

Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber

Date and Time: 27th February 2024 at 11:00 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)
Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf (Immediate Past President)
Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud
Mr. Abdul Rauf
Mr. Muhammad Rafique Khan
Mr. Shahid Qayyum
Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed
Khawaja Farooq Ali
Mr. Asim Mahmood
Mr. Muhammad Akram
Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi
Ms. Sadia Zia
Mr. Waseem Aslam
Mr. Martin Pervez
Mr. Asad Aftab
Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad
Regrets: Mr. Mudasir Maqbool
Mr. Kashif Raheem
Mr. M. Tariq Najeeb Butt
Mr. Abu Baker Siddique

The 17th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh, SVP. President Mr. Saqib Rafiq welcomed all the Executive Committee Members for their participation in the meeting.

Later the President started the proceedings according to the following agenda points which were circulated vide letter No.12/2024/402 dated 22nd February, 2024.

Res. No.134: To Offer Condolence/Fatiha Prayer for the deceased persons

House offered Fatiha Prayer over the death of Daughter of Mr. S. M. Azeem Former President RCCI, Mr. Taj Abbasi, Cousin of Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed, Brother of Malik Sohail.

Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed added that the message regarding funeral of his relative was not circulated among the groups like others. All the messages should be circulated in the same way. Mr. Saqib Rafiq replied that Chaudhry Jamil himself circulated the message in Mian Parvez Aslam Group. Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed replied that he is talking about official Executive Committee Group in which message is circulated by Office Bearers. Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf added that as per SOP, news about death of only immediate family members is circulated.

Res. No. 135: To confirm the Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 13th January, 2024.

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

Decision

The minutes of the 16th Executive Committee Meeting held on 13th January, 2024 were approved by Mr. Abdul Rauf and Mr. Asad Aftab and seconded by Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud and Mr. Muhammad Rafique Khan. House also accorded a unanimous approval for the Minutes of the 16th Executive Committee Meeting.

Res. No.136: 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 199 applications for Associate Class and 49 applications for Corporate Class were approved by Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed and Mr. Shahid Qayyum and seconded by Mr. Muhammad Akram and Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi. House also accorded a unanimous approval.

Res. No.137: To overview the activities from last executive committee Meeting till date

House appreciated Mr. Muhammad Rafique Khan for hosting a luncheon in Taxila for the Management of RCCI to Interact with the business community of Taxila.

During the discussions over the visit of Honourable President of Pakistan to RCCI, President appreciated all the members who took part in arrangements. Relevant staff members were also called in and were appreciated by the house for making preparation for the event of President of Pakistan who came to Chamber for the 1st time.

Res. No.138: To discuss the Annual Renewal of RCCI Membership

President requested all Executive Committee members to take active part in the renewal process.

President informed the house that so far total number of 1132 members have renewed their membership. Their detail is as under:

1. Associate Members	878
2. Women Associate Members	37
3. Corporate Members	207
4. Women Corporate Members	10

Total:	1132

He further requested the house to assist and renew the Membership from their respective sectors.

Res. No.139: To discuss monthly financial statement of Chamber

President Mr. Saqib Rafiq briefed the financial position to the house and informed that total revenue collected during the past one month was Rs.7,061,950/- and expense incurred was Rs.5,290,328/-

Decision:

Mr. Muhammad Asim, Khawaja Farooq Ali and Mr. Martin Pervez approved and Ms. Sadia Zia, Mr. Waseem Aslam and Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad seconded the summary of total revenue and expenses for the month ending January, 2024. House unanimously approved the details of revenue and expenses.

Res. No.140: To discuss the upcoming events of RCCI

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

- RCCI Iftar Dastarkhawn.
- Rawalpindi Food Fest.
- Gems & Jewellery Expo
- Business Opportunities Conference – USA.

Res. No.141: Approval of RCCI Staff Matters.

House approved staff matters as under:

1. House confirmed the case of Ms. Aneela Tahir as Head of Department of Facilitation Department of RCCI w.e.f. 4th May, 2023 after completion of 3 months probation period as Acting HoD.
2. House confirmed the case of Mr. Muhammad Asad as Head of Department of Membership Department of RCCI w.e.f. 4th May, 2023 after completion of 3 months probation period as Acting HoD.
3. House regularized the service of Ms. Esha Naz Bhatti after expiry of her one year service contract w.e.f. 12th February, 2024.

Res. No.142: Any other point with the permission of the Chair.

Mr. Asad Aftab suggested that there should be centralized mechanism for the disbursement of information, he said that there are a lot of opportunities in Saudi Arabia these days which we should focus.

Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed added that we should request the Punjab Government not to change the Chairmanship of RWMC which is presently occupied by President RCCI. President Mr. Saqib Rafiq appreciated Kh. Farooq Ali and Mr. Shahid Qayyum for giving time for the updation of members record at RCCI.

Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad added that Women Members are not given much preference since last 2 years. There is a Women Day coming up and Chamber has no plan to arrange the event. President Mr. Saqib Rafiq said she can take the lead in arranging the event, Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad replied that this should be a calander activity of Chamber rather anyone of us taking any lead. She further added that we have a strong disconnection with other International/National Organizations working for Gender development. All these organizations are informing Women Chamber regarding their projects, thus this is compelling the women members whether to take the membership of Women Chamber as our own Chamber is not putting any effort in this matter. Ms. Sadia Zia seconded the concerns of Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad. Mr. Saqib Rafiq replied that we will write to all these organizations to keep us in loop.

Ms. Sadia Zia said that WBIC has totally lost its worth and no attention has been given to revive the facility for women. President replied that she can forward the names of any one who is interested we can accommodate her accordingly.

Mr. Muhammad Rafique Khan extended an invitation to the Management of RCCI to visit Taxila to meet the local business community. President replied that we can visit during Ramzan. Mr. Rafique Khan replied that Ramzan is not a good time to come its better to come after Ramzan.

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

(Irfan Manan Khan)
Secretary General