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran and following the tradition, the House offered *Fateha* for the *Eesal-e-Sawab* of;

- Brother of Ch. Zafar Mahmood, Senior Vice President, LCCI.
- Brother of Mr. Abdul Basit, Former President LCCI.
- Mother of Mian Ahmad Fazil, Former EC Member LCCI.
- Brother of Mr. Wahid Bukhsh, Support Staff Member of LCCI.

2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The leave of absence was granted to the following members:-

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| • Mian Nauman Kabir | EC Member | NSM Marketing |
| • Mr. Arjumand Maqsood | EC Member | Mahmood Pharmacy |
| • Mian Attiq-ur-Rehman | EC Member | Al-Jahan International |
| • Mr. Ahmad Ellahi | EC Member | AA Leather (Pvt.) Ltd |

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE EC MEETING

- 3.1 The Secretary-General sought approval of previous minutes of the EC. The House approved. Dr. Shahid Raza stated that he had suggested in the last EC meeting that following the worldwide trend, the LCCI EC meetings should also be held virtually which was endorsed by Mr. Rehman Aziz Chan as well. This proposal is not mentioned in the minutes. The President directed the Secretary General to mention the point in the minutes. Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah also highlighted that the point he raised during the meeting regarding appointment of Election Commission was also not mentioned in the minutes. The President remarked that it was not possible to jot down the entire discussion word by word.

4 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE EC

The Secretary-General sought approval of the Implementation Report on the decisions of the EC, the House approved.

5 LIST OF ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 The Secretary-General sought approval of the List of Activities, the House approved.

6 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- 6.1 The Secretary-General sought approval of the Statement of Accounts, the House granted approval after a brief discussion based on some clarifications and explanations from the accounts Department Head.
- 6.2 Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah complained that the Executive Committee was not being taken on board on important issues.

- 6.3 Mr. Haris Ateeq disapproved the Capital Expenditure Budget saying that the expense has already been made without the approval of EC. He said that approval should have been sought beforehand. The President asked the House to record the disapproval, if any. The House approved the SMD budget with majority vote. Mr. Haris Ateeq agreed with the President for taking the consent of the House.
- 6.4 Mr. Muhammad Usman Malik said that the approval should have been taken before the purchase. The President remarked that this had happened many times that the approval was taken after the expenditures occur; this is not against the law. He also stated that if this act is unlawful, legal forums are available to seek remedy. The President once again asked the House to give approval to the agenda. The agenda was approved by 14:12.

7 MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the following Standing Committees were approved in the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20-9-2024.

It was decided that anything approved in the minutes, which is contrary to the Chamber Policy or LCCI Articles or having financial implications, will be considered "not approved". Moreover, all functions of Standing Committees will be organized on self-financed basis.

All Delegations would be as per LCCI SOPs through Delegation Department.

SR. #	NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE	DATE OF MEETING
A.	Business Tourism Culture & Exchange with USA	10.7.2024
B.	Joint Meeting of S/Cs on Fresh Fruits & Vegetables, Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Export and Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Import	10.7.2024
C.	Awareness on Hong Kong Trade	20.7.2024
D.	Crockery Import	20.7.2024
E.	Law & Order (Rehman Gallian Brandreth Road)	20.7.2024
F.	Joint Meeting of S/Cs on "Encroachment (Abid Market & Allied Areas)" and "Local Trade & Market Affairs (Anarkali Lahore)"	25.7.2024

G.	Pak Latvia Friendship	26.7.2024
H.	Tools & Hardware/HVACR	29.7.2024
I.	Legal Education	30.7.2024
J.	Pakistan Iraq Business Promotion	31.7.2024
K.	Industry-Academia Linkage & Bio-Technology	3.8.2024
L.	Automobile Vehicles Sale (New & Imported)	6.8.2024
M.	Membership	13.7.2024,20.7.2024,27.7.2024,3.8.2024,10.8.2024,17.8.2024,24.8.2024,26.8.2024,31.8.2024, & 31.9.2024

8 FAREWEL TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 8.1 The President said that during his two years tenure as President of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry, he tried his level best to serve the members of this great chamber to the best of his abilities. He also extended his gratitude to the Secretary-General, HoDs and staff of LCCI, for their hard work. He particularly thanked Mr. Rizwan Haider, Mr. Waseem Yousaf, Ms. Fareeha Younis and Ms. Shamim Akhtar for their support. With the support of Mr. Rizwan Haider and Mr. Waseem Yousaf, he was able to raise the issue of dollar price hike in front of Chief of Army Staff. He thanked the whole EC and said that he has no complaints against any EC member as difference of opinion is a reality. He stated that in his tenure, the long standing issue of renewal of ISO Certification was resolved and LCCI got this renewal after six years. He mentioned that the longstanding issue of property tax of LCCI was also resolved. The LCCI got exemption on profits and rents for coming three years as well, he added and stated that the accounts of LCCI are well managed which helped getting these benefits. He said that 99% issues, reached his table, were resolved. He once again thanked the whole EC and Secretary-General for their support. He also stated that the expenses of hospitality of his guests have been borne by him throughout the tenure.
- 8.2 Ms. Shamim Akhtar commented that the financial integrity is need of the hour and it is well shown by the President which is highly appreciated. She said that during these three years of her being EC member, she has also tried her best to get the issues of health sector resolved.

- 8.3 Ms. Fareeha Younis thanked and appreciated the President and all EC members for their support. She stated that she lost her father during this tenure and her bond with the President as a brother and a fatherly figure developed and she learned a lot from him throughout this journey, she added. She stated that the respect given to her in this organization, she never experienced throughout her career. She thanked the Secretary-General for his brotherly support and saluted him. She extended her gratitude to the Senior Vice President for his support and brotherly care during the recent trip to Switzerland as she was hospitalized there. She also acknowledged the support of Vice President. Ms. Fareeha Younus also appreciated Mian Jabbar Khalid, Mr. Khalid Usman, Mr Rizwan Haider and particularly Mr. Raja Hassan Akhtar for their support. While referring to the screen installation, she commented that the good work must be acknowledged and appreciated. She gave standing ovation for the support of President regarding women empowerment as this is the most neglected sector. She added that this kind of work has not been done during the 100 years history of LCCI.
- 8.4 Dr. Shahid Raza apologized to Office-Bearers and the Secretary-General on behalf of Executive Committee in case of any misunderstanding. He also apologized to the whole EC on behalf of the Office-Bearers as well and stated that the difference of opinion doesn't mean grudges in hearts. He thanked the leadership of LCCI for giving him the opportunity to become the EC member including Mian Misbah-ur-Rehman, Sheikh Muhammad Asif, Mr. Iftikhar Ali Malik, Mr. Farooq Iftikhar, Mr. Tariq Misbah. He also thanked President, Senior Vice President, Vice President and the Secretary-General for support and a quick response towards any issue related to trade and industry. He once again extended his gratitude to the leadership of Founders and especially Mr. Mian Misbah Ur Rehman for his mentorship.
- 8.5 Raja Hassan Akhter appreciated the President for taking hard decisions throughout his tenure. He commended the President for starting the tenure with the open door policy for the business community. He appreciated the President for signing MoUs and allowing awareness sessions at LCCI. He appreciated his efforts for recognition of IT sector and holding IT Conference in this regard. He stated that the efforts done for Minority Rights and women empowerments during this tenure are unforgettable. Celebrations on Women's Day and Minority Day are also commendable, he added. He appreciated the first ever Seerat Conference at LCCI. He appreciated efforts for Tourism sector. He extended his gratitude to Senior Vice President and Vice President for playing their positive and supportive role. He appreciated the staff of LCCI, especially the Secretary-General for respect and immediate response on his queries. He requested the house to give the Secretary-General a reward in recognition of his services since last decade. He acknowledged the support of the whole EC as well.

- 8.6 Mr. Muhammad Tauqeer Malik congratulated the Office-Bearers for completing the tenure. He stated that the President has the personality of taking actions timely and aggressively and never leaves anything pending on his table which is appreciable. He suggested that some industry-related issues/points, including IPPs, inflation, etc., should be added to the agenda, and work should continue until the issues are resolved with the concerned authorities. He appreciated the Secretary-General for his quick and positive response on every single assignment given to him. He commended the EC members for cordial working relations throughout the tenure.
- 8.7 Mr. Rizwan Haider said that it is the honour of LCCI that it has always been bestowed with the best and competent team. He said that in his three years being EC member all office bearers were very energetic and he was given the opportunity to serve the business community. He stated that he has tried his best to fulfill the tasks given to him efficiently including the representation in Social Welfare Department, Reforms in Punjab Labour Act and Renovation in LCCI building. He stated that the relevant departments acknowledged the LCCI for its role. He quoted his experience of visiting an industrial zone and said that the systems in LCCI are as accurate and transparent as those there. He appreciated the efforts of top management of LCCI including Office-Bearers and especially the Secretary-General in maintaining such an efficient system. He thanked the President for appreciating the EC members for their efforts.
- 8.8 Mr. Waseem Yousaf shared his good and bad memories of being LCCI Executive Committee member. He stated that there were mix good and bad decisions taken by the Chair but overall it was a good tenure. He thanked the Secretary-General for his positive role.
- 8.9 Ch. Wajid Ali admitted that he has been associated with LCCI since long but this is the first time in his career that a President assumed charge for two years. He appreciated the President for facing all kind of situations positively and appreciated the SVP and VP for supporting him through thick and thin. He appreciated the whole staff under the leadership of Secretary-General.
- 9 Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah commented that he has no good memories of this tenure and the worst was that the President stopped him from praying. He said that he always commented as per the Memorandum and articles of Association and the criticism he has done was just to ensure the compliance of law in LCCI. He complained that the EC room was closed twice in this tenure as well. He appreciated the role of whole staff which was neutral and apart from any discrimination. He stated that he enjoyed working with SVP as the SVP never let him down at any point and responded well as per law. He also appreciated Vice President, Secretary-General and the staff of LCCI for their

support. Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah highlighted that the accounts of LCCI are supposed to be approved by the Executive Committee before being presented in last AGM according to the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

- 9.1 Mr. Muhammad Usman Malik wished and prayed for good health of Mr. Iftikhar Ali Malik. He stated that his experience, being an EC member, with the LCCI Office-Bearers is all good. He commented that it is an honour for him to serve such a prestigious organization. He said that he has never disagreed on the basis of personalities, but on policies. People who have not elected through political process, take criticism personally, he said and added that it is totally healthy from political perspective. He complained that the Office-Bearers and the House didn't take stand for him during his arrest. He appreciated the support and efforts of Secretary-General at every step. He apologized from all and forgave everyone in case of any bad memory. He requested to treat the EC members equally and warmly as they work so hard for this organization. The President stated that he and the Secretary-General was ordered not to interfere regarding the arrest of Mr. Muhammad Usman Malik.
- 9.2 Mr. Asim Pervaiz Siddiqui thanked the whole EC and Office-Bearers and Secretary-General for the support. He requested to take criticism normally as it is healthy for betterment of oneself and the institution as well.
- 9.3 Mr. Muhammad Usman Sheikh stated that it was good working with the current regime and he also complained that his suggestions of organizing "Made in Pakistan" exhibition for increasing exports is not being taken up properly as it is necessary for economic uplift of the country. He complained that no official delegation and any exhibition have been arranged and hoped that this suggestion will be considered by upcoming Office-Bearers.
- 9.4 Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Malik extended congratulations to the Office-Bearers and the entire Executive Committee on completing their tenure efficiently. He expressed remorse for any mistakes made or hurt caused during his term, offering a sincere apology. Mr. Malik acknowledged the valuable contributions of previous Office-Bearers in organizing notable events, including LCCI's 100-year celebrations. Reflecting on his own tenure, he recognized instances of unjustified criticism, which led to negative consequences. However, he highlighted significant achievements in his sector, attributed to the collaborative support of Office-Bearers, the Secretary-General, and the R&D Department, resulting in certifications from TEVTA.

- 9.5 Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Malik expressed gratitude to his seniors, specifically Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim, Rana Tariq Mehboob, and Mr. Adnan Khalid Butt, for teaching him the importance of positivity and constructive action in challenging situations. He praised the President's tireless work ethic and commitment to driving progress without pressure. Finally, Mr. Malik appreciated the dedication of all EC members and the invaluable support of the entire staff, including the supporting staff.
- 9.6 Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Malik inquired whether a Corporate Class member can convert to Associate Class in case of lesser turnovers. He suggested holding separate meetings for Associate and Corporate classes to ensure each receives due consideration. He noted that despite having over 30 members in the House, only a few supported the President during this tenure, suggesting that the Chair should critically analyze this. He also expressed concern that LCCI did not adequately address critical issues such as Ghaza, Palestine, and Khatam-e-Nabuwat. On a positive note, Mr. Malik appreciated the support from the Senior Vice President, Vice President, and Secretary-General. Finally, he urged the members to put aside negative issues and move forward.
- 9.7 Haji Riaz-ul-Hassan thanked the Office-Bearers and EC members for their unwavering support during his three-year tenure. As he completes his term, he extended apologies for any unintentional harm caused. He acknowledged the Secretary-General's exceptional support and the staff's diligence in clarifying his concerns about LCCI's accounts. He appreciated the Secretary-General's timely responses. He expressed his desire for the connections built during his tenure to remain strong in the future.
- 9.8 Rana Tariq Mehboob noted that every member of the House was elected unopposed, marking the end of a 17-18 year alliance. He announced that a new alliance will form after the upcoming elections, but expressed concern that it lacks a manifesto addressing traders' issues. As a policy maker since 2018, he criticized the recent national budget as detrimental to industry and trade, despite efforts to influence it. He warned that Pakistan's economic future looks bleak and emphasized the urgent need for unity among the business community. He appealed to the incoming regime to prioritize a manifesto focused on resolving trade and industry issues, enabling businesses to thrive.
- 9.9 Mr. Momin Ali Malik expressed gratitude to the House and the Office-Bearers for their support. He emphasized that constructive criticism is healthy, but mishandling issues can worsen situations. He praised every EC member for their positive contributions during challenging times. He noted that similar situations may arise every two years and hoped the incoming regime will respect and support Office-Bearers within the House. He

commended the Secretary-General for efficiently handling the awkward situation. Regarding Mr. Muhammad Usman Malik's arrest, he stated he was unaware of the situation; otherwise, he would have offered support.

- 10 Mian Jabbar Khalid shared his positive experience as a three-year EC member, praising the previous regime and sitting Office-Bearers. He highlighted his role in proposing Mr. Shahid Khalil as Secretary-General has just completed 10 years of his service with LCCI. He thanked the Founders Group leadership for the opportunity to serve LCCI. He noted that individuals perform according to their abilities, and not everyone will meet expectations, which is a fact of life. He described LCCI as a "university" offering immense learning opportunities. He appreciated the warm hospitality and prompt responses from LCCI staff.
- 10.1 Mr. Khadim Hussain congratulated the Office-Bearers and EC members on completing their two-year tenure. He praised the cooperative role of Office-Bearers and the President's prompt responses to queries and requests. He also commended the Secretary-General's positive contributions and shared that he learned a lot during this journey.
- 10.2 Mr. Muhammad Ejaz Tanvir, highlighted the President's open-door policy, which ensured immediate responses to the issues. He mentioned an upcoming Dubai expo, where visa issues arose, and the President's proactive meeting with the UAE Ambassador to address the matter. He emphasized the House's unity, stating there is no opposition and they will remain united.
- 10.3 Mr. Haris Ateeq, shared his bittersweet experiences as LCCI Vice President and 5-year as EC member. He expressed gratitude to the House and previous leaders for their support and acknowledged mending ties with the President. He emphasized his honest service, potential utilization, and financial integrity. He pointed out the President's reversals on decisions. He valued relationships with respected seniors and the President's family. He thanked leaders, staff, and Rana Tariq Mehboob for support. He hoped that future LCCI leaders would focus on the business community's growth.
- 10.4 Mr. Haris Ateeq emphasized the importance of constructive conversation in addressing trade and industry issues, rather than aggressive denial. He criticized the President for not securing tax relief for the business community. He expressed his well-wishes for serving the business community and Pakistan, hoping for more effective leadership after the elections. He advocated for free and fair elections, with results accepted in a sportsmanlike

manner. He apologized if his remarks unintentionally hurt anyone, reaffirming his sincerity to the organization. He praised Ms. Fareeha Younis as a highly competent LCCI worker, significantly contributing to women's empowerment. He also commended Ms. Shamim Akhtar for her sector-specific contributions.

- 10.5 Mr. Rehman Aziz Chan commended the President's financial honesty throughout their tenure and expressed hope that future Office-Bearers will uphold the same transparency standards. He also praised the Senior Vice President's warm and welcoming demeanor, suggesting the Vice President focus on fostering greater commitment within the House in the future. He emphasized the importance of maintaining strong relationships among Executive Committee members, considering them a family that will continue to thrive beyond their terms. This sentiment highlights the value of building meaningful connections and a positive work environment, essential for any organization's success.
- 10.6 Mr. Zafar Mahmood Chaudhry, Senior Vice President praised the teamwork among Office-Bearers, citing two years of respectful collaboration. He warmly regarded the President as a brother, reflecting on their productive tenure at LCCI. He emphasized their joint endeavors to enhance the image of the business community. He acknowledged that constructive disagreements are an essential part of democratic processes, showcasing the leadership's commitment to open dialogue.
- 10.6 He extended heartfelt appreciation to EC members for their unwavering support. He highlighted his commitment to respecting all House members. He underscored the significance of honoring the President's position, even in opposition, and took pride in demonstrating this principle. The Senior Vice President thanked EC members for publicly acknowledging their leadership and ensured similar respect for the Vice President. The Senior Vice President praised LCCI staff at all levels for their exceptional service, respect and dedication.
- 10.7 He expressed gratitude to everyone involved, acknowledging that as office bearers, they fell short of expectations. Despite this, he highlighted his efforts to aggressively address business community issues across all platforms. He specifically requested the president to include a company in the audit process, as their application had been received prior to the agenda. The president promptly directed the Secretary-General to investigate this matter. This exchange showcases the importance of accountability, constructive criticism, and open communication in leadership. By acknowledging shortcomings and actively seeking solutions, leaders can foster a culture of transparency and collaboration.

10.8 The Vice President expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Office Bearers and the entire Executive Committee, acknowledging the valuable lessons he learned from each member. He recognized everyone's expertise in their respective sectors and emphasized the importance of learning through time and experience. He then shifted focus to the broader goal of serving Pakistan's economy, transcending differences of opinion. The Vice President proudly stated that they did their best to support the business community. Concluding on a humble note, he apologized to everyone and expressed appreciation for the staff's unwavering support. Specifically, he thanked Mian Anjum Nisar for the opportunity to serve as Vice President of the LCCI. Looking ahead, he urged the House to maintain respect for all members, even after the elections.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by the Vice President.



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