

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LAHORE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
HELD ON 26.04.2021 AT 1700 HOURS  
IN AMIN HALL, LCCI BUILDING**

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Name of Member Organization</u>
1.	Mian Tariq Rehman (In Chair)	President	Pharmasales International (Pvt) Ltd
2.	Mr. M. Nasir Hameed Khan	Sr. Vice President	S. N. Traders
3.	Mr. Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry	Vice President	Lever Engineering Industries
4.	Sh. Muhammad Ibrahim	E.C. Member	Cannon Foam Industries (Pvt) Ltd.
5.	Mr. Nusrullah Mughal	E.C. Member	Al-Fatah Industries
6.	Mr. Shafiq Ahmad Butt	E.C. Member	Ayesha Fabrics
7.	Ch. Muhammad Nusrat Tahir	E.C. Member	CMI Poultry Farms Raiwind
8.	Mr. Amir Anwar	E.C. Member	Crescent Dyeing & Embroidery (Pvt) Ltd.
9.	Mr. Fiaz Haider	E.C. Member	BB Chempack Industries (Pvt) Ltd.
10.	Malik Muhammad Khalild	E.C. Member	Gojjar Electrical Company
11.	Mr. Khadim Hussain	E.C. Member	Hussain Trading Co.
12.	Sh. Sajjad Afzal	E.C. Member	M/s Afzal Machinery Stores
13.	Haji Muhammad Asif Sehar	E.C. Member	Haji Asif Group International
14.	Mr. Zeeshan Sohail Malik	E.C. Member	M/s I.Z. Traders
15.	Mr. Wasif Yousaf	E.C. Member	Orient Pak International
16.	Mr. Yasir Khurshid	E.C. Member	Lead Concept
17.	Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Qureshi	E.C. Member	4B Gentel International (Pvt) Ltd.
18.	Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi	E.C. Member	Swera Departmental Store
19.	Mr. Abdul Wadood Alvi	E.C. Member	Adnan Printers
20.	Malik Riaz Iqbal	E.C. Member	Nadir Saidjan Industries
21.	Mr. Mubashar Naseer Butt	E.C. Member	Body Media International (Pvt) Ltd.
22.	Mr. Muhammad Kashif Bashir	E.C. Member	Muhammad Kashif Bashir
23.	Mr. Saleem Asghar Bhatti	E.C. Member	Goshi Electronics
24.	Mr. Shahzad Butt	E.C. Member	Ferista Enterprises
25.	Mr. Muhammad Naeem Hanif	E.C. Member	Hian Communication (Pvt) Ltd.
26.	Mr. Shahid Nazir	E.C. Member	Filter House
27.	Mr. Ali Afzal Chaudhry	E.C. Member	Afzal Sons
28.	Mrs. Tehmina Saeed Chaudhry	E.C. Member	The Data Group
	Mr. Shahid Khalil	Secretary General LCCI	

**1. Recitation from the Holy Quran**

The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran.

### Condolence

The Executive Committee expressed grief and sorrow over the demise of Syed Mohsin Raza Bukhari, Former President LCCI Mother of Mr. Zeeshan Sohail Malik, EC Member, Father of Ms. Nabila Intisar, Former EC Member, Father of Ch. Iftikhar Bashir, Former EC Member, Father of Kh. Shahzeb Akram, Former EC Member and Mother of Mian Zahid Jawaid, Former Vice President. The house offered *Fatiha*.

### 2. Leave of Absence

The leave of absence was granted to the following Members.

1. Mr. Ali Hussam Asghar
2. Dr. Riaz Ahmed
3. Ms. Uzma Shahid
4. Mr. Maqbool Siddique
5. Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh

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

The minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on 13.02.2021 were approved by the house with the following observations:-

- 3.1 Haji Muhammad Asif Sehar again requested the Chair to convene EGM on fee issue. The Chair said that before calling EGM, we would have to seek opinion from the Director General Trade Organizations (DGTO).
- 3.2 Engr. Sajjad Afzal Sheikh said that he raised the issue of low gas pressure in the month of January 2021 at Daroghawala which has yet not been resolved. The Chair said that as per information received from MD Sui Gas Office, gas pressure was accurate in that area. Engr. Sajjad Afzal Sheikh said that in the month of January gas pressure was low but in the month of April it was full while the letter was sent late. He further said that in the past he also raised some FBR related points particularly sales tax and CNIC problems and requested to arrange his meeting with the concerned authorities through President LCCI. He also asked Director R&D to call him and note down his points for the meeting but he did not call him. He further said that he informed the Secretary General that he was Convener SME Committee but he was not intimated about SME webinar arranged by FPCCI. The Secretary General said that LCCI was not taken on board for the said webinar. Mr. Sajjad Afzal further said that he visited LCCI for attending meeting of Director PTA but he was informed that he cannot attend the meeting. The Chair said that it was a pre-meeting discussion with Director PTA for preparing points to be discussed with the Chairman PTA at LCCI. Sheikh Sajjad also said that he is trying for a meeting with FBR for the last six months to discuss the problems of his sector but meeting could not be arranged so far. The Chair said that the Chairman FBR is reluctant to have meetings due to COVID-19.
- 3.3 Mr. Muhammad Naeem Hanif pointed out mobile signals problem in various city markets. The Chair said that during the meeting at LCCI the Chairman PTA informed that the mobile signals will be improved within six months.

- 3.4 Mr. Muhammad Naeem Hanif also updated that only Jazz Mobile Network is selling around 1,50,000 SIMS per month in Lahore due to which we are facing signal problem. He said that the government should stop Cellular Companies from selling such a large number of mobile connections. The Chair said that under such circumstances how signals could improve. He further said that PTA has signed agreement with Mobile Network Companies for unlimited connections and this is the reason for signal problems but now PTA should increase the capacity of boosters to improve the signals.
- 3.5 Mr. Khadim Hussain congratulated Mrs. Tehmina Saeed Chaudhry for her co-option as an Executive Committee Member and welcomed her in the EC meeting.
- 3.6 He asked about letter to IV-Corp Headquarters regarding private areas marking saying that the LCCI should acquire a map from IV Corp Headquarters along with marking of private areas as confusion persists about private lands in that area. Mr. Mubashar Naseer Butt suggested to approach Mr.S.M. Imran, Vice Chairman LDA, for acquiring the map as the clarification has been done and approvals are being started of the said area. The Chair agreed.
- 3.7 Mr.Khadum Hussain further said that he had raised the issue of drug addicts at Ferozepur Road in the previous meeting but unfortunately the issue is still unresolved. He requested to take up the issue with the concerned authorities again. The Chair directed the Secretary General to send a letter to DC Lahore in this regard.
- 3.8 Mr.Mardan Ali Zaidi thanked the President for his kind support in resolving some of the issues with Food Authority. He suggested that LCCI should write a letter to DC Lahore for nomination of LCCI representative on Price Control Committee. The Chair agreed.
- 3.9 Mr. Mardan Ali Zaidi further said that during a meeting with Mr. Saleem Mandviwala at LCCI it was discussed that FBR Standing Committee would be constituted but no action has been taken so far. He requested the Chair to include this point in the agenda of the next meeting.

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

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

5. **List of Activities**

The house approved the list of activities of the Chamber for the period 08.03.2021 to 03.04.2021 with appreciation.

6. **Statement of Accounts**

The Statement of Accounts for the month of February-March 2021 was unanimously approved by the house.

- (i) The house also approved Capital Expenditure Budget of Rs.809,629/-, Solar Project of Rs.593,725/- and Revenue Expenditure Budget of Rs.425,280/-.

**7. PROBLEMS OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY**

- 7.1 Mr. Yasir Khurshid informed the house that he has been appointed as Member Board of Directors of PITB on the recommendation of President LCCI for which he is thankful to the President. He pointed out that the government was planning to impose Tax on the export of IT in coming Federal Budget. He requested the Chair to write a letter to the Chairman FBR not to impose tax on the exports of IT Sector. The Chair agreed.
- 7.2 The Chair asked Mr. Yasir Khurshid to meet Raja Yasir Humayun, Minister for Higher Education and IT before the Board meeting and discuss the said issue. Mr. Yasir Khurshid further said that the Special Technology Zones have been established in Karachi and Islamabad but Lahore has been ignored. The Chair said that Quaid-e-Azam Apparel Park in Lahore has been renamed as Quaid-e-Azam Industrial Park which has been declared SEZ in Lahore.
- 7.3 Mr. Shahzad Butt said that there is no proper system of custom valuation on imports and the importers are facing a lot of problems due to increase of valuation and requested to resolve this problem. The Chair said that he will take up this point with DG Custom Valuation.
- 7.4 Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Qureshi requested to write a letter to Chairman FBR for withdrawal of Regulatory Duty, Custom Duty and Taxes on 90% raw material used in manufacturing of pesticides and other allied products whereas zero rated status extended by the government consists of only 10% of the medicines. He was of the view that without extending zero rating to the rest of 90% raw materials used in medicine the prices of products cannot be reduced.
- 7.5 The Chair said that a list of raw materials which are not being manufactured locally had already been submitted to Finance Minister, Chairman FBR and Commerce Minister. He said that the Commerce Minister promised to reduce Regulatory Duty in the budget.
- 7.6 Malik Muhammad Khalid said that they are facing severe traffic jam and parking problems at Shahalam Chowk to Circular Road. He said that he had already taken up this issue with the Chairman, LePark, Mr. Shahrukh Jamal Butt during his last visit at LCCI and their MD informed us that in Lahore all sites where LePark provides parking are notified while the parking at Circular Road is not notified. The Chair said that the contract of CEO LePark has expired, MD has left and Mr. Shahrukh Jamal Butt has resigned therefore the department has become inactive. Malik Muhammad Khalid requested to take up this matter with the concerned authority. The Chair directed Secretary General to write a letter to CTO to resolve the traffic problem at Shahalam Chowk to Circular Road.

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

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

The following minutes of Standing Committees were approved:-

Sr.No.	Name of Standing Committees	Date of Meetings
A.	Science and Technology	02.02.2021
B.	Housing & Real Estate	03.02.2021
C.	Code of Corporate Governance	4.2.2021 & 22.02.21
D.	Environment	04.02.2021
E.	Agri Commodity Export	06.02.2021
F.	Polymer Waste Importers & Recyclers	12.02.2021
G.	Hajj.Umrah Affairs	13.02.2021
H.	Yarn Traders	13.02.2021
I.	Plastic Manufacturers	17.02.2021
J.	Import of SKD Parts	18.02.2021
K.	Import and Trade of Electrical Goods & Accessories	18.02.2021
L.	Daroghawala Industrial Affairs	23.02.2021
M.	SECP	23.02.2021
N.	Women Business Development	23.02.2021
O.	Educational Equipment and Laboratory Chemicals	24.02.2021
P.	Shalamar Hospital	24.02.2021
Q.	Silk Route Trade Opportunities	24.02.2021
R.	Fashion & Clothing Export	25.02.2021
S.	Lahore Traders Welfare	25.02.2021
T.	Local Government Affairs WASA/LDA/LWMC/MCL	27.02.2021
U.	Joint Meeting of S/Cs on Pakistan.UK Trade and Ethnic & Handmade Clothing	27.02.2021
V.	Lahore Hotel Affairs	01.03.2021
W.	Auto Accessories	02.03.2021
X.	Carpets	02.03.2021
Y.	Dairy & Livestock	02.03.2021
Z.	Health & OTC Products	02.03.2021
AA.	Sweets & Bakers	02.03.2021
AB.	WTO	02.03.2021
AC.	Export of Pharmaceutical, Cosmetics & Alternative Medicine	03.03.2021
AD.	Pharmaceuticals New Vaccine & Basic Manufacturing of API's	03.03.2021
AE.	Digital Economy	04.03.2021
AF.	Machinery Import	04.03.2021
AG.	Publishers and Notebooks	06.03.2021
AH.	Readymade Garments Association	06.03.2021
AI.	Cottage Industry	09.03.2021
AJ.	Joint Meeting of S/Cs on Fashion & Clothing Exports and Business Women Think Tank	09.03.2021
AK.	Fashion & Textile Industry	09.03.2021

AL.	Flavour and Fragrance Manufacturing	09.03.2021
AM.	Discount Card	09.03.2021
AN.	Small Business Harmonization	09.03.2021
AO.	Pakistan-India Trade Promotion	10.03.2021
AP.	Goods Transport	12.03.2021
AQ.	Joint meeting of Standing Committees on "Import of Bearings" and "Pak-Japan Economic Affairs"	12.03.2021
AR.	Overseas Issues	12.03.2021
AS.	City District Liaison Committee	13.03.2021
AT.	Liaison with SMEDA & SECP	13.03.2021
AU.	Fresh Fruits & Vegetables	15.03.2021
AV.	Anti-Drugs/Narcotics	16.03.2021
AW.	Foreign Investment & Privatization	16.03.2021
AX.	Mobile Phone Accessories	16.03.2021
AY.	Internal Trade & Market Association	17.03.2021
AZ.	Pakistan-German Trade Investment	17.03.2021
AAA.	Joint Meeting of Standing Committees on LED Lighting & Electrical Manufacturers and Electrical & Lighting Importers	17.03.2021
AAB.	Joint Meeting of S/Cs on "Embroidery Industry & Fashion Brands" and "Embroidery and Laces"	20.03.2021
AAC.	Pakistan-Poland Trade Relations	29.03.2021
AAD.	Adhoc Committee on Establishment of Industrial Estate in Private Sector	20.02.2021
AAE.	LCCI Achievement Awards	06.03.2021
AAF.	Tourism Development in Pakistan	06.03.2021
AAG.	International Fairs, Exhibitions and Delegations	06.03.2021
AAH.	IT Infrastructure and Development	06.03.2021
AAI.	Membership	Feb.6,12,20,27 & March 2,20,27,2021

- 8.1 The Vice President said that the detail of the minutes of the Standing Committees meetings were checked by the Conveners but the summary was not checked by the Conveners and some points are missing in the summary. The Secretary General briefed that the important decisions of the Standing committees are mentioned in the Summary while the detailed minutes of the Standing Committees are emailed to all EC members because detailed minutes consist of more than 200 pages.
- 8.2 The Chair said that in today's world it is considered waste of paper therefore, detailed minutes of standing committees are sent through email. He further said that Gymkhana Club had already adopted paperless environment and are saving about Rs.10.3 million annually. He suggested that if we start paperless environment in the Lahore Chamber, we can save about Rs.1.7 million annually. The house agreed with the suggestion of the Chair.
- 8.3 Malik Muhammad Khalid thanked LCCI President for a prompt action over an issue of electrical manufacturers.
- 8.4 The Vice President said that in the previous EC meeting he was assigned an Adhoc Committee on "Establishment of Private Industrial Estate" by the President. He said that two meetings of the committee were held and all the members attended the

meetings very aggressively. He said that as per decision of the committee members, the Committee visited four sites, i) Nankana-Khudiawala Center where land is available Rs.40-45 lakh per acre, ii) Multan-Sialkot Motorway area iii) Main Sharaqpur Road iv) Abdul Hakim Road near Sharaqpur. These are the locations where all facilities are available.

8.5 The Chair said that he will provide RUDA Map to Vice President for next meeting so that they could see land outside the authority because inside the authority land is not for sale/purchase. The Vice President said that we cannot initiate this project from the LCCI platform therefore we would have to establish a separate company. He informed that we have sent email to all members asking for their requirement of land and the Committee has received a demand for more than 100 acres of land so far. He said that it is a very good initiative and Inshallah we will work on this project and complete it.

8.6 Mr. Shahid Nazir explained that he owns a piece of land at Sharaqpur Road and it is correct that at the front side of the Road the sale and purchase of land is closed. He said that the land at the other side is at a very ideal location which is at the distance of 15 minutes' drive from Ring Road and there is no land available near Lahore as compared to this area.

## 9. ANY OTHER ITEM

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

### 9.1 Green Pakistan Campaign

The Secretary General informed that a letter has been received from PHA in which they have requested LCCI to join hands with PHA for Green Pakistan Campaign as per previous practice.

The Chair informed the house that in the tenure of Mr. Almas Hyder in 2019 the then Executive Committee Members donated plants of Rs.55.69 lakh to PHA and they have requested again to contribute in this campaign. He told PHA that due to COVID-19 the businesses are already facing losses and the main income sources of the Lahore Chamber like visa recommendation letters, Certificate of Origins, China Canton Fairs, Achievement Awards, etc. have been closed since last year. He said that we will send request letters to the LCCI Members to contribute towards this national cause by providing donations for plantation.

### 9.2 Implementations of Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) by Industry

Mrs. Tehmina Saeed Chaudhry thanked the LCCI Office-Bearers and the Executive Committee Members for co-opting her as Executive Committee Member. She said that she was nominated by the President LCCI for attending meetings of the Technical Review Committee on Adaption regarding Revision of Pakistan's National Determined Contribution (NDC) in Islamabad. She said that the Government had committed Nationally Determined Goal in 2015 and the present government also

followed it. The nationally determined goals will affect our industries with water pollution, air pollution, etc.-and it was decided that it will be compliant upto 2025 and by 2030 will be fully compliant which means that all industries will implement international standard. She suggested that LCCI should raise its voice in the open discussion as once the government makes the policy it will be difficult for us. The Chair said that it is very difficult to implement within three or four years while the other countries implemented these standards within 30 to 40 years. Mrs.Tehmina Saeed Chaudhry suggested that LCCI should prepare a proposal for the government in this regard. The Chair asked Mrs. Tehmina Chaudhry that being the Convener of the Environment Committee she should prepare a proposal in this regard. He further said that a seminar should be arranged by inviting Environment Head, all Associations, large industries like leather, chemicals, textile, steel rerolling and those who will be affected by this step. She said that the main objective is to discuss with them and prepare a paper for sending to Islamabad. The Chair said that it is responsibility of the government to install treatment plants in the Industrial Estates as they charge for it with the price of plot. Mr. Shafiq Ahmad Butt said that the Government is not ready to invest on treatment plants and in all industries treatment plants have been installed individually. Mr.Nasrullah Mughal suggested that the Treatment Plant should be installed at the end of drain near Ravi River so that water does not mix. He said that this matter should be taken up with the concerned Ministry.

- 9.3 Mr. Nasrullah Mughal thanked and appreciated the efforts of the President, Senior Vice President and Vice President for taking up 16 years old issue of Railway Crossing which has been resolved and its credit goes to the President. He said that he and the Vice President had a meeting with Railway Minister and discussed the said issue in detail. He thanked Railway Minister for resolving this issue and requested the Chair to send a letter of thanks to Minister Railway. The Chair said that he is thankful to Mr.Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Railway who resolved the issue on priority. Mr. Nasrullah Mughal said that his Association has also appreciated the efforts of the President and has invited him for its inauguration. The Chair said that he received a letter from the Association and he will definitely visit the Association.
- 9.4 The Vice President briefed about the meeting with Minister Railway Mr. Azam Khan Sawati and said that Railway Crossing was an old outstanding issue which was taken up by him with the direction of the President. He and Mr. Nasrullah Mughal had a meeting with the Minister Railways and discussed the issue threadbare and on his insistence, the Minister promised to get it done in 10 to 12 days. The Vice President said that after seven days he again reminded the Minister to fulfill his promise and then the work started at railway crossing and it was done.
- 9.5 Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Qureshi said that LCCI should request the government to provide Coronavirus Vaccine to LCCI members and their staff at the same price of government. The Chair said that he has already tried in this regard but the government is not ready to give vaccine in private sector. Mr. Amir Anwar said that APTMA is importing Chinese Vaccine single shot @ \$15 for their members which will arrive within a week.

9.6

Haji Muhammad Asif Sehar said that he prepared a proposal to produce energy from waste and Foreign Investors are ready to invest \$1.6 billion on this project. He said that he tried to contact DG, LWMC many times and also sent letters and emails in this regard but he could not contact him. He also had a meeting with Dr. Sania, MD Energy Sector but to no avail. He requested the Chair to ask Secretary General to arrange his meeting with Dr. Sania.

Haji Asif Sehar further requested the Chair to present LCCI Insignia, Tie Pin and cufflinks to all EC members.

9.7 Engr. Sajjad Afzal Sheikh said that most of the members of Corporate Class and Associate Class did not submit Sales Tax Registration at the time of new membership while it was mentioned in LCCI Articles. The Secretary General briefed that now we are getting all necessary documents for new membership. He said that the Vice President himself minutely checks all urgent membership cases. The Chair said that now the super urgent membership cases are not processed without the approval of the Vice President. Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim said that most of the traders do not fall in Sales Tax Registration as it is not an important paper, basically this is required only for business proof.

9.8 The Vice President said that the Executive Committee Members are providing their services since the establishment of the Chamber. He suggested that those EC members who will deposit full membership fee they should be insured and the Lahore Chamber will pay their insurance from their membership fee so that their families could get a benefit after death. He said this would elevate the name of the Lahore Chamber and also boost up membership as well. The Chair said that it will be not for EC members but it will be considered only for those members who will pay full membership and it would be checked as the donations for charitable institutions are also included which are disbursed to them. The Secretary General said that the members deposit membership fee of only Rs.1300 while the donations are paid to charitable institutions like LABARD, Shalimar Hospital etc. and the Lahore Chamber cannot use the donations. He further said that the insurance of members is a critical issue and in the past the Lahore Chamber had a bad experience in this regard and if house agrees then a committee should be formed in this regard. The Chair said that if the house desires to work on this project then form a committee and prepare a working paper for further action.

9.9 Mr. Amir Anwar said that we are again facing COVID-19 lockdown situation and in the last year State Bank of Pakistan gave relief for one year which is over now. He requested the Chair to take up this issue so that the relief should be given again. The Chair said that a letter has already been sent to State Bank of Pakistan in this regard.

9.10 Mr. Saleem Asghar Bhatti pointed out that in the previous meeting he requested to install Fire Hydrant in the markets but no action has been taken so far. The Chair said that today he had a meeting with the Commissioner in this regard but he has been transferred therefore he asked new Commissioner not to form a committee but nominate one person from WASA and one person from 1122 for installation of Fire Hydrants and hoped it would be implemented soon. Mr. Saleem Asghar Bhatti further said that the Corona Vaccine should be provided to Members and their families from

the platform of the Lahore Chamber. The Chair said that LCCI will send a letter to the concerned authority to provide vaccine for LCCI members on priority basis.

- 9.11 The Vice President said that we should write a letter to NCOC for the nomination of President LCCI as a member on NCOC so that we could resolve the problem faced in this regard. The Chair said that he talked in this regard but they said that if they nominate LCCI then they would also have to nominate various other institutions.
- 9.12 Mr. Nasrullah Mughal suggested the President that the Certificate of Vaccine should also be issued from LCCI NADRA Centre. The Chair said that he also talked in this regard but there is only one NADRA Centre at Shimla Pahari who is authorized to issue Certificate but the certificates are available online.

At the end the Secretary General thanked the house and informed that today's Iftar/Diner was hosted by Mr. Mubashar Naseer Butt, Malik Riaz Iqbal and Mr. Saleem Asghar Bhatti.

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

  
Shahid Khalil  
Secretary General