

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber

Date and Time: 13th January 2024 at 11:00 am
Venue: Taxila
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. Muhammad Rafique Khan
Mr. Shahid Qayyum
Mr. Asim Mahmood
Mr. Muhammad Akram
Mr. M. Tariq Najeeb Butt
Mr. Waseem Aslam
Mr. Martin Pervez
Mr. Asad Aftab

Regrets: Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf (Immediate Past President)
Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed
Mr. Kashif Raheem
Khawaja Farooq Ali
Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi
Mr. Abu Baker Siddique
Ms. Sadia Zia
Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad

The 16th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. Faisal Shahzad, Vice President. Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh, Senior Vice President welcomed all the Executive Committee Members for their participation in the meeting. He also thanked Mr. Muhammad Rafiq Khan for hosting the Meeting/gettogether with the business community of Taxila.

Later the President started the proceedings according to the following agenda points which were circulated vide letter No.12/2024/72 dated 10th January, 2024.

Res. No.126: To Offer Condolence/Fatiha Prayer for the deceased persons

House offered Fatiha Prayer over the death of Daughter of Mr. Zahid , death of Haji Saeed, President Trade Union of Gawalmandi, son of Cousin of Mr. Mohammad Rafique Khan.

Res. No. 127: To confirm the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 28th December, 2023.

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

Decision

The minutes of the 15th Executive Committee Meeting held on 28th December, 2023 were approved by Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud and Mr. Asad Aftab and seconded by Mr. Mudasir Maqbool, Mr. Shahid Qayyum. House also accorded a unanimous approval for the Minutes of the 15th Executive Committee Meeting.

Res. No.128: 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 79 applications for Associate Class and 16 applications for Corporate Class were approved by Mr. Muhammad Rafique Khan and seconded by Mr. Shahid Qayyum. House also accorded a unanimous approval.

Res. No.129: To overview the activities from last executive committee Meeting till date

During the discussions on the activities of the past one month Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud inquired about Business Facilitation Centre being developed by Government of the Punjab at RDA Building. President Mr. Saqib Rafiq gave a brief description of the project and added that this will be a one window operation for all the NOCs and approvals for Industry & Trade.

Res. No.130: To discuss monthly financial statement of Chamber

President Mr. Saqib Rafiq asked Secretary General to brief the financial position to the house. Secretary General Mr. Irfan Manan Khan informed that total revenue collected during the past one month was Rs.2,623,300/- and expense incurred was Rs.4,533,614/-

Mr. Asim Mahmood suggested that we should add up events which may generate additional funds for Chamber during this period. President Mr. Saqib Rafiq replied that many events are already in discussions/planning but due to the current economic situation in the country it is difficult to fetch the sponsors from the market.

Decision:

Mr. Muhammad Asim approved and Mr. Waseem Aslam seconded the summary of total revenue and expenses for the month ending December, 2023. House unanimously approved the details of revenue and expenses.

Res. No.131: To discuss the upcoming events of RCCI

President Mr. Saqib Rafiq requested Secretary General to brief the upcoming events of Chamber, Secretary General elaborated the upcoming events as follows:

- Business Opportunities Conference – UK
- Open Houses in different areas of the city.
- Food Fest

President also briefed that Food Fest is being arranged in Coordination with PHA and Rawalpindi Arts Council very soon.

Res. No.132: Approval of RCCI Staff Matters.

No Staff Matters for discussion.

Res. No.133: Any other point with the permission of the Chair.

Mr. Asad Aftab inquired about the construction about the new building. President Mr. Saqib Rafiq briefed him about the new building.

Senior Vice President Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh suggested and assigned tasks to all the Executive Committee Members to bring atleast ten (10) members into different activities of Chamber so that they should come in main stream.

Mr. Tariq Najeeb Butt added that new peoples need to be added and we should expand our membership base.

President replied Mr. Tariq Najeeb Butt that if there are businessmen who are not our members and are willing to become our members, please bring them in the Chamber and we will host a lunch for them.

Mr. Muhammad Akram suggested that we may issue a Golden Cards to special members to elevate them. Mr. Asad Aftab added that our Chamber need a cultural change which should be more welcoming towards the new interants and younger generation/new members might feel a comfort while joining Chamber.

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

(Irfan Manan Khan)
Secretary General