



Minutes of 19th Annual General Meeting of Sahiwal Chamber of Commerce & Industry held on 30th September, 2025

19th Annual General Meeting of Sahiwal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Sahiwal was held on 30th September, 2025 at 7.00 p.m. at Victoria Marquee, Sahiwal. Mr. Sheikh Azmat Saleem, President of the Chamber presided over the meeting. The meeting was started with recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. Abdul Basit, former member of Executive Committee of the Chamber, followed by Naat Sharif by Mr. Muhammad Amanullah and relay of National Anthem. The proceedings were conducted by Mr. Muhammad Tariq Awan, Secretary General of the Chamber.

At the very outset, the President welcomed the participants in the 19th Annual General Meeting of Sahiwal Chamber of Commerce & Industry and expressed his heartfelt gratitude for their participation. Thereafter, the proceedings of the meeting took place as per following agenda.

1. Approval of minutes of last Annual General Meeting held on 28th September 2024

The House unanimously approved the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 28th September, 2024.

2. Passing of Audited Accounts of the Chamber for the financial year 2024-25

Mr. Faiz-ul-Hassan Gillani, Chartered Accountant of M/s Mehboob Sheikh & Co., presented the audited accounts of the Chamber for the financial year 2024-25 and highlighted its salient features categorically stating at the same time that no serious violation/lapse/ misappropriation of any nature came across during the conduct of audit. The House expressed their satisfaction over it.

3. Appointment of Auditor and fixation of their remuneration

The House was apprised that the periodical audit of Sahiwal Chamber is being conducted by M/s Mahboob Sheikh & Co., Chartered Accountants, Multan at the remuneration of Rs.60,000/- for the last 2 years and their



services have been rated as satisfactory by all the stakeholders. Hence it was proposed that the said Firm may be engaged for the current year 2025-26 as well at the same remuneration of Rs.60,000/- which the House unanimously approved.

4. Consideration of the Annual Report of the Chamber

The salient points of the Annual Report were read out in the meeting by Mr. Muhammad Tariq Awan, Secretary General of Sahiwal Chamber of Commerce & Industry which are enumerated below: -

i) Expo-2025

- a) The Chamber upheld its tradition and organized a high-profile Expo-2025 with the title "**Sahiwal Expo-2024**" in Hockey Stadium, Sahiwal from 20th to 22nd February, 2025 wherein more than 100 stalls were installed. The objective of the Expo was to project the potential of "**Made in Sahiwal**" products, domestically and internationally. It was witnessed by Lt. Gen @ Peter Mbogo Njiru, High Commissioner, Kenya, Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan, Speaker Punjab Assembly, Mr. Zaki Ijaz, Vice President, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Mr. S.M. Tanveer, Former Federal Minister, Madam Rafia Syed, Director General, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan.
- b) Led delegation to 8th Pakistan Industrial Expo-2024 organized by Everest International Expo in Expo Centre, Lahore and signed MOU on 9.11.2024
- c) Participated in Expo Organized by "**Sanatzar**", Sahiwal on 19.11.2024

ii) Welcome to the dignitaries in Chamber's Office

- a) Welcome delegation of US Consul General, Lahore led by Mrs. Kristin Hawkins, US Consul General, Lahore (other members: Mr. William Campbell, Political and Economic Chief, Mr. Sandeep Paul, Public Affairs Officer, Mr. Jamal Ghazanfar, Public Engagement Specialist & Mrs. Amna Anis, Economic Specialist) on 10.4.2025
- b) Welcomed delegation of Pakistan Australia Business Council (PABC) led by Mr. Aurangzeb Rana & members are Mr. Shaoquett Moselmane,



Former Assistant President, Legislative Council (NSW), Iftikhar Rana, President, PABC, Nadeem Khan, Dr. M. Tariq Rasheed & Zahid Rana to explore investment opportunities in real estate, strengthen bilateral trade relations and engage with key stakeholders in Pakistan in the identified sectors on 16.2.2025

- c) Welcomed 12 Members delegation of Rochdale (UK) Working Party, led by Councilor Shakil Ahmed, Mayor of Rochdale and held discussions on bilateral trade and strengthening of ties in between SCCI & Manchester Chamber on 19.4.2025
- d) Welcomed a delegation from the International Islamic Charity Organization, Kuwait and Islamic Help, United Kingdom on 21.12.2024
- e) Welcomed Mr. Zulfiqar Lon, Senior Advisor, Federal Ombudsman, Regional Office, Sahiwal to apprise the Executive Committee and other distinguished Guests about working style of their office, followed by Q&A Session on 29.9.2015
- f) Welcomed Mr. Munir Ahmad, Principal, Government College of Technology, Sahiwal to share plan for Internship of passed out students on 28.10.2024
- g) Welcomed Sayed Imran Ahmed Shah, Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety, M/s Malik Qasim Nadeem & Malik Muhammad Arshad, Members of Punjab Provincial Assembly in Chamber and discussed with them allocation of Govt Land for the establishment of Punjab Small Industries Estate, Phase II, at Sahiwal on 21.04.2025
- h) Welcomed Mr. Rashid Mehmood Bhattani, Additional Commissioner, Inland Revenue, Sahiwal to apprise the House about latest instructions of the Govt regarding recovery of Sales Tax on 27.1.2025
- i) Welcomed Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, Inland Revenue, Sahiwal to share problems being encountered by the business community on 11.09.2025
- j) Welcomed Regional Chief, UBL to discuss opening of Mazdoor Pully Branch on Sundays on 10.9.2025
- k) Welcomed Miss Fozia Gull, Dy Director, Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA) Lahore to share new program relating to IT by TEVTA on 11.10.2024
- l) Welcomed Mr. Naveed Ashraf, Superintendent and Mr. Ali Afraz, Dy Superintendent, Central Prison, Sahiwal to enlist Stitcher and Manufacturer of Auto Parts to engage prisoners in improving their skill on 21.10.2024



- m) Welcomed Mr. Naveed Ashraf, Superintendent, Central Jail, Sahiwal and signed MOU regarding establishment of Garments & Stitching Unit in Central Jail, Sahiwal on 13.5.2025
- n) Welcomed delegation of TEVTA, Lahore to share proposals for opening of GCT at Chichawatni & Pakpattan on 26.6.2025

iii) CLOSE LIAISONING WITH OTHER CHAMBERS

- a) Participated in Punjab Inaugural Dialogue with Presidents of Punjab, organized by FPCCI followed by visit to Governor House, Lahore on 22.11.2024
- b) Participated in FTO Secretariat's Advisory Committee's meeting & Public Grievances Seminar, convened by the Federal Tax Ombudsman at Lahore on 17.4.2025
- c) Participated in Zoom meeting organized by Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry regarding Finance Bill 2025 on 13.5.2025
- d) Participated in "Stakeholders dialogue on Federal Budget 2025-26" arranged by FPCCI, Regional Office, Lahore on 17.6.2025
- e) Participated in Zoom meeting organized by FPCCI on the topic of "Awareness-cum-consultative Session for stake holders on the need to make amendments in the Trade Organization Rules, 2013 on 18.6.2025
- f) Led delegation to Regional Office, FPCCI, Lahore to discuss issues of mutual interest on 29.8.2025

iv) SEMINARS/AWARENESS PROGRAM

- a) Arranged Seminar on **"Improving Maize Export Quality through Khapra, beetle & aflatoxin control measures"** through the courtesy of Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, Multan on 24.4.2025
- b) Arranged Seminar on **"Women Empowerment"** on 30.4.2025
- c) Seminar on launching of three major sectors of progress and women empowerment on 24.9.2025
- d) Organized awareness session about **Smog** addressed by Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Additional Director General (Environment Protection Agency), Lahore on 11.11.2024
- e) Arranged one day's Session on for Women on the topic of **"Empower Her Finance Campaign"** through the courtesy of National Bank of Pakistan, Sahiwal on 30.10.2024



- f) Arranged Lecture of Mufti Dr. Ijaz Ahmad, Chairman Sharia Board, Maldiv Islamic Bank, Jamia Dar-ul-Aloom, Karachi on the topic of "جدید" طرز تجارت کے شرعی احکام on 9.12.2024
- g) Arranged lecture of Shaykh Yasir Usmani, Renowned Scholar and Influencer (USA) on the topic of **"Corporate Social Responsibility & Islamic Principles"** on 3.1.2025
- h) Arranged Awareness Program on **"Punjab Government Scheme to grant interest free loans to SME"** in coordination with the PSIC and Punjab Bank on the Topics of "وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب آسان کاروبار فائس و آسان کاروبار کارڈ" on 4.2.2025
- i) Arranged lecture of Mufti Ali Asghar Attari, Mubaligh-e-Dawat-e-Islami, Member of Central Ruete-e-Hilal Committee Pakistan, Shariah Advisor & Expert of Islamic Economics on the topic of **"Modern Business Challenges and Their Solutions"** on 14.2.2025
- j) Arranged lecture by Mr. Abdul Wahab Attari, Head Department of Education on **"Islamic Style of Businesses"** on 19.8.2025

v) **EVENTS ARRANGED IN CHAMBER'S OFFICE**

- a) Arranged meeting in Chamber's Office in between DSP (Traffic), Regional Transport Authority, Excise & Taxation Department and Sahiwal Cargo Service Association, Sahiwal to resolve their issues relating to Transportation on 6.11.2024
- b) Delivered Appointment letters to 41 Chairmen of Standing Committees on 12.11.2024
- c) Organized a Ride for **"Smog free cause"** in collaboration with Barani Institute of Sciences on 17.11.2024
- d) Participated in Zoom Meeting conducted by Federal Tax Ombudsman on 18.12.2024
- e) Organized Training Program on Gender based violence and ILO Convention for a group of 25-30 women/men through the courtesy of National Project Coordinator, ILO Pakistan Office, Islamabad in Chamber's premises on 11.2.2025
- f) Attended zoom meeting convened by Federal Tax Ombudsman, Lahore regarding Advisory Committee Central on 28.7.2025
- g) Celebrated 78th Independence Day in Chamber's Conference Room on 14.8.2025



- h) Organized free Medical Camp through the courtesy of Velvet Glow Skin Aesthetics in Chamber's premises on 27.9.2025
- i) Convened 9 meetings of Building Committee on various dates

vi) MEETINGS HELD WITH LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

- a) Participated in the meeting convened by the Commissioner, Inland Revenue, Sahiwal regarding latest Government Policies for the collection of Taxes on 12.10.2024
- b) Participated in Zoom meeting convened by the Chairman, Punjab Revenue Authority, Lahore in the office of the Commissioner, Inland Revenue, Sahiwal regarding launching of new program "Iris" for filing Return through online system
- c) Held meeting with the Commissioner, Sahiwal Division regarding introduction with the new Management, sharing of important issues relating to business community and selection of area for the establishment of PIE-II, Sahiwal on 15.11.2024
- d) Participated in Meeting of Environment Committee convened by the Deputy Commissioner on 3.2.2025

vii) EVENTS ARRANGED OUTSIDE CHAMBER'S OFFICE

- a) Participated in the Event organized by "Akhuwat" for disbursement of interest-free loans under CM Self-Employment Scheme on 9.10.2024
- b) Participated in Consultation Session on Draft Punjab Labour Code 2024 organized by Director General, Labour Welfare (Punjab), Lahore at Best Western Hotel, Lahore
- c) Visited Central Jail, Sahiwal to witness Working Stations established to improve skill of Prisoners on 26.10.2024
- d) Arranged visit of Building Committee to the site of Chamber's own under construction building on 3.11.2024
- e) Arranged visit of Members of Building Committee comprising M/s Ch Arshad Hussain, Head of the Building Committee, Sheikh Azmat Saleem, President, SCCI, Mudassar Iqbal, Mehr Saqib Rasool, Members EC, Muhammad Tariq Awan, Secy General SCCI & Imran Shabbir, Architect to inspect the construction work already completed and to evolve strategic plan for future on 29.1.2025
- f) Arranged get-together at Building site



- g) Participated in Net Working Dinner organized by Shoukat Khanum Foundation in Victoria Marquee, Sahiwal on 6.2.2025
- h) Participated in Donors Conference hosted by Alkhidmat Foundation, Sahiwal on 7.2.2025
- i) Inaugurated Walk-in free Clinic of Chughtai Health Care at Sahiwal on 16.4.2025
- j) Participated in the IAC meeting convened by the Principal, Government of Technology, Sahiwal on 24.6.2025
- k) Visit of Chief Minister (Punjab) to inaugurate Electric Bus Service in Sahiwal on 22.9.2025
- l) Convened 8 meetings of Executive Committee on various dates

viii) Meetings of Executive Committee

In order to conduct day to day activities of the Chamber in a harmonious and befitting manner, as many as 8 meetings of Executive Committee were convened which played constructive role in smooth functioning of the Chamber.

ix) Construction of Chamber's own building

The House was apprised that from day one, completion of construction of Chamber's own building remained on top priority and Alhamdulillah, this mega project is near to its completion and you would hear a good news regarding shifting of Chamber's office in new premises in due course of time. It is quite relevant to bring it to your kind notice that Chamber has paid substantial amount of Rs.1,06,39,000/- to the Contractor during the 1st year of current term which is comparatively a record payment in a short span of just 1 year. This amount includes Rs.44,77,100/- donated by the legend members of the Chamber, names of some of them are as under:-

Name of Donor	Amount donated
Sheikh Azmat Saleem, President SCCI	10,00,000
Mr. Nasir Hameed Chaudhry, SVP, SCCI	5,00,000
Mr. Atif Naseer Jutt, Member, Executive Committee	5,20,600
Mr. Kashif Riaz Ch., Former President, SCCI	4,00,000
8 Members of Executive Committee @ Rs.1 lac each	8,00,000



We have succeeded to complete 1st Floor, Verandah, Vide Lobby, Mumty construction, Plaster of Basement, outer walls, Basement PCC floor, fixation of Iron grills, Roof boundary (Pardah) complete, Front elevation, Trevino tiles marbles fixation, Ground floor roof false ceiling, fixation of Tuff tiles, Ground floor – electricity cabling, Water Tank and finally the Ground floor – flooring tiles. However, a lot of work is still to be completed for which generous donations are needed.

x) **Signing of Memoranda of Understandings**

As many as 6 Memoranda of Understandings were signed with the following Organizations who will provide full support and discount to the members of the Chamber on production of valid Card of the Chamber

- i) Ajwa Garden Restaurant : 10% discount on total bill
- ii) Alkhidmat Foundation : 20% discount on final bill
- iii) Sahiwal Club Restaurant : 10% discount on all items
- iv) Shahbaz Tikka Restaurant : 10% discount on total bill
- v) Mobilink Microfinance Bank : Special discount on certain services
- vi) Protection Alpha (Pvt) Ltd., Security Provider
 - a) Ex-Military Personnel: Rs.36,000/- per month
 - b) Civilian Rs.31,500/- per month

5. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without Modifications, a special resolution to amend the Memorandum of Association as per advice of the Director General (Trade Organization) to align it with latest Trade Organization Act, 2013

The House was apprised that the Regulator, Directorate General of Trade Organizations, Islamabad vide his letter No. 17(31)2028-Admn dated 2nd May, 2025 passed necessary directives to all the Chambers across the board to amend their Memorandum & Articles of Association in accordance with the updated Trade Organization Act, 2013. In order to comply with these directives, we have prepared amendments in our Memorandum & Article of Association which are hereby presented to the House for their approval in token of completion of legal requirement. These amendments



were read out in the meeting and in response; the House unanimously passed the requisite Resolution for furtherance in this regard.

6. Review of size of Executive Committee

i) The House was going to be apprised that a proposal with regards to increase in the number of seats was put forth before the House in Annual General Meeting held on 30th September, 2021 in view of ever increase in the number of new members and in response the House unanimously approved increase of 2 seats of Associate & 2 seats of Corporate Class bringing the total added seats to four (4) with effect from upcoming annual elections. By virtue of this addition, the House was comprised of total 22 seats including 2 female seats.

ii) Consequent to parting of Pakpattan District from Sahiwal Chamber of Commerce & Industry with effect from 18.3.2025, as many as 720 members were deregistered in compliance with Regulator's letter No. 17(14)/2008-TO dated 24th March, 2025 and resultantly there remained 3666 number of members with Sahiwal Chamber. Out of these residual 3666 members, only 2073 are active members and 1593 members are inactive. Moreover, our area of operation/jurisdiction has also been restricted to Sahiwal District only. Hence it would be quite appropriate to revert to our previous strength of members i.e. 8 members each of Associate & Corporate Classes plus 2 female seats bringing the total strength of Body to 18 which were already approved by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 29.09.2025.

iii) The above narrative was just started when a group of miscreants, prominently comprised of M/s Umer Khalid Butt, 3-Star Digital Flex Printers, Sahiwal, Haseeb Shaukat, Ghazi Traders, Sahiwal and Muhammad Mehboob Alam, Mehboob Corporation, Sahiwal and led by Mr. Muhammad Kashif Riaz, former President apart from most of those apparently not members of the Chamber and brought by the miscreants just to frustrate the proceedings of the AGM, rushed-in to sabotage the environment of the meeting by shouting at their full voices, so much so, they snatched the mike and interrupted the on-going proceedings of the meeting. It was a preplanned program and to make it a success, certain unwanted elements were brought in by the above stated miscreants. All out efforts of the Management as well as legend members of the Chamber including former Presidents to bring the affairs in normal state proved



futile and the protestors remained adamant not to cooperate to start voting so as to arrive at some conclusive end based on the consensus of the House. Finally, on acute disappointment about the demeanor of former President Mr. Muhammad Kashif Riaz and associates, the President, SCCI in order to rule out an imminent ceasefire within the entangled groups and to arrive at an amicable resolution, floated a proposal to the House that in future elections may be conducted on 12 seats each of Associate & Corporate Classes plus 2 female members bringing total strength of the Body to 26. At this juncture, the above-mentioned intruders raised uproar to such an extent that the proposal could not be conveyed to the audience fairly in appropriate smooth transmission and hence remained in abeyance as it could not attract consensus of the House by virtue of voting.

NB: In the wake of indecisive and unsettled state of affairs, the matter was referred to the Director General of Trade Organizations/Regulator, Islamabad vide Chamber's office letter No. SCCI/2026/1501 dated 21st April, 2026 for final verdict regarding determination of size of Executive Committee. He expressed his considered opinion that neither of the aforesaid proposals attained the requisite approval of the General Body, therefore, the existing strength of the Executive Committee as prevailing prior to the presentation of the said proposals i.e. twenty-two (22 seats) shall remain unchanged. Accordingly the forthcoming elections shall be conducted for twenty-two (22) Executive Committee seats.

7. Approval of expenditure of Rs. 9,60,000/- on account of Dinner to be served in AGM held on 30th September. 2025

The House was informed that Chamber has arranged Dinner to be served in the ongoing Annual General Meeting dated 30th September, 2025 for 800 guests @ Rs.1200/- per Head for which approval of the House is solicited. The House unanimously approved the same.

8. Concluding address by the President

- a) Sheikh Azmat Saleem, President of Sahiwal Chamber of Commerce & Industry first of all welcomed the audience in 19th Annual General Meeting and extended a few words of thanks for their participation.



- b) He apprised the House about his efforts to make the Expo-2025 organized in February, 2025 a real success and added that it was witnessed by the eminent personalities across the board including High Commissioner of Kenya, Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan, Speaker Punjab Assembly, Vice President of FPCCI etc
- c) He welcomed in the Chamber high profile dignitaries of national and international level which includes delegations of International Islamic Charity Organization, Kuwait, Delegation of US Consul General, Pakistan Australia Business Council, 12 members delegation of Rochdale (UK) Working Party.
- d) He highlighted his efforts to putforth the issues of business community at highest forum by participating in the meetings convened by Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry. The issues of paramount importance like amendment in 37 AA Section of Finance Bill, 2025 regarding arrest of businessmen by the Officers of Inland Revenue Department were discussed with the Federal Minister (Finance) and Federal Minister (Industries) and Alhamdulillah succeeded in our mission. Further reduction in the interest of Bank Rate is also a landmark of his incessant efforts.
- e) While discussing progress with regards to construction of Chamber's own building, he asserted that during his tenure of one year, he released a record amount of Rs.10.639 million and achieved remarkable progress by uplifting of 1st floor. He added that he is optimistic that the offices of the Chamber will be shifted to new building in a couple of months or so.
- f) He disclosed to the House that apart from fulfillment of his official obligations as President of the Chamber, he also took active part in the welfare of destitute persons of the society as is evident from the following few narratives: -
 - i) Supplied Sewing Machines and raw material for the establishment of Garments & Stitching Unit in Central Jail, Sahiwal to enable prisoners to improve their skill and



earn handsome amount through sale of their products etc in the market

- ii) Arranged monthly subscription of Rs.1,54,000/- to the "Al-Khidmat Foundation" for the welfare of Orphans (Donated by Sh. Azmat Saleem, Rana Waseem Akhtar, Sheikh Shahzad Farooq, Ch. Arshad Hussain and Mr. Khalid Riaz).
- iii) Donated Rs.10 million to "Al-Khidmat" Foundation for providing Cardiac Bypass Facility in their Hospital at Sahiwal
- iv) He also made known to the House that he has already formed a group of philanthropists to donate generously and regularly for the welfare of the under-privileged citizens. Currently this group is comprised of Sheikh Azmat Saleem, President, SCCI, Sheikh Shahzad Farooq, Mr. Arshad Hussain Ch., Rana Waseem Akhtar, former Presidents and Mr. Khalid Riaz, CEO of "Go" Group of limited Company. He invited the audience wholeheartedly to join this group at any time.

It is pertinent to mention here that during his address to the House, a group of mischiefs as described in Paragraph No. 6(iii) above continued spoiling the environment of the House and left no stone unturned to sabotage the ongoing proceedings of the Event, so much so, the President has to wrap up his address in the midst of a deafening noise condemning all such fussy people and expressing tenderness to the valued audience for inconvenience.

Thereafter, the meeting was brought to close with a vote of thanks.


(Muhammad Tariq Awan),
Secretary General SCCI

