

THE LAHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 24.9.2022 AT 4:30 PM
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. Abdul Wadood Alvi	EC Member	Adnan Printers
7.	Malik Riaz Iqbal	EC Member	Nadir Saidjan Industries
8.	Mr. Saleem Asghar Bhatti	EC Member	Goshi Electronics
9.	Mr. Muhammad Naeem Hanif	EC Member	Hian Communication
10.	Mr. Shahzad Butt	EC Member	Ferista Enterprises
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.	Mr. Rizwan Haider	EC Member	Excellent Packers (Pvt.) Ltd.
15.	Ch. Wajid Ali	EC Member	United Plastic Company
16.	Mr. Khalid Mehmood	EC Member	The Fuelers (Pvt.) Ltd.
17.	Malik Muhammad Nadeem,	EC Member	Hafiz Brothers
18.	Mr. Muhammad Usman	EC Member	Usman Tractor House
19.	Mian Maqbool Siddique	EC Member	Mian Cables
20.	Mr. Riaz-ul-Hassan	EC Member	Ajmair Foods (Pvt.) Ltd.
21.	Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi	EC Member	Swera Departmental Store
22.	Mian Attiq-ur-Rehman	EC Member	Al-Jahan International
23.	Mr. Tariq Mehboob	EC Member	Rana Trading Company.
24.	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;

- Grandson of Mian Anjum Nisar and Mian Tariq Nisar.
- Sister-in-Law of Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President FPCCI and Former President LCCI.
- Mother-in-Law of Mr. Muhammad Arshad Khan, Former EC Member LCCI.
- Grandmother of Mr. Muhammad Jawad, EC Member LCCI.
- Former Vice President LCCI, Khawaja Zubair.
- Mother-in-Law of Mr. Shahid Khalil, Secretary General, 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 | E.C Member | In-Out Trading (Pvt.) Ltd. |

3. Mr. Mubashar Naseer Butt	EC Member	Body Media International (Pvt.) Ltd.
4. Mr. Muhammad Momin Ali Malik	EC Member	Euro Guard (Pvt.) Ltd.
5. Mr. Kashif Bashir	EC Member	Muhammad Kashif Bashir
6. Mian Jabbar Khalid	EC Member	Feroze Flour & General Mills
7. Muhammad Jawad	EC Member	JSN Traders (Pvt.) Ltd
8. Mr. Ahmed Ellahi	EC Member	AA Leather (Pvt.) Ltd.
9. Mian Tariq Misbah	Ex-officio	Pharmasaales International (Pvt) Ltd

3. **Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The House approved the Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on 4.8.2022, with some observations recorded below:

- Mr. Tahir Manzoor Ch. said that some points are missing in the minutes and requested the Chair to look into the matter. The Chair clarified that each and every detail cannot be made part of the minutes because in this way the minutes would become unnecessarily lengthy. However, he directed the Secretary-General to look into the matter

4. **Implementation of the decisions of the EC**

Implementation Report on the decisions of the previous Minutes of Executive Committee meeting was approved by the House.

5. **List of Activities**

The House approved the List of Activities for the period from 25.07.2022 to 16.09.2022 with appreciation and a few observations from members noted below.

- Mian Nauman Kabir, President LCCI said that the credit of all good work done during the year goes to Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President and the Executive Committee.
- Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry congratulated the House and the Office-Bearers for a very successful year. He suggested adding market visits to LCCI calendar of events.

6. **Statement of Accounts**

The House approved the Agenda item after brief discussion.

- Mr. Tahir Manzoor Ch said that there is a deficit in short-term investments therefore, the details should be shared with the Executive Committee. He further said that electricity bills are almost double and it seems that the LCCI could not get benefit of newly installed Solar system. The Chair replied that the reason for the huge bill is the fast going up prices of electricity and

secondly only 11 days electricity units could be added to this month's Bill because of delayed installation of net-metering system.

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 4.8.2022.

- 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.	Market Affairs	26.7.2022
B.	Agri Commodity Export	27.7.2022 & 25.8.2022
C.	Code of Corporate Governance	27.7.2022, 12.8.2022 & 19.8.2022
D.	Interfaith Harmony	28.7.2022
E.	Customs and Valuation	29.7.2022
F.	Pakistan-CIS Trade Relations	29.7.2022
G.	Special Economic Zones	1.8.2022
H.	Auto Accessories	3.8.2022
I.	Commercial Importers	4.8.2022 & 19.8.2022
J.	Industry (Small & Medium) SME	17.8.2022
K.	Auto Parts (New)	20.8.2022
L.	Pak China Business Promotion	20.8.2022
M.	Mobile Phone Accessories	27.8.2022
N.	Advanced Projects of Real Estate	29.8.2022
O.	Kala Bagh Dam	30.8.2022
P.	Membership	30.7.2022, 6.8.2022, 13.8.2022, 20.8.2022, 27.8.2022, 3.9.2022 & 10.9.2022

8. Farewell to retiring EC Members

- Mr. Nadeem Qureshi appreciated and congratulated the office-bearers for a very successful Achievement Award function at the President House. He said that this time it was unique in the sense that a large number of personalities belonging to this city were given awards.
- He, however, pointed out that his Deputy Convener could not get Achievement Award Invitation card therefore there is a need to look into our system of extending invitations.
- Mr. Nadeem Qureshi also appreciated the President for inviting leading personalities to the Lahore Chamber during his tenure.
- He further said that in last EC meeting he had given the suggestion to buy piece of land to build skill development institute so that skilled labour could be developed.
- The Chair thanked Mr. Nadeem Qureshi for his very precious input about the working during the year. About the Achievement Award invitations, the Chair said that invitation mechanism was quite good as 10 cards were given to the office-bearers, two cards to every EC Member and 5 cards to every award winner and 10 cards were given to the Convener.
- Rana Tariq Mehboob appreciated the office bearers for their whole-hearted efforts during the year. He said that he would miss the retiring EC members. He suggested that seating arrangements in the EC meeting for next year should be accurate (from Senior to Junior) and there must be some decorum. He requested that EC Members must give value to their respective sectors to give a feel to their fellow businessmen of that particular sector that their sector is well represented at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He proposed proper working for the promotion of Sector-Specific Trade and Exports.
- Mr. Usman Malik appreciated the Office Bearers for their hard work for the cause of trade and industry during the year. He said that over the issue of Chapter 84, 85 business community was suffering badly. He said that despite LCCI and FPCCI efforts, no relief was given to the businessmen. He further said that he was thankful to leaders of Founders group who gave him the opportunity to serve the business community from the platform of this premier Chamber of the Country. He appreciated the work done by the House like Market issues, Industries issues; Meeting with Ambassadors, Expo and above all the increase in Membership Fees. He appreciated the office Bearers for developing the New LCCI Services Block. He also appreciated various events conducted under the banner of LCCI 100 years celebrations, establishment of Reading Room. He appreciated the work of the Membership Committee. He pointed out that the Admin Department and Delegation Departments should be renovated. To his question about office bearers financial powers, the Secretary General replied that they can spend upto Rs. 50,000 unbudgeted amount without prior approval of EC. He

suggested that EC Members should be appointed as focal persons with different government departments. He requested the Chair for the promotion of employees who have not been promoted for the 10 years. He further said in the wake of death of an employee, if his son/daughter is hired, then his/her salary should be to enough to meet their expenses due to inflation. He appreciated the delegation to UK which was led by Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI.

- Mr. Saleem Bhatti appreciated the office-bearers for donation to flood affectees and informed that the Hall Road Market has also collected Rs 4 crore to build 200 houses. He requested the house to donate as much they can to build proper houses for flood-affectees.
- Mian Maqbool Siddique said appreciated the work of office-bearers in this whole tenure. He suggested establishment of a medical center at LCCI so that the LCCI employees can be facilitated.
- Mr. Shahzad Butt appreciated the coordination of the office-bearers with him. He especially thanked the President for involving him in every important matter. He, however, said that the attendance of the EC Members was weak in high-profile meetings during the year.
- Mr. Rizwan Haider appreciated the office-bearers for a very good performance. He said that he was representing Anjum-e-Hussania and under its banner they collected around 3.5 crores for Flood-Afftees for construction of 500 houses as one house costs Rs 1.5 lakh. He requested the EC members to contribute for the early rehabilitation of these affectees.
- Ch. Wajid Ali appreciated the work done by the office-bearers during the year saying that it was like he himself was the President, the Senior Vice President and the Vice President.
- Mian Attiq-ur-Rehman appreciated the excellent team work by the Office bearers. He said that all the functions were par excellence. He said that their hard work has finally paid off, congratulations and well-done.
- Mr. Nadeem Malik thanked the PIAF Patron-in-Chief Mian Anjum Nisar, Muhammad Ali Mian and all senior leadership especially the President. He said, "I have learnt a lot from this Institute as top representatives from various government departments visit Lahore Chamber for sharing information and data about different segments of the economy. He said that he was very grateful for being part the team of 100 years celebrations and all the events in connection with 100 years celebrations were excellent. He appreciated the office-bearers for sparing time to solve the business community issues. "I salute you all for your patience." He also appreciated the delegation to UK that of course was good for exports. He said that the TEVTA is not fulfilling its responsibilities regarding the provision of skilled labor. Therefore, the LCCI should prepare a roadmap to develop an independent institution for creating skilled labour in the country. This would be a giant leap but Lahore Chamber has all the abilities to take this big step.

He suggested to follow-up the MoUs in next meeting as an Agenda and he appreciated the Chair for conducting the Ambassadors Dinner.

- Mr. Abdul Wadood Alvi thanked the Progressive Group for nominating him as Executive Committee Member of this premier Chamber of the country. He said his experience of working with LCCI was unique in the sense that he also remained part of Opposition for quite some time before their group joined the PIAF. He appreciated the office-bearers and the Executive Committee for taking bold decisions to make this institution financially strong. He also appreciated the 100 years celebrations and establishment of Reading Room particularly naming it after Sir Ganga Ram. He suggested that EC Members should give maximum time at LCCI so that their issues could be resolved quickly. He said that our staff is very cooperative like their head the Secretary-General.
- Mr. Shahid Nazir appreciated the office-bearers that they have performed their duties with full devotion and responsibly. He said that he was from the Associate Class and believed that only chamber can play a major role to get the business community issues resolved. He appreciated the 100 years of celebrations in which Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi, Mr. Nadeem Malik and other EC Members played their great role. He appreciated the Membership Committee for generating enough funds for the LCCI with special clap for Mr. Yousaf Shah for his excellent performance. He suggested that when some delegation is proposed then it should be open for EC Members as he was not in favor of Sector-Specific delegation.
- Mr. Tahir Manzoor Ch, while appreciating open discussion taking place in the Executive Committee meeting, said that he remembers well that in the past before the PIAF-Founders Alliance took shape, the people were used to ask us that why you people are attending the EC meetings when you cannot even give your independent opinion and bound to endorse what the Chair will say. But today, he is very happy that everybody is taking part in discussions and it is a very wise thing because our President is wise. He said every SVP & VP has a desire that their President must be cooperative and I think in this tenure both the SVP & the VP are lucky to have Mian Nauman Kabir as President. I hope the upcoming office-bearers would also have great understanding. He said that Mr. Usman Malik, Mr Shahid Nazir & Mr. Abdul Wadood Alvi spoke about liaison with various government departments. I endorse their point of view, I think every EC member should be given one government department to liaise with. In this way they will feel empowered and Lahore Chamber will also have increased interaction with that particular department.
- Mr. Haris Ateeq Vice President, LCCI thanked the Founders leadership for reposing their trust in him and giving him this great opportunity to serve the business community as the Vice President. He said he was also thankful to all leadership of PIAF Founders Alliance. He said that he was also thankful to all former presidents, former office-bearers and especially to the Executive Committee for extending an unmatched support to him. He shared every detail of his interaction with the President sb and the Senior Vice President sab as to how and when it started. Alhamdulillah, I was lucky to have such a

good office-bearers. I have learnt a lot because both were experienced. He said that as Vice President he faced many challenges but surmounted with the support of Executive Committee. He, as a Vice President, tried his level best to save every penny of Lahore Chamber with the support of Purchase Committee. He congratulated Mr. Nadeem Qureshi for becoming the Regional Chairman of FPCCI and Rana Tariq Mehboob for again becoming the Chairman of the Chainstore Association. He appreciated Mr. Saleem Asghar Bhatti and Mr. Yousaf Shah, Mr. Usman Malik, Mian Maqbool, Malik Riaz Iqbal, Mr. Shahzad Butt, Mr Mohammad Ali Afzal, Mr Rizwan Haider, Ch Wajid Ali and Mian Attiqueur Rehman for their valuable contribution towards the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He thanked Mr. Nadeem Malik for the words of appreciation for the delegation to UK. He apologized for not taking the Executive Members along to UK but said that inshallah he would request the new President for an EC delegation to UK. He said that he got an opportunity to work with Mr. Naeem Hanif in Executive Committee second time and found him hardworking and a very humble person. He was thankful to Mr. Wadood Alvi and Mr. Shahid Nazir for representing their sectors in a good manner. He thanked Mr. Tahir Manzoor Ch for always being so prepared with the Statement of Accounts at all EC meetings. He appreciated Mian Rehman Aziz Chan for playing a good role as Acting President in the absence of the Chair due to his illness. Mr. Jabbar Khalid worked a lot in IT awards, Mr. Momin Ali Malik has also contributed a lot in the 100 years celebrations and especially for Flood-affecteds. Mr. Kashif Bashir has represented his market very well. Ms. Tehmina Saeed Ch and Ms. Shamim Akhtar also worked a lot for their respective sectors. Mr. Riaz-ul-Hassan timely raised voice for his sector and convinced authorities logically on many points and got many govt decisions reversed. He advised the house to focus on Exports and in their respective manufacturing units, they must develop Export desks. I am also thankful to the Staff because I had to interact with them repeatedly for being Vice President and because of my open door policy. He said he found all the staff members very efficient and hardworking.

- Mian Rehman Aziz Chan said I am very thankful to Allah that He had given good companions for whole life and may Allah give us long healthy and happy life. He requested the House to pray for us that if something went wrong in this tenure may Allah forgive us and inshallah this will be the new beginning and rather than saying goodbye I would say welcome the moments which we will spend in future together.
- The LCCI office-bearers presented Shields to all Executive Committee Members as a token for their contribution towards the betterment of the business community as well as the Lahore Chamber. The LCCI Office Bearers also presented Shield to Mr. Shahid Khalil, Secretary General LCCI as an appreciation for providing meritorious services throughout the year

9. Any Other Item

- Mr. Shahid Nazir again called for Valuation hearings at Lahore instead of Karachi. He said that high valuation is hitting businesses hard. He also raised the issues being faced by the importers and exporters due to forex restrictions by the State Bank of Pakistan.

- The Chair appreciated Mr. Shahid Nazir for highlighting the right issues and informed the House that he had already taken up these issue with Chairman FBR during his visit to Islamabad.
- Mr. Yousaf Shah endorsed Mr. Shahid Nazir and informed the House that he had also faced same ordeal for the release of his container which remained stuck up at Karachi port for almost three months. He did his best to get it released but in vain. He said that he even used the platform of LCCI but for a long period of three months the situation remained the same.
- Mr. Mohammad Ali Afzal said that our communication with FBR is very lenient and it should be a bit harsh to get the issues resolved. He also endorsed Mr. Shahid Nazir's point of view. He requested the Chair to raise the issue at the highest forum.
- The Chair said that on average, 10 to 15 cases about Chapter 84 &85 are being sent to State Bank and the Finance Minister on daily basis.
- Mr. Ahmad Fraz said that he was thankful to Lahore Chamber for its help in getting resolved five cases relating to chapter 84 and 85 from Badami Bagh Auto Market.
- Mr. Tahir Manzoor Ch while endorsing Mr. Shahid Nazir & Mr. Mohammad Ali Afzal on Chapter 84 & 85, said that if we had elections of Associate Class this year, the situation would have been a bit difficult for us in the markets. He requested the Chair to have meeting with the Finance Minister along with Market representatives to find out a solution to this burning issue.
- Mr. Shahzad Butt also urged the Chair to request the government for some policy on this issue of the importers and exporters as three months have gone so far without any clear-cut stance of the government on this particular issue.
- Rana Tariq Mehboob said there was a time when markets were strong enough to get such issues resolved by themselves under the patronage of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In late eighties, he was part of Liberty Market Association along with Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh and they get their issues resolved from the authorities through the use of shutter power but today the situation is altogether different. The markets have lost their power due to some or the other reason. Therefore, I would request trade bodies to reassure their role. He said that those markets which have some common issues should make some action plan and share it with LCCI for the amicable resolution of their common issues. He requested the market representatives to go to their respective markets and take them into Confidence. We need to determine our role to get the solution and also lower the burden of LCCI. We are very lucky that our office-bearers listen to us. I am personally in favor that this EC should set some parameters for sector-specific delegations and we should make some strategy to promote it.

- While continuing discussion on chapter 84 and 85, Mr. Nadeem Qureshi said that situation is not very good in this regard as a very large number of businesses are attached with this SRO. From the platform of FPCCI, we got released some containers but this is a big issue. Although an assurance has been given to the Federation that all containers up to \$50000 will be released and if the amount is more than \$50000, late payment option may be used. Mr. Nadeem Qureshi appreciated Rana Tariq Mehboob for his wise suggestion.
- Talking about Standing Committees, the Chair said that there should be no pressure on the new office-bearers as a total 245 conveners were appointed by us and out these 245, 65 conveners did not even form their committees. Around 100 conveners conducted only one meeting and there are also many who did not even hold a single meeting.
- Mr. Usman Malik endorsed the Chair and said that he knew about many people who used references to get committees but failed to do any work. He, however, said that the imposition of Rs.10,000 fee on Conveners also kept around 20-30 people away.
- The Chair suggested to donate the amount collected from the Conveners to the Flood-Affectees and a letter of thanks to all those who have submitted this amount to LCCI. Mr. Usman Malik said that it is not the right thing for our Institution.
- Speaking on the subject, Mian Rehman Aziz Chan said that this fee also exists in FPCCI. He said that when he became the Regional Chairman of FPCCI in 2016, he was also not in favor of it. He further said that when a Committee is given to someone, your Chamber resources are consumed and honestly speaking some committees are those in which people just come to have tea & picture. Mian Rehman Aziz Chan said that honestly speaking it is completely absurd to have so many committees. He informed the House that President sb wanted to withdraw the letters from many committees but he stopped him from doing so. He said that the money was given to LCCI now it was LCCI's prerogative to utilize this money so we decided to donate it to Flood-Affectees. He said that the Rana Tariq Sab & Mr. Nadeem Qureshi Sb have given a good briefing on Chapter 84, 85. The point is that what is our role as an Executive Committee Member? We are not the govt or we are not the people who are taking decisions on behalf of the govt. We are the go- between, the private sector and the govt. After 17 years the Pakistan had faced problem in shape of Floods and we should be thankful to God that our city Lahore is not affected. He said that when Mr. Miftah Ismail, Finance Minister came to LCCI and we had a detailed discussion on Chapter 84, 85 and he also said that this matter was about to be finished but due to Floods it could not be done. Unfortunately many EC Members were not present at that meeting. He said that in coming Month October it would be really tough like Electricity cost would be increased also Dollar rate will go up and because of this, the inflation will be high.
- Mr. Usman Malik requested that the money of Standing Committees should not be donated to the Flood-affectees. He said that there was financial crisis

at LCCI but all the office bearers and the Executive Committee Members had played their important role and it will be remembered for lifetime.

- Mr. Abdul Wadood Alvi pointed out that in the documentary all the events should be in a sequence. Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President LCCI, said that it is the documentary of whole tenure and we only added the major highlights. He said that the missing pictures of EC members are a valid point.
- Mr. Khalid Mehmood sought a detailed briefing from the Vice President on UK delegation. The Vice President said that Fashion sector is a value-added sector but unfortunately its export from Pakistan is negligible. So the very objective was to support this particular sector. This was an important delegation from every aspect as a number of famous designers were part of this delegation. Total six designers and two exhibitors were part of it. He further said that this mega event was conducted on self-financed basis but the results were phenomenal and exports in this particular sector would get a boost.
- Mr. Nadeem Malik asked whether SOPs were followed while making UK delegation and also sought funds' details.
- The Vice President said that all the SOPs were followed in letter and spirit with approval from the President, EC and Fashion Committee. The record of the funds is available with Accounts Department, the EC Member can have the copy of it.
- The Chair said that the all the Fund records of delegation of Iran are also available with Accounts Department.
- The Chair informed the House that although the change of Auditors for a company is a legal procedure that is done through AGM. However, he wants approval from the House for the appointment of new Auditors for LCCI as same auditors are serving the Chamber for the last 20 years. The House approved it unanimously.
- On the request of the Chair, the House also gave unanimous approval to no-extension/contract policy for retiring LCCI employees.
- **Piece of land for LCCI:** The Chair also sought House approval to buy a plot for LCCI in Sundar Industrial Estate, saying that it is his wish to buy some plot for LCCI because we have funds and they must be utilized to build LCCI asset. He informed the House the government had offered us a plot at control rate on installments. He said that he had also formed a committee in this regard. The committee members also visited the site in Sunder Industrial Estate. Mr. Yousaf Shah and Mr. Usman Malik were of the opinion that they visited the site and found it infeasible. He suggested buying land near EXPO Centre. The Chair replied that we don't have enough funds to buy land there for being very expensive. Mr. Yousaf Shah said that there must be an agenda item to discuss this important matter as it involves LCCI funds and a separate emergent meeting can be convened to

take it up. The Chair replied that it was the agenda of the previous emergent EC meeting and it was approved by the House.

- Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, the Senior Vice President, threw light on why the LCCI should buy a piece of land and how we lost an opportunity to have a piece of land during the tenure of Sheikh Mohammad Arshad (late). He said had that land been bought at that time, it would have been beneficial for the LCCI today. At that time it was just for Rs 12 crores and today its value is in billions. He said that being custodians of this premier chamber of the country, we should have not missed that opportunity because it was for this great institution. Mian Rehman Aziz Chan said that God has given us a chance today for making an Asset for this organization. We should forget its merits or demerits and buy this piece of land. We should leave the decision to the upcoming committee to keep it or otherwise.
- The Chair directed the Secretary-General to tell the details of the plot. The Secretary-General briefed the House about availability of a 15 marla commercial plot in Sundar Industrial Estate on installments with 25 per cent down payment. The total cost of the plot is Rs 3,75,00,000. The Chair said that although I was given powers by the committee but I, personally, wanted to take the House onboard again.
- Mian Maqbool Siddique requested the Chair to make it an Agenda to discuss it in next emergent meeting. Mr. Yousaf Shah pointed out that it is not an Agenda item therefore you cannot be able to get approval from the house. The Vice President said that the point of view of the committee be considered.
- **Donation to Flood-affectedees:** The Vice President informed the House that an amount of Rs 38.7 million has been donated so far. He said that only 14 honorable EC members have so far submitted promised donation of Rs. one Lakh despite EC meeting decision that all EC members will donate Rupees one Lakh each for flood-affectedees.
- **Expansion of NADRA and Passport offices:** The Chair sought approval of an estimated amount of Rs 17 million for the expansion of NADRA and Passport offices. The Chair further said that he was very thankful to Vice President & Senior Vice President that they identified the place in the basement for the expansion of these offices. He said that there were complaints that the area is not enough to cater to the needs of the members. The Chair also gave a detailed briefing about formation of committee comprising Mr. Nadeem Malik, Mr. Mubashar Naseer Butt and Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi, Advertisement in newspaper and selection of contractor and some purchases directly from LCCI Members. The House approved it unanimously.
- **LCCI Reading Room:** The Chair said that we have also established a Reading Room at Third Floor of LCCI with an amount of Rs 12 Lakh and once again we need the House approval. The House approved it unanimously.

- The Chair said that a Chinese Consulate Team visited the Reading Room and donated 10 Lac Rupees for the Reading Room. Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, LCCI appreciated the Chair for naming the Reading room after Sir Ganga Ram saying that this will definitely promote religious harmony. He said Sir Ganga Ram was truly a learned son of Lahore. I want to put it on record that the name is approved by the Executive Committee and Inshallah it remain for a long time to come.
- Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi said that he was thankful to Allah, the Almighty, Who gave him the opportunity to serve the business community. He was also thankful to his group for nominating him as LCCI Executive Committee Member. He requested the House to give enough time to the Retiring Executive Committee Members to enable them to speak their heart out. He appreciated the Office Bearers for sparing their precious time whole of the year and serving the business community. He suggested to continue 100 years celebrations in the upcoming year as well. He paid rich tributes to the Vice President Mr. Haris Attique for playing an important role in the LCCI purchase committee of which he himself was a member. He said the Vice President tried his level best to save every single penny of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He also appreciated the office-bearers working with EDF and having share of one lakh dollars from EDF for LCCI proposed delegation to USA. He appreciated the efforts of Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, LCCI, on Property Tax issue. He appreciated the efforts of the Membership Standing Committee Convener Mian Shafqat Ali former president LCCI, Co Convener Mr. Yousaf Shah and Ch. Wajid Ali. He especially appreciated the Secretary-General LCCI for getting resolved an important personal issue. He requested to write a letter of appreciation to Sir Ganga Ram Family if their family members are in Lahore or Out of Country and should inform them the LCCI Reading Room has been named Sir Ganga Ram Reading Room.
- **LCCI Achievement Awards 2022;** Mr. Yousaf Shah said that this time some of the Awards were given to such people who have no contribution towards LCCI and so much so they have not even given any donation to the flood-affectees. It would have been better if EC approval has been sought prior finalizing the award winners. He said that the CCPO Lahore was invited at LCCI but no EC Members were invited. He appreciated the delegation to UK which was led by Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI and I recommended two persons and they both went with the delegation. He pointed out missing EC members in the documentary with the request for their inclusion.
- Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, LCCI said that LCCI employees salaries are less than what the private sector is offering and he has reached this conclusion after due diligence. He said that after a detailed discussion with the President Mian Nauman Kabir, we have developed a final document that contains promotion of all such employees who have not been promoted for the last 15 years. The House approved it unanimously.
- Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI added that individual performance appraisals have also been done and keeping in view the financial

implications, promotions, increments will be done. Vice President requested the house if there are some recommendations related to staff that should also be shared with the office-bearers.

- Malik Riaz Iqbal suggested that the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry for being largest and the premier chamber of the country should assert its role in policy making because the bureaucracy only wants to listen good things from the business community. And if issues are brought to the limelight, they generally push them under the carpet.
- Muhammad Ali Afzal said that he was thankful to Anjuman-e-Tajran, Lahore and PIAF that they have given him ticket to serve LCCI as an Executive Member. He said that he has learnt a lot from this great institution. He said that he was very thankful to the President for his kind patronage. He said that interaction with Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, LCCI was more than a brother. He endorsed Rana Tariq Mehboob point of view on shutter power but perception about chamber in the markets is quite different. They consider it a government department. About delegation to UK, he said, everyone called it sector-specific but in my opinion it should be Multi-Sectors since in the EC all sectors are present. He recalled his appreciation for delegation to UK in the last EC meeting therefore there is no point in commenting again. He said the performance of Mr. Haris Ateeq, Vice President, LCCI was tremendous for being very energetic and may he has more strength to make successful future endeavours. He said that he was not retiring and he was always available for LCCI.
- Mr. Naeem Hanif again highlighted the mobile signal issue saying that LCCI should talk to the concerned department for increase in the bandwidth. He thanked the PIAF leadership especially his father for providing him this great opportunity to serve the business community. He appreciated the office-bearers for their achievements during the year especially the 100 years of celebrations. He suggested to appoint the EC Members as a focal person with different government departments and also suggested sharing the CD of documentary of LCCI activities with all the EC members.
- Mian Rehman Aziz Chan, Senior Vice President, LCCI replied that Mr. Usman Malik proposed the point of focal person and Mr. Wadood Alvi Seconded it therefore I endorse the appointment of EC Members as focal person with govt departments and other different organizations. The House approved it unanimously.
- Mr. Tahir Manzoor Ch pointed out that the CFO has not been appointed yet despite the fact that an advertisement was given in the newspaper. The Chair replied that your point is valid but just for the information of the House, I want to inform you that we had called two Chartered Accountants and they told us that Mr. Haroon Jalil, HOD Finance is doing a good job. Mr. Tahir Manzoor Ch said that there is no doubt in it but he has lot of burden and it is our responsibility to appoint the CFO.

- Mr. Tahir Manzoor Ch further said that it was proposed that the president sb will lead a delegation but unfortunately it is still pending but since the President sb has another year as Executive Committee Member so he can plan some delegation. The Chair replied that he was planning a Delegation to Indonesia and since the TDAP is also organizing Pakistan-Indonesia Conference therefore if the coming President permits then he definitively will lead the delegation.
- Mr. Tahir Manzoor Ch pointed out the Shalimar Hospital is not cooperative at all with our members despite the fact that we give them donation. We should stop giving the donation to Shalimar Hospital and divert it to some other Hospital. Mr. Tahir Manzoor Ch suggested that Shalimar Hospital should give priority to Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Chair directed the Secretary-General to ensure that the Executive Committee is given priority at Shalimar Hospital. Mr. Tahir Manzoor Ch requested the Chair to raise the Salaries & Promotions to the deserving employees because in last Two years due to Covid due benefit was not given to the staff. He suggested that we have Additional Secretaries in LCCI we should point them as a HoDs unfortunately our juniors are HoDs and the seniors are working under them. Mr. Nadeem Qureshi said that the decision to appoint HoDs should be taken to merit.
- The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



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