

THE LAHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 2.4.2022 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.	Mian Nauman Kabir	President (In Chair)	NSM Marketing
2.	Mian Rehman Aziz Chan	Sr. Vice President	M-R Law Chambers (Pvt.) Ltd.
3.	Mr. Haris Ateeq	Vice President	Bridal Zone
4.	Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry	EC Member	Lever Engineering Industries
5.	Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Qureshi	EC Member	4B Gentel International (Pvt.) Ltd.
6.	Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi	EC Member	Swera Departmental Store
7.	Mr. Abdul Wadood Alvi	EC Member	Adnan Printers
8.	Malik Riaz Iqbal	EC Member	Nadir Saidjan Industries
9.	Mr. Mubashar Naseer Butt	EC Member	Body Media International (Pvt.) Ltd.
10.	Mr. Muhammad Kashif Bashir	EC Member	Muhammad Kashif Bashir
11.	Mr. Maqbool Siddique	EC Member	Mian Cables
12.	Mr. Saleem Asghar Bhatti	EC Member	Goshi Electronics
13.	Mr. Muhammad Naeem Hanif	EC Member	Hian Communication
14.	Mr. Shahzad Butt	EC Member	Ferista Enterprises
15.	Mr. Shahid Nazir	EC Member	Filter House
16.	Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah	EC Member	Al-Yousaf Enterprises
17.	Mr. Muhammad Ali Afzal	EC Member	Afzal Sons
18.	Mian Jabbar Khalid	EC Member	Feroze Flour & General Mills
19.	Mr. Rizwan Haider	EC Member	Excellent Packers (Pvt.) Ltd.
20.	Mr. Ahmed Ellahi	EC Member	AA Leather (Pvt.) Ltd.
21.	Mr. Muhammad Riaz ul Hassan	EC Member	Ajmair Foods (Pvt.) Ltd.
22.	Mr. Mohammad Momin Ali Malik	EC Member	Euro Guard (Pvt.) Ltd.
23.	Ch. Wajid Ali	EC Member	United Plastic Company
24.	Malik Muhammad Nadeem,	EC Member	Hafiz Brothers
25.	Mr. Muhammad Usman	EC Member	Usman Tractor House
26.	Mian Attiq-ur-Rehman	EC Member	Al-Jahan International
27.	Mr. Muhammad Jawad	EC Member	JSN Traders (Pvt.) Ltd
28.	Mr. Ahmad Farz	EC Member	Ahmad Bearing Center
29.	Mian Tariq Rehman	Ex-officio	Pharmasales International (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;

- Father of Mian Jabbar Khalid, EC Member, LCCI.
- Husband of Ms. Tehmina Saeed Ch, EC Member, LCCI.
- Brother-in-Law of Mian Misbah Rehman and uncle of Mian Tariq Rehman, Former President, LCCI.
- Brother of Mr. Faheem-ur-Rehman Saigol, Former Vice President, LCCI.
- Mother of Sh. Muhammad Irfan, Former EC Member, LCCI.

2. Leave of Absence

Leave of absence was granted to the following Members:-

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| 1. Mrs. Tehmina Saeed Chaudhry | EC Member | The Data Group |
| 2. Ms. Shamim Akhtar | EC Member | In-Out Trading (Pvt.) Ltd. |
| 3. Mr. Tariq Mehboob | EC Member | Rana Trading Co |
| 4. Mr. Khalid Mehmood | EC Member | The Fuelers (Pvt.) Ltd. |

3. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

The house approved the Executive Committee meeting minutes held on 3.2.2022, with a few observations from members noted below.

- 3.1 Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry called for incorporation of “felicitation to Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh and Mr. Nadeem Qureshi as President FPCCI and Zonal Chairman FPCCI respectively” and “discussion relating to LCCI 100 years’ celebrations.

The Chair agreed and directed the Secretary-General to include discussion about LCCI 100 years celebration took place after lunch in the minutes of the previous Executive Committee.

- 3.2 Malik Nadeem also complained about a missing portion relating to the refund of the fee charged from Conveners of the Standing Committees discussed in the last meeting.

- 3.3 Mr. Shahid Nazir sought clarification about the placement of the convener’s picture on the display board on the outer wall of the LCCI building. Mr. Mohammad Momin Ali Malik, Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah also called for inclusion of their respective points. The Chair said it is difficult to note down every sentence in the minutes but the gist of the discussion must not be missed. The Secretary-General assured implementation of direction passed by the Chair.

4. Implementation of EC Decisions

Mr. Haris Ateeq, the Vice President, LCCI, after a brief discussion on the points highlighted by Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry, also agreed to record all missing parts of the meeting. The Chair also directed the Secretary-General to circulate the draft of budget proposals among the Executive Committee members for their review and input.

- 4.1 Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, LCCI, explained the strategy to get LCCI Budget Proposals incorporated in the Federal Budget. He said trade policy relates to the Ministry of Commerce, and for trade policy-related proposals, we should approach Ministry of Commerce. Whereas, for fiscal policy proposals (Income Tax and Sales Tax), we have to use the office of Chief Commissioners, Member IR Policy, Member IR Operations, Chairman FBR, Secretary Finance, and Minister Finance. He proposed to constitute a special committee comprising members of the

executive committee and convener Standing Committee on Finance and Taxation, LCCI for lobby and follow-up in this regard.

The Chair appreciated the proposal and constituted an ad-hoc committee comprising the following members:

- Mian Nauman Kabir, President, LCCI
- Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, SVP, LCCI
- Mr. Haris Ateeq, VP, LCCI
- Mian Tariq Rehman Misbah, Former President, LCCI
- Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry, Former VP, LCCI
- Mr. Muhammad Riaz ul Hassan, EC Member, LCCI
- Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Qureshi, EC Member, LCCI
- Mr. Abdul Wadood Alvi, EC Member, LCCI
- Mr. Mubashar Naseer Butt, EC Member, LCCI
- Mr. Kashif Anwar, Convener S/C on Finance & Taxation, LCCI
- Mr. Mauzzam Rashid, Former EC Member, LCCI

4.2 To avoid contradictions, Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry proposed combined budget proposals from the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry. He offered to constitute a similar committee in FPCCI. Mr. Nadeem Qureshi, also zonal chairman of FPCCI, clarified the formulation procedure of budget proposals in FPCCI. He said that the Research and Development Department working in Karachi Head Office under the leadership of Mr. Younas Dhaga is compiling the submissions received from Chambers and Associations. Mr. Nadeem Qureshi agreed to share the final draft of FPCCI budget proposals with the Lahore Chamber.

4.3 Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry said that the government offices are not responding to the communications sent by the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry on different issues of trade and industry. He also sought clarification on a letter sent to CCPO as implementation of the EC decision.

4.4 The Secretary-General replied that all the government departments give due respect to the Lahore Chamber of Commerce, however due to rapid transfers and postings of the officers, there is a delay in their replies. Mr. Nadeem Malik supported the viewpoint of the Secretary-General. He shared his personal experience, when the Chamber solved an issue related to auto parts on the highest priority. He appreciated the efforts of the Vice President LCCI, President LCCI and Secretary-General. Mr. Nadeem Qureshi emphasized the need for lobbying at the federal and provincial levels to win maximum government support for trade and industry issues.

The Chair accepted the proposal of consistent follow-up of all communications in light of Executive Committee decisions and effective lobbying at all forums. The Chair said now we have plans to have some meetings with secretaries or ministers to share the LCCI message whenever any office bearers visit Islamabad.

- 4.5 Mian Tariq Rehman, former President of LCCI, said that small chambers in Punjab are copying LCCI activities and putting pressure on government officials, which could be a cause low response level to our letters.
- 4.6 Mr. Ali Afzal and Mr. Abdul Wadood Alvi also highlighted the issues relating to PTA and mobile phone signals in markets and proposed a strong follow-up. While replying to these observations, the Secretary-General referred to the letter of PTA to LCCI and said that PTA has been responding to our notes regularly. In the current letter, the PTA authorities have promised to solve the issue on priority.
- 4.7 The House granted approval of the Agenda Item No. 4.

5. **List of Activities**

The House approved the List of Activities for the period from 26.1.2022 to 24.3.2022 with appreciation.

- 5.1 Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI, informed the House that a total of 145 activities took place in Lahore Chamber during the last two months. While giving the break-up of these activities, he said, two meetings were with Ambassadors, nine sessions were with the government officials, ten were training programs and seminars, and 25 standing committee meetings. In addition to these, 100 Years' Celebrations were also going on during this period. He disclosed that many activities had raised LCCI's image while we have also succeeded in generating a sizeable surplus in revenue. The Vice President specially mentioned the 2nd LCCI IT Awards held at President House, Islamabad, and SME Finance Mela at LCCI. The members appreciated these events, he added.

The Chair congratulated Mr. Jabbar Khalid, Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi, Momin Ali Malik, Chaudhry Wajid Ali, Muhammad Yousaf Shah, and the LCCI staff.

Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah, while appreciating the activities that took place under 100 Years' Celebrations, suggested involving more and more Executive Committee members in the future. The House approved to award for Mr. Jabbar Khalid in recognition of his extraordinary efforts during the 2nd IT Awards. Mr. Jabbar Khalid thanked the President for trusting him for such a huge task, which was possible only with the teamwork and support extended by LCCI Office-Bearers and Executive Committee.

Mr. Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, LCCI, proposed to organize an awareness session on credit schemes of banks for SMEs after Ramazan and suggested arranging the second phase of SME Mela to reap maximum benefits out of SME Credit Schemes announced by State Bank of Pakistan.

Malik Muhammad Usman and Momin Ali Malik while appreciating the efforts of LCCI management for arranging various events of the 100 years LCCI celebrations in a winsome manner, called for some mechanism to correct the mistakes took place during the organization events.

While supporting the idea of Mr. Usman Malik and Momin Ali Malik, the Senior Vice President emphasized the need for routing all working through the Secretary-General for proper implementation of decisions and their accountability. He strongly criticized the direct approach of staff to the President's office during different events in the last two months.

6. Statement of Accounts

- 6.1 The House approved the Agenda item "Statement of Accounts" after a brief discussion. Mr. Hariq Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI, stated that our accounts are in a good state as compared to the previous years. He appreciated the role of the Standing Committee on Membership for suggesting practical measures, which resulted in revenue increase as well as the number of members.

The Chair also acknowledged the sharp rise in LCCI revenue during the last five months. While clarifying the point related to legal fees paid to lawyers, the Chair said cases worth millions of rupees relating to income tax and property tax have been pending in Lahore High Court for the last many years. The lawyers previously handling these cases were unsuccessful, and we felt that if we did not follow these cases, the LCCI might face substantial financial damage.

Mr. Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, LCCI, while adding to the point of view of President LCCI, said the cases have been going on since 1990, and Lahore High Court had served a notice to the LCCI after clubbing all these cases. He said to deal with this; we were in a dire need of some expert lawyers to appear in Lahore High Court.

7. Minutes of the Standing Committees Meetings

The Minutes of the following Standing Committees were approved in the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 02.04.2022, 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.

SR. #	NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE	DATE OF MEETING
A.	Trade with Uzbekistan	20.1.2022
B.	City District Liaison Committee	22.1.2022
C.	Freight Forwarding	22.1.2022
D.	Flavour and Fragrance Manufacturing	24.1.2022

E.	Industry (Small & Medium) SME	25.1.2022
F.	LCCI Traffic Police Liaison	25.1.2022
G.	Small Traders Market Affairs	26.1.2022
H.	Chemical & Coating Industry	29.1.2022
I.	Fashion and Clothing Exports	29.1.2022
J.	Rubber, PVC Belting & Hose Pipe	29.1.2022
K.	Plastic Manufacturers	02.2.2022
L.	Agri Commodity Export	07.2.2022
M.	Integrated Marketing Communication	11.2.2022
N.	Law & Order	12.2.2022
O.	Commercial Logistic Services	15.2.2022
P.	Hajj & Umrah Tour Operators	15.2.2022
Q.	Plastic Machinery Manufacturers	16.2.2022
R.	Iron & Steel Sheets	17.2.2022
S.	Kala Bagh Dam	22.2.2022
T.	Training and Development	23.2.2022
U.	Health & OTC Products	24.2.2022
V.	Anti-Drugs/Narcotics	05.3.2022
W.	Promotion of Pak-German Trade	05.3.2022
X.	Finance and Taxation	10.3.2022
Y.	Customs Tariff and Ports	18-03-2022
Z.	Membership	29-01-22,12-02-22, 19-02-22, 26-02-22, 05-03-22, 12-03-22 & 19-01-22

Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah proposed to de-notify the committees that have yet not been formed by the Conveners. The Chair, after discussion, agreed to issue a notice to these Standing Committees before taking any further steps.

Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi highlighted the practical difficulties in implementing the proposal forwarded by a standing committee on Anti-Drugs and Narcotics to ban smoking in the LCCI building. He suggested to avoid such restrictions which are difficult to implement.

The Chair appreciated the feedback given by Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi on budget proposals and directed Secretary-General to share budget proposals with Executive Committee for their input and suggestions.

8. **Any Other Item**

- 8.1 Mr. Nauman Kabir, President, LCCI, shared his experiences during the recent visit to Iran. He said the Report prepared by the R&D Department on Iran is excellent and should be shared with the Executive Committee. He acknowledged the support extended by Pakistan Embassy in Iran and thanked the Iranian officials for their unmatched hospitality during the whole tour.

Mian Nauman Kabir spoke highly about technological advancement of Iran saying that the country is far ahead of many countries of the world. They are using the technology like anything. Their buildings and halls are equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

Mr. Mubashar Naseer Butt also acknowledged the VVIP protocol extended to the LCCI delegation in Tehran, Isfahan, Mashad, and Qumb cities. He said the government is giving great importance to the trade with Iran and has already authorized the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry as the focal point for promoting barter trade between Iran and Pakistan. He proposed having another visit to Iran to take business cooperation to the next level of collaboration.

Mr. Shahzad Butt asked about the trade mechanism with Iran as, due to sanctions, conventional trade is not possible. He also expressed fear of facing difficulties while doing business with Iran.

While replying to the point of Mr. Shahzad Butt, the Chair replied that the informal bilateral trade is robust. He said that the letters of credit being opened in Dubai, Turkey, and Gulf states are meant for Iran actually. He said the Government of Pakistan is upgrading the Quetta Chamber of Commerce for supporting barter trade between Pakistan and Iran at Zahedan Border. The Chair noted that Iran is currently doing business with the European Union, and we have seen many foreigners trading with Iranian companies during our visit.

Mr. Muhammad Riaz ul Hassan said that neither Pakistan nor the people of Pakistan are poor; our rulers' failure forced us to feel like this. Almighty Allah has blessed us with all the resources; the only thing lacking is dedication and hard work, and if we focus on hard work, no one can stop.

Mr. Momin Ali Malik, while referring to the points highlighted by the Senior Vice President regarding 100 Years Celebration, expressed concern and proposed to streamline working as per procedures. He requested the Chair to direct concerned staff to follow the directions of the Conveners instead of bypassing them.

The Chair said 100 Years Celebrations are still on and assured to improve administrative controls in future with suggestions from members of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Shahid Nazir congratulated Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi for his efforts in organizing 100 Years Celebrations of LCCI despite his health issues. He requested the Chair to place a group photo of the Executive Committee and upgrade facilities in the EC

Room on the 2nd Floor of the LCCI building. Mr. Ahmed Ellahi also supported the views expressed by Mr. Shahid Nazir and requested necessary measures to facilitate Executive Committee members in this regard. Malik Riaz Iqbal praised Mian Jabbar Khalid's efforts to organize IT Awards at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad. Mian Jabbar Khalid thanked all the members for acknowledging his efforts.

While appreciating the LCCI delegation to Iran, Malik Muhammad Nadeem also congratulated the office-bearers for strengthening the financial position of LCCI by taking tough decisions. He also congratulated Mr. Jabbar Khalid for arranging 2nd IT Awards and Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi for 100 Years' Celebrations. He acknowledged the efforts of LCCI for expeditiously resolving the issues of importers of used auto parts and called for a permanent solution in this regard. Mr. Malik Muhammad Nadeem also highlighted shortcomings in the events related to 100 year celebrations for improvement in the future. He suggested involving Executive Committee members, Market Leaders, Conveners of the Standing Committees, and general members of the LCCI to ensure the success of 100 Years Celebrations. "The key to success is in consultation and engaging people around you," he added. Mr. Nadeem Malik supported the point of placing Executive Committee picture in the EC room. Mr. Nadeem Malik invited the attention of Mr. Hairs Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI, towards the pending issue of a parking plaza in Bilal Gung market. He requested some action on public-private partnership basis as committed by the government.

The Chair appreciated the points highlighted by Mr. Malik Muhammad Nadeem and said that the shortcomings would be taken care of in future. The LCCI president, however, said that we must give solution to the problem as well.

Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry appreciated the efforts of Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi in organizing 100 Years Celebrations. He complained about the non-availability of standing committees minutes and requested to take up the load-shedding issue with LESCO as unannounced load-shedding is creating problems for the industry. He also suggested stopping interviews of new membership applicants as it is giving a negative impact. Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry identified that the fee imposed on Conveners of Standing Committees was a cause of inactive standing committees and requested to withdraw the fee and issue refunds to revive standing committees' activities.

Mian Tariq Rehman appreciated the efforts of the President, SVP, VP, Convener Adhoc Committee, and LCCI team working on different events of 100 Years Celebrations, including the 2nd IT Awards and Polo Match. He especially acknowledged the services of Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi for organizing such a beautiful series of events under the title of "100 Years Celebrations".

Chaudhry Wajid Ali also expressed his gratefulness to the management of LCCI for organizing a beautiful event such as "Dachi" and proposed to add more such events in the future. To the point raised by Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry, he invited him to join the interview Committee to have first-hand knowledge about people's reaction. The Chair appreciated the working of the Standing Committee on Membership for a record number of renewals in 2022.

Mr. Rizwan Haider said that LCCI was organizing multiple types of events during the year and suggested improving events management by empowering Conveners of these events. He proposed allocating the event's budget with complete command and control for maximum results. He suggested writing a comprehensive report for future improvement at the end of every event.

Mr. Jabbar Khalid also thanked Mian Nauman Kabir, President, LCCI, Mr. Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, LCCI, and Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI, and the staff for working as a team to achieve the landmark achievement of 2nd IT Awards. He sought clarification about the status of Musical Night/Dinner organized in honor of IT Award holders by LCCI. The Chair clarified that the Dinner was neither part of the IT Awards nor fell under the preview of the Standing Committee on IT. Award holders sponsored the Dinner and paid all the expenses in addition to the fees for IT Awards.

Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah questioned the placement of LCCI staff in light of the phrase "right man for the right job" and the relocation of the CPLC office on the third floor of the LCCI Building. He asked about the relevance and productivity of CPLC for the business community and the number of cases lying with the CPLC office. He requested the Chair to ask the Secretary-General not to stand at the reception area and perform as stage secretary at different events, keeping in view his position in the hierarchy of the Chamber. The Chair, while appreciating the gesture of Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah, said it is our tradition to give respect to the guests, extend courtesy in light of our Islamic teachings, and he expects more from the Secretary-General. Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry assured to share the working of CPLC with the House in the future for a better understanding of CPLC working and usefulness.

Mr. Muhammad Kashif Bashir paid tributes to Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi, Chairman of the Ad-hoc Committee on 100 Years Celebrations, for organizing several activities. He congratulated the President, Senior Vice President, and Vice President of LCCI for their support and patronage of the program. He also seconded the points highlighted by Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Malik relating to the administrative side of these events and appreciated the musical night function and polo match. He acknowledged the services of the Secretary-General, LCCI, for his dedication. Mr. Kashif Bashir believed that the LCCI administration has been handling this institution with total command, and its work is far better than many other organizations working in Lahore in particular and Punjab in general. He congratulated Mr. Jabbar Khalid for organizing the 2nd IT Awards, a beautiful event in Islamabad in the President's House. Mr. Kashif Bashir proposed to arrange a tour of the hill station after Eid.

Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, LCCI, requested for constructive debate in the House keeping in view its sanctity. He proposed discussing fundamental issues relating to trade, industry, commerce, and topics relevant to the LCCI improvement keeping in view the respect of this august House.

The Chair, on behalf of EC, acknowledged the unprecedented support extended by Mr. Shahzad Ali Malik, former President, LCCI, for Polo Match under 100 Years

Celebrations. The Chair also took House into Confidence over planned Dachi Exhibition to be sponsored by the LCCI

Chaudhry Wajid Ali requested sharing the list of LCCI nominations on different boards in Punjab. Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah complained about the non-cooperation of LCCI staff at Aiwan-e-Sadr and expressed his displeasure over the incident at the entrance of President House.

While clarifying the position, the Chair said that due to an incident during the visit of the President of Pakistan, the Security Staff of the President's House refused to cooperate and entertain our guests not included in the first list of invitees.

The Secretary-General shared that Pakistan International Airlines has increased discounts for LCCI members from 10 percent to 15 percent on domestic flights, and shortly, LCCI will sign an MoU with Punjab Land Records Authority to set up a counter to issue *fard* in the LCCI building. The House welcomed and hoped that it would increase a more positive image of the Chamber.

Mr. Muhammad Usman supported the views of Mian Rehman Aziz Chan. He suggested presenting a monthly report of activities in LCCI and the identification of issues regularly, enabling EC members to share LCCI performance among general members through Whatsapp groups.

The Chair replied that the implementation report and list of Activities presented with the Agenda cover all work in the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Mian Maqbool Siddique proposed to call only those applicants who are doubtful and whose records carry any discrepancy.

Mr. Saleem Asghar Bhatti appreciated the excellent work relating to Passport and NADRA for members. He requested expansion in services of NADRA as the workload is increasing day by day. He also acknowledged the supporting role of the Secretary-General in the facilitation of members.

Mr. Muhammad Ali Afzal congratulated Office-Bearers for the record number of renewals in 2022 and proposed an online appointment system for members coming for passport and NADRA services to avoid any inconvenience. He requested for early dispatch of members' identity cards through courier service.

The Chair, while replying to the points highlighted by members, directed not to conduct interviews if any Executive Committee members recommend an application for new membership.

Mr. Ahmad Faraz proposed to constitute a committee comprising current and former Executive Committee members for effective control and better workings keeping in view the arrangements during these functions.

Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi thanked the President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, and ad-hoc committee members for their support during the 100 Years Celebrations.

He proposed to prepare a calendar of events for the smooth execution of events during the year.

Mr. Abdul Wadood Alvi suggested refunding the fee received from the Conveners of the Standing Committees. He favored using new technology for interviews of new membership applicants and proposed organizing some events that directly impact general members.

Mr. Naeem Hanif appreciated 100 Years Celebrations and working of the facilitation desks in LCCI. He congratulated office-bearers and their team for commendable work during their tenure. He suggested organizing market visits to keep LCCI's contact with markets alive.

Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI, expressed concerns over the standard of discussion in the meeting and said the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry is a premier institution in Pakistan, demanding a fierce debate on industrial and trade policies of the government. He said amongst us are the most robust minds belonging to business and industry. He was expecting a discussion on the devaluation of the rupee, the new government setup, markets problems, and current economic policies. While elaborating on respect among the international financial institutions, Mr. Haris Ateeq said that it is a matter of great honor for all of us that a delegation from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) visited LCCI only among the private institutions to have our feedback on various issues. He added that the Vice President, Asian Development Bank, and Head of 16 Countries delegation also interacted with LCCI due to its valuable feedback on economic issues.

Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI, expressed the need for technological up-gradation in hardware and software fields to meet the challenges of growing workload in LCCI, especially in the Membership Department. He appreciated the efforts of Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi, Mr. Rizwan Haider, Malik Muhammad Usman, Mr. Nadeem Malik, Mr. Momin Ali Malik, Rana Tariq Mehboob for 100 Years Celebrations and for Renewals Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah, Mr. Ali Afzal, and the Standing Committee on Membership during the renewal process and 100 Years Celebrations.

Talking about the plans of the LCCI, Mr. Haris Ateeq announced that LCCI is planning to organize a grand award show in Turkey. A business delegation to the UK in May/June 2022 which has already been approved by President Sb on 23rd November 2021. He invited all EC members to join hands with LCCI in organizing these events as EC members are the custodian of the Chamber. He also suggested holding the Executive Committee meeting every month instead of every two months.

The House approved Welfare Funds for two scholarships in LUMS for students from Baluchistan as requested by Syed Babar Ali during his visit to the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

- 8.2 The Secretary-General invited the worthy EC members for lunch hosted by Mr. Ahmad Fraz and Mr. Rizwan Haider .

Points Missing in Previous EC Minutes

- Mr. Nadcem Malik suggested withdrawing the fee imposed on Standing Committee Convener and entertainment charges as it was causing negative sentiments among the members.
- Mian Maqbool Siddique also proposed withdrawal of the fee charged from Conveners and demanded the refund of payments already received.
- Mr. Shahid Nazir appreciated the efforts of the ad-hoc committee on 100 Years Celebrations. He suggested placing a memento in remembrance of this historic event in the history of LCCI. The Chair approved the suggestion of Mr. Shahid Nazir and directed to put a group photo of EC in EC Room on the 2nd Floor of the LCCI building.
- Mr. Kashif Bashir appreciated the efforts of Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi for the service rendered by him during the 100 Years Celebrations and condemned the criticism of different members. He suggested active participants of Executive Committee members in the LCCI events and their preparations.
- Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi, in his briefing, thanked Mian Nauman Kabir, President, LCCI, for trusting him as Convener Ad hoc Committee on 100 Years' Celebrations. He believed that he aimed to arrange all events on a self-finance basis without spending any financial resources from LCCI.
- At the start of the briefing, a documentary was shown to the participants. Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi said that Qira'at Competition sponsorship is under discussion. While talking about the Business Plan Competition, he said 17 Universities had shown interest, and we are expecting 34 participants in the event. M/s Guard Group is sponsoring Polo Match. A fashion show would be a part of our closing ceremony. We are also organizing an SME Symposium in collaboration with the State Bank of Pakistan and planning to invite Governor SBP and heads of commercial banks. A softball cricket tournament is also part of our celebrations. Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi also shared different technical aspects of these events and the hurdles being faced by the organizers.
- Due to his meeting at Governor House, Mian Nauman Kabir, President, LCCI, requested Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry to Chair the meeting in his absence.
- Mr. Tariq Mehboob extended full support to Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi in organizing the events and informed him that the name of Mr. Mardan was suggested by him, keeping in view his profile as a professional.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


Shahid Khalil
Secretary General