

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber

Date and Time: 30th August, 2023 at 10:30 am
Venue: Mian Parvez Aslam Hall of the Chamber
Participants: Mr. Saqib Rafiq (President in Chair)
Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh (SVP)
Mr. Faisal Shahzad (VP)
Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud
Mr. Abdul Rauf
Mr. Mudasir Maqbool
Mr. Shahid Qayyum
Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed
Khawaja Farooq Ali
Mr. Muhammad Akram
Mr. M. Tariq Najeeb Butt
Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi
Ms. Sadia Zia
Mr. Waseem Aslam
Mr. Martin Pervez
Mr. Asad Aftab
Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad

Regrets: Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf (Immediate Past President)
Mr. Muhammad Rafique Khan
Mr. Kashif Raheem
Mr. Asim Mahmood
Mr. Abu Baker Siddique

The 11th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh, Senior Vice President. President Mr. Saqib Rafiq who chaired the meeting welcomed all Executive Committee Members for their attendance.

Later the President started the proceedings according to the following agenda points which were circulated vide letter No.12/2023/4324 dated 26th August 2023.

Res. No.84: To Offer Condolence/Fatiha Prayer for the deceased persons

House offered Fateh Prayer over the death of Aunt of Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi, Mother of Mr. Shaukat Masood, CEO Jadeed Group Mian Javed, Mr. Khalid Hakeem Qureshi and Mother of Qaid Khan, Naib Qasid of RCCI.

Res. No. 85: To confirm the Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the the Executive Committee held on 31st July, 2023.

Mr. Saqib Rafiq, President RCCI announced the agenda item No. 2 for approval.

The following amendments/revision have been made in the minutes:

The second last paragraph of the Page 4 of the 10th Minutes may read as under:

“Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed replied that he cannot disclose the name of any member since the messages have been deleted. At the end, he apologized to the President over the matter. He realized that postings on Social Media was not appropriate”.

Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad made an intimation that she attended the meeting online, hence she may consider present in the meeting.

Ms. Sadia Zia disapproved the minutes by saying that she and other Executive Committee Members are receiving the minutes late and on many occasion one day before the meeting which is not appropriate and she does not agree to such practice. The minutes should reach in time so that every one may read and check accordingly. She insisted that Secretary General should have replied her Whatsapp message in the group or the E-mail she sent in this regard.

President replied that Secretary General discussed the observation with me and I told him not to reply you in this matter as he will discuss the matter with you personally. He further said that drafting minutes is a lengthy procedure and Secretary General need two to three hours in preparing a basic draft which then is forwarded to all the 3 x Office Bearers for their review and approval. Once the Office Bearers go through the Drafts and approve it, then it is circulated among the Executive Committee Members. President further said that we will involve you in minutes preparing process at least for one draft so that you have an idea that how much time it takes.

Ms. Sadia Zia further added that please include her comments regarding the matter of Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed. She said that Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed may have said the right thing but the timing was not appropriate.

Decision

The minutes of the 10th Executive Committee Meeting held on 31st July, 2023 were approved by Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud and Mr. Abdul Rauf and seconded by Mr. Mudasir Maqbool and Mr. Shahid Qayyum. House accorded a unanimous approval for the Minutes of the 10th Executive Committee Meeting.

Res. No.86: To consider the applications for the Chamber's Membership of the firms/companies mentioned in the attached list.

President announced the agenda item No. 3 for approval.

Decision:

The total of 355 applications for Associate Class and 37 applications for Corporate Class were approved by Mr. Muhammad Akram and seconded by Mr. Tariq Najeeb Butt. House also accorded a unanimous approval.

Res. No.87: To overview the activities from last executive committee Meeting till date

During the discussion over the past month President Mr. Saqib Rafiq briefed about Med-Health Expo and appreciated Mr. Usman Shaukat for successfully organizing the Summit. During the discussions over the recent peaceful protest rally, President appreciated Secretary General Mr. Irfan Manan Khan for this idea as he suggested to take the lead in this matter. President further said that the Rally was a good success and we are pressurizing the government to give relief to the public as the Bills are unbearable for the common man.

Decision:

House appreciated the activities..

Res. No.88: To discuss monthly financial statement of Chamber

President Mr. Saqib Rafiq briefed the financial position to the house. He informed that total revenue collected during the past one month was Rs.4,669,500/- and expense incurred was Rs.4,402,285//-

Decision:

Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi approved and Mr. Asad Aftab seconded the summary of total revenue and expenses for the month ending July 2023. House unanimously approved the details of revenue and expenses.

Res. No.89: To discuss the upcoming events of RCCI

President elaborated the Annual Achievement Awards is planned on 7th September, 2023 at Egypt and we are also planning to arrange a sequel of members night at the end of September, 2023.

Res. No.90: Approval of RCCI Staff Matters.

No staff matter for discussion.

Res. No.91: Any other point with the permission of the Chair.

Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad suggested that the meeting and activities which are taking place in the Chamber on day to day basis for the benefits of members should be briefed to House. So that they are able to inform in their surroundings at what Chamber is doing for members. President Mr. Saqib Rafiq replied that we will look into it. We will try inform the members in a better way. Ms. Gull Zaiba further inquired about the construction process of new building. President replied that the construction process is almost final and soon we will start the construction.

Mr. Mudasir Maqbool said that Chairman RCCI Standing Committee on Defence Procurement Mr. Azfar Kamal is arranging frequent meetings but we need to invite DGDP and other highups of Defence to Chamber so that we may discuss the problems with them. Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh asked to share the agenda for meeting with us and let us know that whom be invited in Chamber for meetings.

Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi commented that we as Executive Committee Members should be present in all the meetings of the Chamber as much as possible.

Mr. Muhammad Akram briefed his recent meeting with Mr. S.M. Tanveer and said that we should be in constant consultation with government of Punjab for setting up a Small Industrial Estate on Ring Road. We should also try to identify the land as working in side the city is difficult day by day.

President replied we are already in coordination with them. Moreover, we will work with you to enhance the pace of work.

President Mr. Saqib Rafiq appreciated Mr. Mudasir Maqbool for donating his liver to his nephew. House also appreciated him and wished him and his nephew the best of health in the days to come.

Since there was no other point, the meeting was adjourned with vote of thanks to the chair.

(Irfan Manan Khan)
Secretary General