

Minutes of 136th Meeting of Executive Committee of Constructors Association of Pakistan (CAP) held on Saturday, October 07, 2023 at CAP Office, Islamabad

136th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Constructors Association of Pakistan (CAP) was held on Saturday, October 07, 2023 at 03:00 PM at CAP Office, Islamabad under the chairmanship of Engr. Syed Ashfaq Hussain, Chairman, Constructors Association of Pakistan (CAP). The Members of the Executive Committee attended the meeting physically and also on the video link (Zoom) throughout the country. The attendance Sheet of members of the Executive Committee (EC) is annexed herewith.

The following Agenda was transacted: -

AGENDA ITEM NO 01:

1) Recitation from the Holy Quraan:

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quraan.

AGENDA ITEM NO 02:

2) Welcome Remarks by the Chairman CAP

The honorable Chairman, Engr. Syed Ashfaq Hussain welcomed the participants who attended the meeting physically as well as on zoom link from Karachi, Lahore etc.

AGENDA ITEM NO 03:

3) To consider the proposed SRO, under process at Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC).

Chairman, Engr. Syed Ashfaq Hussain has invited the attention of the Committee towards the proposed SRO regarding the registration of technologist with PEC. The Said SRO is under consideration at the forum of Pakistan Engineering Council and Higher Education Commission. He also informed that PEC in its 28th AGM meeting held at Quetta had deferred the agenda pertaining to the SRO in question. The Chairman briefed the Committee about the untoward remarks passed by Ex-Chairman PEC for the constructors in the WhatsApp group of engineers.

The Chairman has suggested that stance of the CAP should be strict in nature against the remarks and well worded response be passed in the matter.

Engr. Arshad Dad, Chief Advisor CAP informed that the matter under discussion is the sole prerogative of Pakistan Engineering Council & Higher Education Commission as per their mandate. Indulging in such matter is not feasible for CAP and let the issue be decided by them as the ball is in their court. He also emphasizes that the stance taken by Engr. Akbar Shaikh should be the stance of CAP.

It is informed that NTC have already been established under the notification dated 07th September 2015 issued by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) for the purpose to register the technologist. When the legal forum is available for the registration of technologist the issue of the proposed SRO under consideration may be dropped by the CAP for time being.

Raza Ali Abidi expressed that we, being the constructors required the services of engineers as well as the technologists so we do not extend the sympathy to words any group and the matter should be decided by the Regulators. Similarly, the other members of the Executive Committee are of the same view.

DECISION:

The fate of the proposed SRO about the registration of technologists with PEC be decided by Pakistan Engineering Council & Higher Education Commission being the Regulators. However, CAP should condemn the untoward remarks of the Ex-Chairman PEC for constructors, which were passed just to take the political mileage.

Any Other item with the permission of Chair

(a) To discuss the strategy about raising the funds for running the day-to-day administrative affairs of CAP offices.

Honorable Chairman CAP briefed the Committee about the current financial position of CAP and shown his reservation that only two-to-three-month expenditure left with CAP as per the bank statement for the current month. The monthly expenditure of CAP round about 16 to 17 lacs per month as informed by the Chairman.

He proposed and requested the members of the Executive Committee that special initiative should be taken for raising the funds in the shape of donation from our valuable constructors/members.

On the appeal of the Chairman, the following announcements for donation to CAP were promptly made as;

1	Haji Noor Muhammad Khan, Senior Vice Chairman, CAP	Rs.5 Lacs
2	Engr. Arshad Dad, Chief Advisor CAP	Rs.5 Lacs
3	Syed Muhammad Naeem Kazmi, Vice Chairman (Sindh)	Rs.2 Lacs
4	Syed Raza Ali Abidi, EC member, CAP	Rs.2 Lacs
5	Syed Afzal ur Rahman, CEO, Indusmens Corporation	Rs.2 Lacs
6	Engr. Syed Iqbal Yunas, CEO, Technicon Enterprises	Rs.2 Lacs
7	Engr. Muhammad Azhar ul Islam Zafar, CEO, AMS Engineers & Contractors,	Rs.3 Lacs
	Total:	Rs.21 Lacs

Whereas, the members from Lahore informed that a collective figure of amount will be announced jointly in a couple of days and Secretary (CAP) Lahore will be informed accordingly.

DECISION:

The Committee appreciated all the donors with the hope that the same good gesture would be continued in the best interest of the Association. The Committee advised the Secretary CAP Lahore to keep in touch with the honorable members at Lahore and progress in the matter be transmitted to the Secretary General CAP for the kind perusal of the Chairman.

(b) Approval for installation of official phone having No. 051-9202985 in the name of Secretary General (CAP) and for payment of monthly bills alongwith installation charges be paid from the accounts of CAP.

The Chairman informed the Committee that due to the efforts carried out by Secretary General CAP, an official telephone number (051-9202985) in the name of the Secretary General have been installed in the CAP office Islamabad. The Executive Committee was requested for approval of the payment from the account of CAP for installation charges and monthly bills of the said official phone. He further

elaborated that installation of official telephone would be helpful in taking up the matters of CAP with the Government departments.

DECISION:

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the expenditure incurred on the installation and the payment of monthly bills from the Account of CAP.

(c) **Approval for circulation of the decision of Islamabad High Court Islamabad in W.P. No. 1952 of 2020 in the case titled Lilley International (Pvt) Ltd and others VS National Highway Authority (NHA) through its chairman regarding the non-recovery of amount from the contractors against the audit observations, raised by Auditor.**

Engr. Arshad Dad, Chief Advisor has view that as the aforementioned verdict of the court is the public document and it should be circulated amongst the constructors for their kind information and reference in their cases without any approval of the Executive Committee.

DECISION:

The Committee unanimously decided that the such verdicts passed by any court of law in favour of the constructors should be circulated amongst the constructors without seeking any approval from the Executive Committee.

(d) **To discuss the latest status “Criteria and Procedure for incorporation of price adjustment provision in the ongoing projects” to be issued by PEC.**

Chairman requested Engr. Arshad Dad, Chief Advisor to inform the Committee about the latest status of the agenda under discussion.

Engr. Arshad Dad, Chief Advisor briefed that the matter has been referred to Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Federal Cabinet and it is on the agenda in the upcoming meeting scheduled to be held in next week. Hopefully, the same will be approved and will be issued by the Pakistan Engineering Council during the current month.

Chairman, asked the Committee to pay the special thanks to Chairman PEC for his kind cooperation at every stage and similarly, Engr. Amir Zamir, from Ministry of P&D. In the meantime, we should appreciate Mr. Adnan Waheed, and others who made the efforts behind the scene in getting the matter approved at PEC and Planning & Development Commission.

DECISION:

The Committee appreciated the Chief Advisor and others for their day and night efforts in the matter with the request to keep in touch till the final outcome.

(e) To appreciate the Engr. Arshad Dad and Engr. Khalid Bashir for their untired efforts in updating the bidding documents. Also, to discuss its benefits to the constructors.

Chairman CAP suggested that we should pay special thanks to Engr. Arshad Dad and Engr. Khalid Bashir for their untiring efforts to formulate an updated version of the bidding documents after going through the whole book of FIDIC, a famous and authentic book for the International Construction Contracts. The Committee unanimously appreciated for sparing their precious time and formulate such a big document for the future guidelines of Constructors in contracts agreement.

DECISION:

The Committee unanimously appreciated the senior most colleagues, Engr. Arshad Dad and Engr. Khalid Bashir for reviewing the conditions of contract by consulting the FIDIC, the book known internationally in contracts agreement.

(f) To discuss the numbers of renewal & new membership of CAP in the month of August /September, 2023 during the campaign of membership drive, launched by CAP office Islamabad under the guidelines provided by the Chairman CAP:

Month	Renewal	New	Total	Amount
August,2023	59	59	118	570,900
September,2023	24	61	85	319,800
Total	83	120	203	890,700

Chairman informed the Committee about the progress for renewal and new registration of the CAP members during the campaign of membership drive initiated in August 2023.

All the Committee members of the Executive Committee appreciated the membership drive campaign initiated under the guidelines of the Chirman CAP and suggested that the said campaign should be continued.

DECISION:

The Committee unanimously decided that that the campaign for membership drive should be continued with same dedication and devotion.

(g) Proposal for revision of annual subscription fee for membership of CAP under section 15 of Memorandum of Article of Association.

Chairman elaborated that the campaign for membership drive have been successfully going on and numbers of constructors have preferred to come under the umbrella of CAP. It is better time to increase the annual subscription of CAP members and it would give a little bit relief in financial condition of CAP. The members of the Executive Committee approved the enhancement in the annual subscription of the members of Category C-5 & C-6 only from Rs.1,200 to Rs.2,000 and the annual subscription for rest of categories would remain intact till further order.

On the question regarding compulsory membership of CAP, the Chief Advisor explained that the case is pending at DGTO due to some legal hitches.

DECISION:

The Committee unanimously decided the increase in annual subscription of the members of Category C-5 & C-6 only from Rs.1200 to Rs2000 with effect from 1st January, 2024.

(h) To discuss the increasing of 02 No seats in Executive Committee for adjustment of AJK & G.B as provided in Memorandum of Article section 22 (d) reproduced hereunder:

“The number of Executive Committee Members shall be determined by outgoing Executive Committee which shall be a minimum of ten and maximum of thirty seats of Executive Committee”.

Chairman CAP briefed that existing strength of the Executive Committee (EC) of CAP is 27 (26+1) including one women entrepreneur and no regular member from AJK and GB in EC of CAP. Presently, CAP has adopted a co-opt member from Gilgit Baltistan. He further, informed that some members from GB raised the issue for granting the regular seat in the Executive Committee.

On the question raised about the membership of CAP from AJK, Chairman informed that no constructor from AJK came under the umbrella of CAP and efforts are on way to bring them in the loop of CAP under the current membership drive campaign.

Chairman proposed for the enhancement in the existing strength of the total composition of the Executive Committee from 27 to 29 with the allocation of each of one for GB and AJK under the prevailing rules.

DECISION:

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the increase of two seats of the Executive Committee from 27 to 29 with the allocation of each of one for AJK and Gilgit Baltistan under power vested to the Committee in section 22(d) of Memorandum and Article of Association of CAP.

(i) To formulate strategy for PEC Election 2024.

Engr. Arshad Dad, Chief Advisor informed that CAP should play its role in upcoming election of PEC effectively as it did in 2021 and preparation in the matter should be started immediately. He also stated that many crucial issues of constructors have been resolved and are near to be resolved with the cooperation of present Chairman PEC. However, some important issues like establishment of CIDB are still pending in the PEC and constructors need the support of the upcoming Chairman, PEC to resolve the same amicably. While discussing the agenda, he apprehended that if, the Chairman of PEC is elected without the support of the CAP, then its result would be different as of today. He suggested that Chairman and the

members of the CAP should awake at the earliest and prepare themselves for PEC election 2024 with coordinated efforts.

The Executive Committee suggested that election cell be created in the offices of CAP and Committees/Sub-Committees at District, Divisional and Provincial level be constituted by giving them specific targets. Chairman Suggested that the campaign for raising the funds may also be initiated at once as the campaign was launched in the previous PEC election by CAP.

DECISION:

The Executive Committee (EC) unanimously approved the creation of central election cell at CAP office Islamabad and sub election cells in the offices of CAP at Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, Quetta, Gilgit Baltistan and AJK under the supervision of Senior Vice Chairmen, Vice Chairmen. The Committees/Sub-Committees at District, Divisional and Provincial level may also be constituted by giving them specific targets and report compliance to the Chairman CAP on weekly basis.

Further, the Executive Committee decided that the proper mechanism for fund raising campaign to meet the day-to-day expenditures of the upcoming election of PEC may be devised at the earliest by the Committee formulated under the supervision of the Chairman CAP.



Muhammad Saleem Khan
Secretary General



Engr. Syed Ashfaq Hussain
Chairman

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

List of Participants:

ISLAMABAD:

1. Engr. Syed Ashfaq Hussain, Chairman, CAP
2. Haji Noor Muhammad Khan, Senior Vice Chairman, CAP
3. Mr. Munir Ahmed Abbasi, Vice Chairman, CAP (Islamabad)
4. Kh. Shoaib Mohi uddin, EC Member, CAP
5. Engr. Arshad Dad, Chief Advisor, CAP
6. Engr. Muhammad Azhar-ul-Islam Zafar , Member, CAP Advisory Committee
7. Mr. Muhammad Azeemullah Malik, Member CAP, Advisory Committee
8. Mr. Muhammad Kaleemullah Malik, Chief Coordinator, CAP Rawalpindi
9. Mr. Saifullah Ghumman, Media Advisor, CAP

LAHORE:

1. Ch. Amir Majeed, Vice Chairman, CAP (Punjab)
2. Mr. Zahid ul Hassan Qureshi, EC Member, CAP
3. Mr. Muhammad Satwat Khan, EC Member, CAP
4. Mr. Imran Abbas Awan, EC Member, CAP
5. Ch. Khaleeq Ahmad Awan, EC Member, CAP
6. Ch. Naeem Akhtar, Chief Organizer, CAP
7. Ch. Ahmad Habib, Director, Uni Build Associates, Lahore
8. Haji Maqsood Saeed Butt, Chief Coordinator, CAP Lahore
9. Mr. Khalid Mahmood Rep of Techno Time Construction, Islamabad
10. Mr. Jawad Ahmed Rep of Hassan Construction Co., Lahore
11. Mr. Muhammad Latif Rep of Engineering Kinetics, Lahore

KARACHI:

1. Syed Muhammad Naeem Kazmi, Vice Chairman, CAP (Sindh)
2. Syed Raza Ali Abidi, EC Member, CAP
3. Syed Afzal ur Rahman, CEO, Indusmens Corporation, Karachi
4. Engr. Abdul Jabbar Shaikh, CEO, Jabbar Murad Construction Co., Khairpur

PESHAWAR:

1. Engr. Syed Iqbal Yunas, CEO, Technicon Enterprise, Peshawar