

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LAHORE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
HELD ON 15.07.2020 AT 1130 HOURS  
IN AMIN HALL, LCCI BUILDING**

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Name of Member Organization</u>
1.	Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh (In Chair)	President	Zubaida Associate
2.	Mr. Ali Hussam Asghar	Sr. Vice President	Ali Commercial Corporation
3.	Mian Zahid Jawaid	Vice President	Ahmad Brothers
4.	Mr. Naveed Ullah Khan	E.C. Member	Al-Fattah Toughened Glass Industries (Pvt) Ltd.
5.	Mr. Aqib Asif	E.C. Member	Warsak Engineering Corporation,
6.	Mr. Waqar Ahmad (on Zoom)	E.C. Member	Nestle Pakistan Ltd.
7.	Mr. Naseem-UI-Ghani	E.C. Member	Naseem Enterprises
8.	Ch. Shahzad Aslam	E.C. Member	A.S. International
9.	Mr. Haris Ateeq	E.C. Member	Bridal Zone
10.	Mr. Atif Ikram,	E.C. Member	China Motors
11.	Mr. Nisar Ahmed	E.C. Member	Quality Traders
12.	Mr. Muhammad Arshad Khan	E.C. Member	Muhammad Arshad Khan
13.	Sh. Muhammad Ibrahim	E.C. Member	Cannon Foam Industries (Pvt) Ltd.
14.	Mr. Nusrullah Mughal	E.C. Member	Al-Fatah Industries
15.	Mr. Shafiq Ahmad Butt	E.C. Member	Ayesha Fabrics
16.	Mr. Amir Anwar	E.C. Member	Crescent Dyeing & Embroidery (Pvt) Ltd.
17.	Mr. Fiaz Haider	E.C. Member	BB Chempack Industries (Pvt) Ltd.
18.	Mr. Zia Hyder Naqi	E.C. Member	Synthetic Products Enterprises Ltd.
19.	Mian Sheharyar Ali	E.C. Member	Recreations (Pvt) Ltd.
20.	Malik Muhammad Khalid	E.C. Member	Gojjar Electrical Company
21.	Mr. Khadim Hussain	E.C. Member	Hussain Trading Co.
22.	Sh. Sajjad Afzal	E.C. Member	M/s Afzal Machinery Stores
23.	Mr. Muhammad Asif Sehar	E.C. Member	Haji Asif Group International
24.	Mr. Zeeshan Sohail Malik	E.C. Member	M/s I.Z. Traders
25.	Mr. Wasif Yousaf	E.C. Member	Orient Pak International
26.	Mr. Yasir Khurshid	E.C. Member	Lead Concept
27.	Ms. Uzma Shahid	E.C. Member	Uzma Fabrics

Mr. Shahid Khalil

Secretary General LCCI

**1. Recitation from the Holy Quran**

The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran.

## Condolence

The Executive Committee expressed grief and sorrow over the demise of Father of Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim, EC Member, Father-in-law of son of Mr. Khadim Hussain, EC Member, Mother-in-law and uncle of Engr. Sajjad Afzal Sheikh, EC Member, Uncle of Mr. Zeeshan Sohail Malik, EC Member, Uncle of Mr. Wasif Yousaf, EC Member, Mr. Mubasher Sheikh, Former Vice President, Mother-in-law of Mr. Anjum Nisar, President FPCCI/Formal President LCCI, Mother-in-law of Mr. Kashif Younis Mehar, Former Sr. Vice President, Brother of Mr. Faheem ur Rehman Saigal, Former Vice President, Uncle of Mr. Sarmad Amin, Former Vice President, Sister of Mr. Tariq Shafi, Former Vice President, Uncle of Sheikh Muhammad Irfan, Former EC Member LCCI. The house offered *Fateha*.

## 2. Leave of Absence

Leave of absence was granted to the following Members:-

1. Dr. Muhammad Arshad
2. Engr. Khalid Usman
3. Ms. Aasia Saail Khan
4. Ch. Muhammad Nusrat Tahir
5. Dr. Riaz Ahmad

## 3. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on 19.05.2020 were approved by the house with the following observations:-

### 3.1 Name of Newly Constructed Halls

Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim pointed out that as per minutes of the previous meeting, the names of new Conference Halls have to be changed. He proposed the new name of one hall as "FOUNDERS HALL" instead of NISAR HALL. The President Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh changed the name of other hall "ZUBAIDA HALL" instead of AL-FATAH HALL. The house unanimously approved the new names of Conference Halls. The minutes were approved subject to the above changes.

### 3.2 LCCI Elections Fee

The Chair said that in the previous meeting the house was requested to give feedback regarding LCCI Election Fee. The Chair further drew the attention of the house towards the adverse economic effects of COVID 19 pandemic and said that the businesses around the world are suffering from lockdowns and depleted economic activities and LCCI is no exception to it. Every year LCCI spends around Rs.2.5 million on its annual elections which includes printing and publications of all election related material and printing cost of Statutory Report. He proposed that the contesting candidates should contribute to reduce the burden by paying election fee. The Senior Vice President seconded the proposal of the President and suggested that a non-refundable amount of Rs.100,000/- should be charged (non-refundable) as election

fee from each contesting candidate. Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim added that the election fee should be charged from contesting candidates only. After a detailed discussion, the Chair constituted an Adhoc Committee consisting of following members to prepare its recommendations for determining fee to be levied on nominations submitted by each contesting candidate to cover up the election expenses:-

1.	Sh. Muhammad Ibrahim	Convener
2.	Engr. Khalid Usman	Member
3.	Mr. Khadim Hussain	“
4.	Mr. Atif Ikram	“
5.	Mr. Amir Anwar	“
6.	Haji Muhammad Asif Sehar	“

#### **4. Implementation of the Decisions of the EC**

Implementation Report of the decisions taken by Executive Committee in its previous meeting was approved by the house.

#### **5. List of Activities**

The house considered and approved the list of activities of the Chamber for the period from 19.05.2020 to 04.07.2020.

#### **6. LCCI Statement of Accounts**

The LCCI Statement of Accounts for the month of May-June 2020 was approved by the house.

- 6.1 The Chair invited Mr. Naseem-ul-Ghani to brief about the LCCI financial position. Mr. Naseem-ul-Ghani said that as per last year budget there is a deficit of Rs.10 million. Since the starting of COVID-19 pandemic, he along with his team considered LCCI financial matters very carefully and developed a realistic and positive budget for the next financial year. Mr. Naseem-ul-Ghani further said that the expected revenue from LCN would be around Rs.30 million per annum while the printing cost would be Rs.7.5 million and the income from newly constructed Conference Halls and from advertisements of companies on LED board would be around Rs.6 million and Rs.2.5 to Rs.3 million per annum respectively. The financial position of LCCI will be much better in future. President also asked him that the LCCI fixed deposits should not be affected. Mr. Naseem ul Ghani appreciated the Office Bearers for their valuable suggestions which enabled us to make this budget surplus of Rs.36 million for the next year. The house appreciated the efforts of the LCCI Office-Bearers in this regard.
- 6.2. The Vice President appreciated Mr. Naseem ul Ghani and his team members for preparing a positive and balanced Budget. He also thanked the President and Senior Vice President for their guidance in this regard.
- 6 (i) The house approved Capital Expenditure Budget of **Rs.2,200,000/-** for purchase of Computer & Office Equipment for Passport Office at LCCI.

7. **PROBLEMS OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY**

7.1 **Adhoc Committee on Encroachment & Parking Plaza**

Mr. Khadim Hussain pointed out that the business community is facing severe problem of parking at Ferozpur Road from Muslim Town to onward. He said that a sufficient space is available under the overhead bridge for parking but PHA has placed plants. He suggested that the concerned authorities should be approached for allocation of said space for parking, so that the genuine problem of business community of Ferozpur Road could be resolved. The Chair constituted an Adhoc Committee on 'Encroachment and Parking Plaza' consisting following Members to look into the matters of Encroachment and Parking Plaza:-

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| 1. Mian Zahid Jawaid Ahmad (VP) | Convener |
| 2. Mr. Khadim Hussain           | Member   |
| 3. Engr. Sajjad Afzal Sheikh    | "        |
| 4. Mr. Haris Ateeq              | "        |
| 5. Mr. Shahzad Aslam Ch.        | "        |
| 6. Haji Muhammad Asif Sehar     | "        |
| 7. Malik Muhammad Khalid        | "        |
| 8. Mr. Zeeshan Sohail Malik     | "        |

7.2 Mr. Khadim Hussain further pointed out that Government has levied 5.5% withholding tax uniformly on commercial and industrial importers. Traders are definitely enjoying this rate but it is unfair for industries/manufacturers to pay 5.5% withholding tax on importing raw material. The Chair informed the house that he has attended certain meetings of FBR in this regard. The government has decided this uniform rate to stop under invoicing of industrial raw materials, before this it was 3% which was the major cause of imbalance in local trade. Mr. Khadim Hussain agreed with the Government point of view but said that the rate of 5.5% should still needs to be considered by concerned authorities for those industries which are importing raw materials of exclusive nature that is not being used by anyone else. Senior Vice President also added that the Paint industry is also facing problems because of 5.5% withholding tax on import of raw materials. The Chair agreed with the point of view of Mr. Khadim Hussain and asked him to prepare a list of said exclusive raw material with HS code, so that this matter could be taken up with the concern authorities in a winsome manner.

7.3 Mr. Zia Hyder Naqi drew the attention of house towards the cases of income tax refund by FBR which have already been discussed in detail. The Chair informed the house that now the State Bank of Pakistan will directly deal the cases of income tax refunds without the intervention of FBR, which will make settlements much easier. Mr. Zia Hyder Naqi further pointed out that the cost of electricity is very high at a time when oil price \$42 per barrel in the international market. Probably it will increase upto \$60 per barrel by the next year, therefore we have to take up the matter of high electricity prices today because in future the government will further increase the price of electricity from Rs.20 to Rs.25 per unit on the basis of current oil prices in the international market. The Chair agreed with this point of view and said that at

present all Chambers of Pakistan are also demanding decrease in price of electricity due to reduction in oil prices .The President also informed the house that there were some issues of IPPs with previous Governments regarding their agreements and consumption of oil with regards to their purchases. The Government was ready to reconcile but due to involvement of some Chinese companies, therefore the China has offered for the settlement of these issues. He hoped that the price of electricity will be reduced as soon as the settlement is done.

- 7.4 Mr. Aqib Asif said that our power generation capacity is 40,000 MW while the transmission capacity is only of 22,000 MW. Due to this fact the consumers have to bear the cost of 18000 MW also as extra capacity charges. He suggested that the government can reduce the price of electricity by Rs.10 to 15 per unit by privatization of the NTDC, so that the investors from private sectors can lay the transmission lines across the country and certain power plants can also lay direct lines for industries. The Chair informed the house that he had been in a meeting with the Prime Minister, where the government was ready to take up the matters of IPPs but due to some obligations the decisions could not be made. He further added that an amount of US\$12 million is required exclusively to further lay the transmission lines whereas the total funds available are US\$16 million which is another barrier in taking up this mega project.
- 7.5 Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim said that the same proposal was also forwarded to FBR along with the budget proposals according to which FBR has exempted sales tax and withholding tax on import of raw material to the industries situated in FATA/PATA. This facility should be withdrawn to provide a level playing field to all industries other than this area. He further said that the raw material is being imported in excess quantity than actual production requirement which is being sold in Karachi, Lahore and other cities. The Senior Vice President suggested that a meeting should be arranged at LCCI with the Member Policy and affected Associations to resolve their problems as Member Policy Mr. Ateeq Sarwar is one of the best friends of Mr.President.
- 7.6 Mr. Haris Ateeq said that the government should be asked to provide SOPs to be followed in upcoming days of Eid ul Adha. He suggested that the markets should also be allowed to open on Saturdays and Sundays as well with the increase in closing time. He also said that in the last meeting constitution of a Market Coordination Committee was discussed to look after the affairs of markets which should be pursued. The Chair informed that within next two days a meeting with the government officials is going to be held and he will try his best to motivate concerned authorities for opening of Markets on Saturdays and Sundays. The Senior Vice President suggested that the government should impose smart lockdown during Eid days. The Vice President also suggested that the closing time of markets during Eid days should also be extended.
- 7.7 Mr. Wasif Yousaf highlighted that due to COVID 19, Government is not releasing payments worth of millions to its contractors and suppliers from last four mounts. He requested to take up this issue to the concerned authority. The Chair informed that two days ago he had a meeting with Mr.Hashim, Jehanbakht, Finance Minister in which he said that by the end of July such payments would be released. Mr. Wasif

Yousaf further added that if a contractor or supplier could not supply goods in time, the government impose penalty on daily basis, and on the other hand government provide no compensation to contractors or suppliers for late payments. Mr. Wasif Yousaf suggested that all government contractors and suppliers of various sectors decided that they should take up this matter with the government to pay charges for late payments otherwise they will go into litigation. The Chair asked Mr. Wasif Yousaf to prepare a working paper in this regard so that this matter could be taken up with the concerned authority.

- 7.8 Mr. Naveed Ullah Khan said that we have already sent suggestions through budget proposals that regulatory duty on import of those raw materials should be withdrawn which are not being manufactured locally but it has not been honored. He requested the Chair that this proposal should be sent again in the larger interest of local industry. The Chair said that Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood in a meeting asked him that if there is any problem in duties tariff should be brought into his knowledge, so that it could be rectified. The Chair asked Mr. Naveed Ullah Khan to send him the said proposal so that it could be forwarded again.
- 7.9 Mr. Fiaz Haider said that 5.5% withholding tax on raw material is being charged without any classification of material, for example marble is a raw material for an industry but for other it is a finished item. He suggested that according to .H.S Code it should be included in raw material and finished items separately. The Chair asked Mr.Naseem-ul-Ghani and Mr.Fiaz Haider to prepare a proposal so that it could be taken up with concerned authority.
- 7.10 Mr. Naseem-ul-Ghani drew attention of the house towards a serious matter of smuggling which is being ignored and said that the deficit of export and import is in millions of dollars even energy sector is supposed to be excluded. He said that a large number of items are being smuggled in Pakistan through different borders but we have ignored the fact that a large number of items are being smuggled from Pakistan to Russia and Afghanistan as well. He also pointed out that after 11pm. Shahallam Market is choked due to loading and unloading of such illegal consignments. The Government has to pay special attention towards the illegal trade of smuggled items; otherwise the government cannot overcome the deficits. He suggested that until the government pays proper attention on import and formulates SOPs the budget deficit will not end. The Chair said that he has discussed the issue of smuggling several times because the Pakistani border is too long and it is very difficult to control this menace. He informed that at Afghanistan border about 1200 km fence has been installed and remaining 500 km will be completed soon. On the other hand fence work is being installed at Taftan-Iran border and he hoped that after completion of this fence work the smuggling would be stopped.
- 7.11 Mr. Sajjad Afzal Sheikh said that the commercial importers in the markets are facing problem due to SRO and they have to pay lot of duties on import as compared to other importers. He requested to resolve this problem. He further pointed out that there is no RD imposed on import of products from China due to which the local production has been stopped. He suggested that RD should be imposed on finished products so that local production could be encouraged. The Chair asked to send a paper in this regard for taking up this issue. Mr. Sajjad Ahmad Sheikh requested the

Chair to include the issue of 'Encroachment' in the Adhoc Committee formed for Parking Plaza which the Chair agreed.

The Chair informed the house that Directory of Conveners Standing Committees has been prepared which will be circulated to EC members.

- 7.12 Mr. Shafiq Ahmad Butt said that the Governor State Bank of Pakistan should be invited at LCCI to discuss the refund cases and other related matters. The Chair asked the Secretary General to invite Governor State Bank. Mr. Shafiq Ahmad Butt further said that there are some deferred payments lying pending with FBR, which also need to be resolved. He said that we have submitted a proposal to Labour Department for self-assessment and suggested that we are ready to increase contribution by 25% to 30% in this regard. The Chair asked Secretary General to invite Secretary Labour, Mr. Amir Jan at LCCI to discuss the problems being faced by the business community.
- 7.13 Malik Muhammad Khalid said that in the market the importers of lightings sector are facing problems as the government has imposed a lot of regulatory duty on lightings due to which our cost has increased. The Chair asked Malik Muhammad Khalid to submit a paper in this regard so that it could be taken up with the concerned authority. Malik Muhammad Khalid further said that in Shahalam Market they are facing traffic and parking problems which need to be solved. The Chair asked Secretary General to invite CTO at LCCI to discuss the problems of traffic in Shahalam Market. He also pointed out that in Shahalam Market the electric wiring system is in dangerous condition and short circuit occurs during rain. The Chair asked Secretary General to arrange a meeting of Malik Muhammad Khalid with LESCO Chief.
- 7.14 Mr. Amir Anwar said that he belongs to Textile Industry and the government had allowed 7.5% subsidy on electricity bills to export-oriented industries but now the subsidy has been given directly to the exporters only, due to which small industries will be facing a lot of problems. He suggested that SOPs should be formulated in this regard.
- 7.15 Mr. Nasrullah Mughal appreciated the efforts of President, Senior Vice President and Vice President for establishing Booth for renewal of Arms Licenses at LCCI. He further asked about its mechanism and working. The Chair said that the booth will be opened three days in a week and all documents for arms licenses will be collected at the Booth which will be processed within 24 hours. Mr. Nasrullah Mughal further asked the Chair about the LCCI & Police Card. The Chair said that we are inviting CCPO at LCCI for a meeting within next couple of days to discuss the said issue. Mr. Nasrullah Mughal also asked the chair about the opening of industries on Saturday. The Chair said that some industries are opened but various industries are closed. The Chair confirmed from the Commissioner Lahore on phone regarding opening of industry on Saturday. The Commissioner Lahore said that the industries will be closed on Saturday and Sunday.
- 7.16 Ms. Uzma Shahid said that she belongs to embroidery sector which is facing a lot of problems and is declining gradually due to COVID-19. She also pointed out that the importers and manufacturers registered with FBR before 2011 are paying 1%

withholding tax at import and supply stage whereas those who have registered with FBR after 2011 are paying 10% withholding tax. She said that this discrimination has substantially increased the cost of doing business for the taxpayers registered after 2011. She suggested that the said issue should be taken up with the concerned authority and the difference of 9% withholding tax should be eliminated. The Chair agreed with the suggestion and said that he will take up this issue with the concerned authority. Ms. Uzma Shahid further said that recent COVID-19 pandemic situation has created a very challenging state of affairs for the businesses. She said that most of the businesses have been closed down and the remaining are under financial crunch in which the embroidery business have also been badly hit by the pandemic. She pointed out that some brands (like M/s. Sapphire Textile Mills Ltd) are releasing payments of embroidery sector with the deduction of 25% amount on the total bills. She suggested that government should take action and resolve this problem. Mr. Shafiq Ahmad Butt suggested that this issue should be resolved through LCCI Mediation Centre.

**8. Minutes of the Standing Committees Meetings**

It was decided that anything approved in the minutes, contrary to Chamber policy or LCCI Articles or having financial implications, will be considered as "not approved". Moreover, all functions of the standing committees will be organized on self-finance basis and approval for all delegations and mega events would be sought from the President.

**A) Minutes of S/C on Membership**

Minutes of the meetings of the Standing Committee on Membership held on 14.05.2020, 06.06.2020 & 20.06.2020 were approved.

Mr. Khadim Hussain asked about the membership renewal. The Secretary General informed the house that inspite of COVID-19 LCCI Membership renewal has increased and its credit goes to the Office-Bearers who were also present in the Chamber during lockdown, which the house appreciated.

**9. LCCI ELECTIONS SCHEDULE 2020**

The Secretary General briefed the house that LCCI Election for Corporate Class would be held on 25<sup>th</sup> September and Associate Class on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The polling of Corporate Class & Associate Class will start from 10am to 6pm without break on both days.

Haji Muhammad Asif Sehar suggested that the polling of Corporate Class should start from 9am to 6pm with one hour prayer break and the polling of Associate Class should start from 9am to 6pm without break to which the Chair agreed.

The house unanimously approved the LCCI Election Schedule 2020 subject to the above changes.

10. **Appointment of Election Commission for LCCI Elections 2020**

Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President LCCI proposed the names of Mr. Shahid Hassan Sheikh, Former President LCCI, Engr. Sohail Lashari, Former President LCCI and Mr. Haroon Shafique Chaudhry, Former Executive Committee Member LCCI for the Election Commission 2020 which the house unanimously approved.

11. **ADHOC COMMITTEE FOR PREPARATION OF ANNUAL REPORT & AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

The Chair proposed following Executive Committee members on Adhoc Committee for preparation of Statutory Report and Audited Accounts for the year 2019-20 to be presented in the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of LCCI, which the house approved:-

1.	Mian Zahid Jawaid Ahmad (V.P.)	Convener
2.	Engr. Khalid Usman	“
3.	Mr. Haris Ateeq	“
4.	Mr. Atif Ikram	“
5.	Haji Muhammad Asif Sehar	“
6.	Engr. Sajjad Afzal Sheikh	“
7.	Mr. Wasif Yousaf	“
8.	Mr. Mudassar Masood Ch.	“

12. **ANY OTHER ITEM**

The following additional items were brought for discussion with the permission of the Chair:

12.1 **DGTO & Ministry of Commerce decision in favor of LCCI**

The Chair congratulated the house for dismissal of post-election complaint against LCCI Election.

12.2 **LTC Building**

The Chair also informed the house that FFC is paying rent about Rs.28 lakh per month to LCCI for LTC building and in the year 2020 FFC is desirous to vacate the LTC building. He suggested that the Lahore Chamber should make a plan for the best utilization of LTC building so that we could generate maximum revenue. In this regard the Chair constituted a Six-Member Adhoc Committee consisting of the following members to prepare proposals/recommendations for the best utilization of LTC Building in future.

1.	Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, (President)	Convener
2.	Mr. Ali Hussam Asghar, (SVP)	Member
3.	Mr. Khadim Hussain	“
4.	Mr. Amir Anwar	“

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| 5. | Mr. Shafiq Ahmad Butt    | “ |
| 6. | Haji Muhammad Asif Sehar | “ |

**12.3 Installation of Solar System at LCCI Building**

The Chair informed the house that LCCI pays electricity bills about Rs.10 million annually which is a big amount. He suggested that we should install Solar System at LCCI Building to reduce the cost of electricity which the house unanimously approved. In this regard the Chair constituted an Adhoc Committee on Solarization of LCCI Building consisting of following members to finalize the recommendations for installation of Solar System at LCCI Building in order to reduce the cost of electricity:-

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| 1. | Mr. Zia Hyder Naqi    | Convener |
| 2. | Malik Muhammad Khalid | Member   |
| 3. | Mr. Haris Ateeq       | “        |
| 4. | Mian Sheharyar Ali    | “        |

The Chair further said that a company has also offered for all investment on solar project and after completion of project the company will start charging electricity bill which will be 50% less as compared to our total bill. Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim seconded the Chair and said that we must go for solarization but terms and conditions of the said proposal should be considered wisely. Mr. Amir Anwar added that Banks are offering Loan @ 6% markup for solar projects which may also be taken into consideration. The Chair said that the committee would recommend all possible options in this regard to which the house agreed. He emphasized that the project must be completed in this tenure.

**12.4 Approval of Publication Fee**

The Chair also sought approval of publication fee of Rs.1200/ and Rs.1800/ on annual basis from Associate Class and Corporate Class members respectively to be levied from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, which the house unanimously approved.

**12.5 Establishment of Passport Office at LCCI and Approval of Exclusive Services Fee on facilities**

The President informed the house about the good news that Passport Office now has been established at LCCI for issuance of new Passports and its renewal and this office will be operational as soon as possible. He said that although it was a long way to make it possible as the discretionary powers of certain authorities of Government Departments are involved in this project but with the grace of Almighty Allah and with the efforts of his team be made it possible. He also appreciated Secretary General for his prompt action in this regard. Keeping in view the financial constraint the Chair proposed to charge exclusive services fee on the following facilities to meet the Chamber's expenses with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, which the house unanimously approved:-

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| 1. | Passport (new & renewal)     | Rs.500 |
| 2. | Arms License (new & renewal) | Rs.500 |

3.	CNIC (new & renewal)	Rs.200
4.	Permanent Driving License (Renewal and International)	Rs.200

**12.6 To seek clarification from Government of Punjab for holding of Elections**

The Chair said that LCCI Elections would be held in time but due to COVID-19 and imposition of Section 144, it would not be possible to conduct meetings in markets, campaign office and huge gathering of members in LCCI premises on election days. Therefore he proposed to write letters to Health Department, Ministry of Commerce, DGTO and Home Department to seek their guidance and permission on how to hold elections in this situation. The Senior Vice President seconded the point of view of the President and said that as per Section 6 and 7 of Infectious Disease Ordinance 2020 there will be no gathering of more than four people. Under these circumstances the LCCI Lahore Chamber should seek clarification from Government of Punjab that whether LCCI can hold its elections or not. The house approved.

**12.7 Establishment of Arms License Desk at LCCI**

The Vice President informed the house that with the efforts of the President and Senior Vice President the Facilitation Desk for issuance and renewal of Arms Licenses is being established at LCCI very soon. However, their Mobile Van will visit LCCI on weekly basis to provide the services. He further informed that the Department has allowed issuing two Arms Licenses to each EC member and in this regard arms license forms have been circulated. The Senior Vice President appreciated the efforts of Mr. Nasrullah Mughal, Convener Standing Committee on Law and Order for continuously making efforts in this regard.

**12.8 Issuance of Car Parking Sticker and Exclusive Membership Card for Executive Committee Members**

Mr. Khadim Hussain suggested to issue car parking stickers for Executive Committee Members, which the house approved. Haji Muhammad Asif Sehar also suggested that exclusive membership card should be issued for Executive Committee Members, which the house approved.

**12.9 Banners for Membership Campaign**

The Chair said that he had requested Executive Committee Members for contribution of Rs.15000/- for preparing banners which would be placed in the markets for the campaign of renewal of Membership. He informed that only 16 EC members have deposited their contribution and remaining 17 EC members are requested to send their contribution as soon as possible.

12.10 **Adhoc Committee for Collection of Donations for Prime Minister's COVID-19 Relief Fund**

The Chair requested the Executive Committee members to send their donations as promised for the Prime Minister's COVID-19 Relief Fund. The Chair constituted Two-member Adhoc Committee for Collection of Donations for Prime Minister's Covid-19 Relief Fund consisting of the following members:-

1. Sh. Muhammad Ibrahim Convener
2. Mr. Nasrullah Mughal Member

The Committee will request the remaining Executive Committee members to deposit their donations as early as possible.

12.11 **Congratulation Banners placed in front of LCCI**

Mr. Khadim Hussain pointed out that congratulation banners are placed outside the Chamber's Main Gate. He wants to know that have these banners been placed with the permission of the higher authority of the Chamber. After a detailed discussion it was decided that in future no banner would be placed in front of the Chamber's building.

12.12 **Permission of Punjab Government for holding of LCCI Elections**

Mr. Zeeshan Sohail Malik suggested that due to COVID-19, LCCI should get permission from the Government of Punjab for holding LCCI Election 2020. The Chair said that LCCI will send letters to the Government of Punjab, Health Department, Ministry of Commerce and Directorate General of Trade Organizations (DGTO) and ask them how the Lahore Chamber can hold elections in the presence of COVID-19.

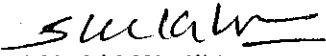
12.13 **Matter regarding Donation for IDPs of Swat Operation**

The Chair informed the house that NAB sent a case of year 2009 to LCCI of the tenure of Mian Muzaffar Ali the then President LCCI, in which Dr. Fahmida Mirza, Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan sent a Cheque of Rs.25 lakh to the Lahore Chamber for purchases for IDPs of Swat. The Chair said that the NAB sought all record from the Chamber. He asked the Secretary General to appear before NAB in Sukkur with all relevant record. He said that the house should appreciate the Chamber staff who presented 11 years old record to NAB with all evidence along with pictures. The NAB Officer examined all record and appreciated the Lahore Chamber for providing transparent record with evidence. The house appreciated.

- 12.15 Mr. Aqib Asif suggested that LCCI R&D Department should prepare a Solar Policy for the government and if solar manufacturing facility is established in Pakistan then what sort of incentives the government would give on manufacturing of solar panels.

- 12.16 The Senior Vice President informed the house that Mr. Yasir Khurshid, Executive Committee Member has been nominated as President of **Lions Clubs International**. The house congratulated Mr. Yasir Khurshid.

At the end the Vice President thanked the worthy EC members for sparing their precious time to attend the meeting for providing their valuable suggestions and views. He said that today's meeting was held in a very pleasant environment. He mentioned that a lot of big activities have taken place in the Lahore Chamber i.e. construction of Conference Halls, renovation of Basement Hall, establishment of various Facilitation Centers, like Passport Facilitation Center, Police Khidmat Markaz and Arms License Booth etc. He said that the present year is very historic and will always be remembered. He thanked the President, Senior Vice President, Executive Committee Members and Secretary General for their support and efforts to make these activities successful. He also thanked Mr. Khadim Hussain, Engr. Sajjad Afzal Sheikh and Malik Muhammad Khalid for hosting the lunch.

  
( Shahid Khalil )  
Secretary General