

THE LAHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 23.6.2022 AT 4PM
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. Abdul Wadood Alvi	EC Member	Adnan Printers
6.	Malik Riaz Iqbal	EC Member	Nadir Saidjan Industries
7.	Mr. Mubashar Naseer Butt	EC Member	Body Media International (Pvt.) Ltd.
8.	Mr. Muhammad Kashif Bashir	EC Member	Muhammad Kashif Bashir
9.	Mr. Maqbool Siddique	EC Member	Mian Cables
10.	Mr. Muhammad Naeem Hanif	EC Member	Hian Communication
11.	Mr. Shahid Nazir	EC Member	Filter House
12.	Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Shah	EC Member	Al-Yousaf Enterprises
13.	Mr. Muhammad Ali Afzal	EC Member	Afzal Sons
14.	Mian Jabbar Khalid	EC Member	Feroze Flour & General Mills
15.	Mr. Khalid Mehmood	E.C. Member	The Fuelers (Pvt) Ltd.
16.	Mr. Ahmed Ellahi	EC Member	AA Leather (Pvt.) Ltd.
17.	Mr. Muhammad Riaz ul Hassan	EC Member	Ajmair Foods (Pvt.) Ltd.
18.	Ch. Wajid Ali	EC Member	United Plastic Company
19.	Malik Muhammad Nadeem,	EC Member	Hafiz Brothers
20.	Mr. Muhammad Usman	EC Member	Usman Tractor House
21.	Mian Attiq-ur-Rehman	EC Member	Al-Jahan International
22.	Mr. Muhammad Jawad	EC Member	JSN Traders (Pvt.) Ltd
23.	Mr. Ahmad Farz	EC Member	Ahmad Bearing Center

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;

- Mother of Mr Naeem Hanif, EC Member, LCCI.
- Father-in-Law of Mr Muhammad Ali Afzal, EC Member, LCCI.
- Asad Amin Sheikh Son of Sheikh Arshad Saeed, Former President, LCCI.
- Brother of Haji Asif Sehar, 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. | Mr. Muhammad Momin Ali Malik | EC Member | Euro Guard (Pvt.) Ltd. |
| 3. | Mr. Shahzad Butt | EC Member | Ferista Enterprises. |
| 4. | Mr. Nadeem Qureshi | EC Member | 4B Gentel International (Pvt.) Ltd. |
| 5. | Mr. Rizwan Haider | EC Member | Excellent Packers (Pvt.) Ltd. |
| 6. | Mr. Saleem Asghar Bhatti | EC Member | Goshi Electronics |
| 7. | Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi | EC Member | Swera Departmental Store |

3. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

The House approved the Executive Committee meeting minutes held on 2.4.2022, with a few observations from members noted below.

3.1 Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry said that the minutes of the meeting about 100 years celebrations which was chaired by him were missing. The Chair directed the Secretary-General to add the minutes.

4. Implementation of EC Decisions

The House approved the Implementation of EC Decisions held on 3.2.2022.

5. List of Activities

The House approved the List of Activities for the period from 25.3.2022 to 31.5.2022 with a few observations from members noted below.

5.1 Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry pointed out that the meeting with CCPO Lahore; is missing from the list of activities. The Chair directed the Secretary-General to include it in the List of Activities.

The Secretary-General was directed to include the Standing Committee meeting pointed out by Mr Rizwan Haider in the activity sheet.

6. Statement of Accounts

6.1 The President LCCI gave full credit to the Executive Committee for regaining desired financial strength. He informed the House that our financial health was precarious when we took charge in October, but today, Alhamdulillah, the financial position is very healthy. At the first Executive Committee Meeting of this tenure, we all discussed insufficient funds in

LCCI Accounts. We had only Rs 46 Lac in LCCI Accounts, but Alhamdulillah today, we have Rs 16 Crore in our Account.

Mr. Yousaf Shah, the Executive Member, shared the performance report of the Membership Committee.

Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, LCCI, appreciated the efforts of Membership Committee Convener Mian Shafqat Ali & Muhammad Yousaf Shah, Co-convener. The House appreciated the efforts of the entire Membership Committee.

Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry, Executive member of LCCI asked why the LCCI Utilities Bills are showing an increase despite the installation of Solar System?

Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI, said that the increase is only because of the high cost of electricity, which has gone up 25 to 30% in recent months while Net Metering installation is in process.

The Chair gave one Month to the Secretary-General for the completion/installation of Net Metering.

Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry, Executive member of LCCI said that if Net Metering is done, the electricity bills will come down automatically. He also noted that our Mineral Water Bill is exceeding day by day. He suggested the installation of a Water Filtration Plant in LCCI. The Chair replied that we had done working on it. The Chair directed the Secretary-General to brief the House about the working of the Water Filtration Plant. Secretary-General said that while refilling the water from the plant and placing the bottle in meetings, it is not feasible no one will use an open water bottle.

Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI, said that I've done working on the Filtration plant. It is very technical as our foreign guests would not be using open bottles. But still, it is an essential point that we should have a Filtration plant in LCCI. I'm very thankful to Mr. Khalid Usman, former Executive Committee Member, who has offered us a free-of-cost Filtration plant at LCCI, and it will soon be installed.

Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry, Executive member LCCI, said that the Executive Committee meeting should be held after one month.

Malik Muhammad Nadeem pointed out a massive increase under the head of "Property, Plant and Equipment" in the statement of accounts at page 4 of Agenda item no 6. It is now Rs 54 lakh while previously it was Rs 28 lakh only. Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI, clarified that this is an accumulative figure from July 1, 2021.

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 23.06.2022, 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.	Petroleum Dealers	31.5.2022
B.	Export of Pharmaceutical, Cosmetics & Alternative Medicine	2.6.2022
C.	LCCI-Traffic Police Liaison	4.6.2022, 2.7.2022 & 19.7.2022
D.	Animal Healthcare and Rights	6.6.2022
E.	Advanced Projects of Real Estate	7.6.2022
F.	Issues of Flour Mills	9.6.2022
G.	Yarn Traders	9.6.2022
H.	Printing and Packaging	10.6.2022
I.	Joint meeting of Standing Committees on "Publishers and Notebooks" and "Liaison with Text Book Board"	14.6.2022
J.	Local Trade & Market Association	15.6.2022
K.	Electromedical & Scientific Equipment	16.6.2022
L.	ECO	17.6.2022
M.	Industry Academia Linkage	18.6.2022
N.	Railway Affairs	18.6.2022
O.	Industrial Solutions	30.6.2022
P.	Commercial Importers	2.7.2022 & 6.7.2022

Q.	Tools & Hardware/IIVACR	2.7.2022
R.	Developers, Builders and Housing Schemes	4.7.2022
S.	Herbs & Spices	5.7.2022
T.	Daroghawala Industrial Affairs	7.7.2022
U.	OEM's Auto Parts Manufacturers	7.7.2022
V.	Sewing Machinery Association	18.7.2022
W.	LCCI Achievement Awards 2022	4.7.2022
X.	Membership	28.5.2022,4.6.2022,11.6.2022,18.6.2022, 25.6.2022,2.7.2022,16.7.2022,23.7.2022
Y.	Information Technology & Open Source Software	28.6.2022
Z.	Building	18.7.2022

8. Formation of Adhoc Committee on LCCI Annual Budget 2022-23

The Chair constituted an Adhoc Committee on LCCI Annual Budget 2022-23 consisting of following Executive Committee Members to consider and approve the Annual Budget of the Chamber for the next financial year from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023:-

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| 1. | Mian Nauman Kabir, (President) | Chairman |
| 2. | Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, (Senior Vice President) | Member |
| 3. | Mr. Haris Ateeq, (Vice President) | " |
| 4. | Mr. Tahir Manzoor Ch | " |
| 5. | Malik Muhammad Nadeem | " |
| 6. | Mr. Abdul Wadood Alvi | " |
| 7. | Ch. Wajid Ali | " |
| 8. | Main Attique-ur-Rehman | " |
| 9. | Mr. Muhammad Ali Afzal | " |
| 10. | Mr. Ahmed Ellahi | " |

9. Any Other Item

- Ms. Shamim Akhtar, Executive member of LCCI, suggested measures for Road Discipline in Lahore like in other parts of the world. "Since we have an excellent liaison with the Traffic Police, we should raise this issue with them. We should prepare some Documentaries for awareness of the general public in the larger interests of the country. The Chair said that it is a good suggestion.

- Mr. Nauman Kabir, President, LCCI, informed the House that the services of Dr. Tariq Mehmood, a former Tax Commissioner and Mr. Tahir Raza Naqvi, a former Federal Secretary, have been hired for LCCI Tax Unit and Research and Development Department respectively. Their inception in the LCCI will help increase our interaction with Govt officials. Resultantly the working of the Lahore Chamber will get a boost.
- Mian Jabbar Khalid suggested all future EC meetings for at second time for being very convenient. He also wished LCCI President Mian Nauman Kabir a fast recovery and good health. He also appreciated the delegation to the UK, led by Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI. He said that for the first time, he saw such marvelous media coverage of any LCCI delegation and congratulated the Vice President for a very successful delegation. He also congratulated the Office Bearers for this success.
- Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry raised the point that during power outages (load shedding), all Telephone Exchanges turn dormant; therefore, the LCCI should write a letter to PTA for an alternate arrangement at PTA Telephone Exchanges for smooth working. The Chair directed the Secretary-General to write a letter to PTA in this regard. He further said that electricity bills are rising; therefore, we should check that our electricity meters have accurate loads on their wiring. The Chair directed the Secretary General to look into this matter by hiring some professionals.
- Malik Riaz Iqbal suggested that since we have sufficient funds, we should start some projects in LCCI, like the expansion of parking spaces during this tenure. He appreciated the delegation to the UK and congratulated Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI.
- Mr. Shahid Nazir, while pointing out a large gathering during the visit of the Saudi Delegation, suggested that during such high-profile meetings, we must not invite many people. He also suggested that CTO permission be sought for parking outside the Chamber during such meetings. He sought clarification about the delegation called on CM House. He also called for redesigning of the parking place at LCCI. The Chair, appreciating the proposal, decided to hire the services of an Expert/Architect to identify and design a parking place at LCCI.
- The Chair also directed the Secretary-General that during high-profile delegations, the Executive Committee should be allocated seats on the Park side.
- Rana Tariq Mehboob criticized the early closure of markets. He said that during Covid, early closure was a valid decision due to high Covid cases, but this time it is unrealistic and unjustified. He called for some collective action to resolve this issue which is causing huge financial loss to all businesses. He appreciated the Delegation to the UK and Congratulated Mr. Haris Ateeq Vice President, LCCI, for a sector-specific delegation and stressed on the

fact that such delegations should be encouraged as they are result-oriented and such delegations should not be encouraged which are for the purpose of leisure trip only.

- The Chair assured his full support to Rana Tariq Mehboob on the timing issue of markets. He, however, said that keeping in view the vast oil import bill, we need to tighten our belt, and we would have to evolve some SOPs regarding market timing.
- Mr. Kashif Bashir wished Mian Nauman Kabir, President, LCCI, fast recovery and good health. He appreciated the Delegation to the UK and Congratulated Mr. Haris Ateeq Vice President, LCCI. He also called for redesigning LCCI parking to have more space.
- Mian Attiq-ur-Rehman suggested forming a committee for the expansion of LCCI Parking. The Chair appreciated the suggestion. He appreciated the Delegation to the UK and Congratulated Mr. Haris Ateeq Vice President, LCCI.
- Mr. Wadood Alvi wished Mian Nauman Kabir, President, LCCI, a fast recovery and good health. He again questioned interviews of new membership applicants, which the Membership Committee is conducting. The Chair directed the Secretary General to convey to the Membership committee to have interviews of only those applicants whose papers are doubtful. He suggested that the sector specific delegations are more prepared instead of other delegations that don't have the required preparation, like as the Saudi Delegation came to Pakistan, they had some sector specific Delegation having B2B meetings and circulated regarding the delegation prior coming to Pakistan. He also suggested that, with three to four months left, we should take some specific delegations. He appreciated the Delegation to the UK and Congratulated Mr. Haris Ateeq Vice President, LCCI on leading the delegation
- Mian Maqbool Siddique Congratulated Mr Haris Ateeq Vice President, LCCI, for his successful Delegation to the UK. He further said that in future more delegations should be formed. The Chair appreciated the suggestion.
- Mr. Mubasher Naseer Butt pointed out that LCCI documents in SECP are incomplete. He suggested that our auditor should be changed. He also suggested that association, the Budget Period is Oct to Sept, while in LCCI it is from July to June, so we should change the LCCI Budget Period.
- The Chair directed the Secretary General to clarify SECP documents. The Secretary General said that as per his knowledge, all sorts of documentation with SECP are complete; however, he will recheck it and if there is any deficiency, it would be fulfilled.

- The Chair said that as per law, every year, at the end of tenure, an Annual General Meeting is conducted wherein auditors are appointed. If the House agrees to change the existing Auditors, we can do it in the upcoming AGM.
- Mr. Haris Ateeq Vice President, LCCI, said that he would personally look into this matter of Auditors, and as far as the Change of the LCCI Budget Period is concerned, this matter would also be looked into.
- Secretary-General said that in the previous AGM, both the issues were raised by Mr. Mubashar Naseer Butt, but the AGM asked about the reason for the change of auditors. Mr. Nadeem Qureshi gave us the note in the previous EC Meeting for a change of Auditors, and we had a debate on it. We don't have any binding against the change of auditors. Secondly, for the change of the LCCI Budget Period about we will talk to our auditors.
- Mr. Usman Malik appreciated the timing of the EC meeting. He suggested that EC meeting times should be kept the same in the future as well. He also appreciated the efforts of Office Bearers to strengthen LCCI financial position. He spoke highly of the LCCI delegation to the UK and the Vice President took the initiative to take a sector-specific delegation to the UK. He, however, said that EC members should also be part of future delegations.
- He requested the Chair to write a letter to the FBR that the notices should not be issued to businessmen who do not qualify for the POS. Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, the Senior Vice President, said that as per law, the FBR should not issue notices to retailers who do not fulfill the POS Criteria. But, if it is happening, he would like to request the honorable EC member Malik Usman to contact him for remedial measures in this regard. The House applauded the comments. He also asked for the LCCI HODs list and their contact numbers that should be shared with him through WhatsApp. He suggested adding minutes of every important meeting to the Agenda of the Executive Committee Meeting with their outcome. He also sought the nomination of Executive Committee members for different government departments as this would help increase the Chamber's efficiency in the members' eyes.
- Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, the Senior Vice President, said that the most crucial aspect of a visiting foreign delegation is its composition, and we should try our level best for match-making. Their relevant sector should meet them. "I had observed the Lahore Chamber had attempted to ensure the presence of non-conventional and relevant businessmen when the Saudi delegation came to LCCI."
- To ensure the prestige and respect of EC members when visiting foreign delegations, the Senior Vice President said the LCCI would have to change its modus operandi to receive the delegates. Instead of queuing up to receive them or staying on the ground floor for a group photo, the EC members would have to go to the meeting hall to have their rightful place.

- The Chair directed the Secretary-General to ensure hundred percent seats at their rightful place for the Executive Committee members at all meetings.
- Chaudhry Wajid Ali suggested using a greenbelt outside LCCI for parking purposes outside.
- Mr. Ahmed Ellahi asked about the rental agreement with FFC with LCCI. The Secretary General said they had renewed the Rental Agreement with us for another 10 years.
- On the resolution presented by of Malik Muhammad Nadeem, the Executive Committee condemned Indian atrocities against Muslims living in India and passed a resolution against India and condemned India in the strongest possible words.
- Mr. Yousaf Shah asked about the status of CPLC as, during the meeting with CCPO, the honorable member had requested the CCPO to make it functional. And such a request means the CPLC does not exist. Mr. Yousaf Shah also sought the performance Report of CPLC as per the promise of the honorable EC member during the last EC meeting; the Secretary-General said that the Report had been shared with the EC as it was received today by email. He also appreciated the Delegation to the UK and Congratulated Mr. Haris Ateeq Vice President, LCCI.
- The Chair, on occasion, asked Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry if he wanted to respond or not. Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry said that he always wanted CPLC on the Karachi pattern, where it is important and very active. The Senior Vice President asked about the notification of the CPLC. Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry informed the House that its notification was issued in 2004 as per section 168 of Police Order 2004 and it was decided it would be verified by Police if it still exists.
- Mr. Naeem Hanif wished Mian Nauman Kabir, President, LCCI, fast recovery and good health. He said that in a previous EC meeting, it was discussed to install a Vertical Parking Stand in LCCI to resolve the issue of parking. He suggested taking some legal action on signal issues in markets with PTA because the bandwidth they promise to customers is not given accordingly, while they are charging customers that too, without proper service. The Chair asked him to give a solution. The Secretary General said that we have all the records which we wrote Letters to PTA also shared with you. They told us when we went to market they didn't let us remove the bandwidth. We will take up this matter again. The Chair asked on behalf of LCCI if you wanted to arrange a meeting with Chairmen PTA in Islamabad. Mr. Haris Ateeq Vice President, LCCI, said that Mr. Naeem Hanif is absolutely right that the Walled City of Lahore is suffering a lot because of low bandwidth. The Chair said that first we would call a meeting with Chairman PTA at LCCI. If they don't have time, then we can schedule their meeting with Mr. Naeem Hanif in Islamabad. Mr. Naeem Hanif said that, as you know, all things are digitalized and people are working online and they are suffering

from Mobile Data because of their signal issues and their businesses are suffering a lot. The Chair Condolence with Mr. Naeem Hanif of her Mother's demise.

- Mr. Muhammad Riaz ul Hassan criticized the early closure of Bakers & Confectioners. He also said that due to closing time and closing on Sunday, it affects the daily sales of our bakery. He suggested raising this matter with the Govt to give relaxation to bakers. The Chair said that yesterday when Khawaja Hassan & DC Lahore came to the Chamber in your presence we raised this issue with them and they told us that we would give relaxation to Bakers & Confectioners. He also suggested that during the Saudi Delegation we could arrange separate tables for them.
- Mr. Haris Ateeq Vice President, LCCI, said that we will raise this issue again as President LCCI said we will conduct a meeting again with Khawaja Hassan about those perishable products whose lifetime is less than 24 hours and soon this issue will be resolved.
- Mr. Muhammad Ali Afzal said to the Chair that, in the absence of your Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, who has worked a lot as an Acting President, he resolved all our issues. He said that all importers were having an issue regarding banned items. On May 26, the senior vice president wrote a letter and on May 19, SRO was issued regarding banned items. But they have not replied to us yet. He suggested writing a letter to relevant authorities to release consignments at the destination. The Chair said that we will not just write a letter, we will take it on high priority and request the Federation to take it to the next level. Mr. Muhammad Ali Afzal highly appreciated that we are in Surplus and suggested strongly using our reserves and making them a fixed asset. He appreciated the Delegation to the UK and Congratulated Mr. Haris Ateeq Vice President, LCCI and appreciates the tour to Holy Place at PakPattan Sharif which was led by Mian Nauman Kabir, President, LCCI. The Chair appreciated the suggestion and requested the House to share their ideas with us on EC What's App Group.
- Malik Muhammad Nadeem said that the Standing Convership Fee is still not refunded.
- The Chair directed the Secretary-General LCCI to Refund Convership Fee.
- Mr. Khalid Mehmood raised the issue of shortage of food at meetings saying that occasionally it happens that more people are limited at meeting. He suggested observing Prayer Time during meetings. The Chair asked the House for approval and the House approved it unanimously.
- The Chair informed the House that we wanted to buy New Laptops & Wi-Fi Routers for R&D Department and New UPS for Zubaida Hall. The House approved it unanimously.
- Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, LCCI said that our Ground Floor is well developed but Jinnah Auditorium. He appreciated the efforts of Mian Nauman Kabir,


President, LCCI, for the renovation of the Allama Iqbal Room. He also suggested renovation of Amin Hall because its outlook is unlike a corporate meeting room and its sitting capacity is not enough. He requested the President of LCCI to conduct a Building Committee for meeting while hiring some Professional Architects to merge the Shalimar Hall & Dining Hall with Amin Hall. He suggested converting the status of LCCI Mosque to Jamia Mosque. If there is an issue regarding funds for the Mosque, then I would request the Secretary-General to divide it among all EC members. He also said that in Basement, we are facing many issues due to the increasing number of members; therefore, I request the Secretary-General to ask Nadra Passport offices to extend their office timings. He proposed extending the area of Nadra & Passport and I have identified the area in the Basement. He requested the President of LCCI to outsource the canteen so that our employees can avail this service. He also requested to restore the allowances of LCCI employees, which were banned due to Covid. He also said to change the Hardware & Tools for LCCI Employees to meet their professional needs.

It was approved but not mentioned
1/ Covaridge Allowances

- Mr Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI, while adding to the points highlighted by SVP, said that during my visit to the basement of the LCCI building along with Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, we identified many areas in the basement for maximum utilization of the vacant space to meet the growing demand of members visiting Chamber for different services.
- Mian Nauman Kabir, President, LCCI, appreciated the suggestions.

The Secretary-General invited the worthy EC members for Hi-Tea.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Shahid Khalil
Secretary-General