

# PAKISTAN OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT PROMOTERS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON SATURDAY

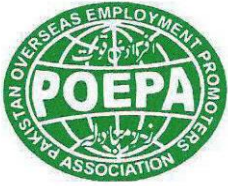
13th FEB 2021 AT 02:00 PM POEPA HEAD OFFICE ISLAMABAD.

Respected Members,

1. The meeting Chaired by the Chairman, Mr. Muhammad Usman was held in the Meeting Room of POEPA Head office, ISLAMABAD on SATURDAY, 13th Feb 2021.

Following officials and members had participated in the meeting:-

1. Mr. Muhammad Usman (Chairman)
2. Mr. Capt Naseem Akhter Mehmood (Senior Vice Chairman)
3. Mr. Munawar Agha (Member, E.C)
4. Mr. Muhammad Feroz Khan (Member, E.C)
5. Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Khan Bilal (Member, E.C)
6. Mr. Gul Faraz Khan (Member, E .C)
7. Mr. M. Rafiq Janjua (Member, E .C)
8. Syed Athar Iqbal (Member, E .C)
9. Mr. Muhammad Idress Chaudhry (Member, E .C)



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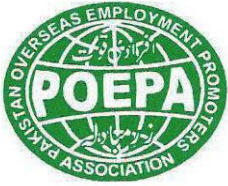
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10. Mr. Sheikh Ali Sher (Member, E .C)
11. Chaudhry Asif Hussain (Member, E .C)
12. Muhammad Kabeer (Member, E.C)
13. Muhammad Riaz Khan (Member, E .C)
14. Mr. Dawood Khan (Member, E .C)
15. Qaiser Naeem Malik (Member, E .C)
16. Ghulam Hassan Jhangail (Member, E .C)
17. Khalid Javed Malik (Member, E .C)
18. Qaiser Mehmood Kiani (Member, E .C)
19. Syed Khalid Jamal (Member, E .C)
20. Mr. Shahbaz Zeb Khan Secretary General, POEPA

The meeting deliberated on the following agenda items:-

<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>Approval of accounts of incurred expenses in the month of Dec &amp; Jan</b>
<b>NO.1</b>	<b>2020 &amp; Minutes of Meeting (24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020)</b>

The executive committee had thoroughly examine the expenses occurred in the preceding month of Dec-20 Jan-21, the account sheets were circulated among all the members, Secretary General had briefed all the expenditures occurred in the aforementioned months for scrutiny & perusal, after the discussion over all the head of accounts the committee had unanimously approved the accounts for the month of DEC-2020 & JAN 2021.



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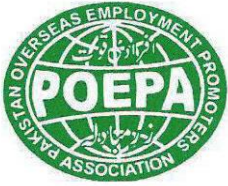
## Decision:

The executive committee has unanimously approved the expenses occurred in the preceding months of DEC-2020 & JAN 2020. Furthermore the committee had approved the Minutes of meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020.

<b>Agenda No.2</b>	<b>Briefing about meeting with Saudi Embassy Islamabad &amp; proper functioning of Visa Endorsement in Saudi Consulate Karachi</b>
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Chairman had given the briefing over the meeting held in Saudi Consulate Islamabad 24<sup>th</sup> Nov and the commitments which were made in the meeting were unfortunately not filled due to change of the Head of the consulate section, he told the members that after the appointment of the new Head of consulate section we have submitted multiple requests for providing an appointment via official letters but still there was no response on the correspondences. Chairman had told the members that the Honorable Ambassador is visiting FPCCI on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, but due to my commitment with the SAPM and DG bureau meeting, I wasn't able to meet him, but I have assigned responsibility of Mr. Syed Khalid Jamal (Executive member) to meet him at the meeting of FPCCI and will submit a request letter for meeting at any suitable time convenient to his excellency. Further he has assured that we have high hopes after having a meeting with the ambassador, most of the hurdles and issues related to visa endorsement will be streamlined.

Moreover the Chairman briefed the committee that the Karachi Consulate is functioning smoothly, only the issuance of User-ID & passwords is delayed due to absence of IT department staff, and the department is not properly functional, as soon as the department is properly functional this only remaining issue will be sorted out properly.



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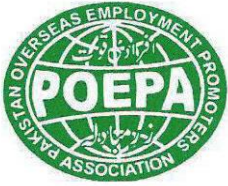
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## Decision:

A unanimous decision by the executive committee is to formulate a proper plan of activities to resolve & handle the issues related to Islamabad Embassy, Plan -A would be a meeting with the Ambassador and Plan-B is to correspondence through Ministry of Op & HRD and commencement of a joint meeting in the supervision of SAPM. After taking all the measures, the OEP community would have no other way then to protest against all the in justification against the manpower promotion sector.

<b>Agenda No.3</b>	<b>Status regarding proposed amendments in Emigration Rules 1979 &amp; POEPA reservations recorded for new proposed insertions by the Ministry of OP &amp; HRD.</b>
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**The Chairman** had briefed that the proposed amendments in Emigration Rules 1979 is pending for the approval of the Ministry OP & HRD. We were informed by Bureau of the several changes inserted by the Ministry, all of our proposals in those insertions were remains unnoticed except service charges enhancement up to Rs. 20,000 whereas, some of the new insertions were proposed those are totally unacceptable and were against the competition act, therefore we have recorded our reservations through a letter to DG Bureau and also requested an urgent meeting with the D.G Bureau and Ministry official to inculcate better and mutually agreed amendments in favor of both the OEP community and Pakistani workforce. For this purpose DG bureau of Emigration had committed to convene a meeting with the SAPM & Federal Secretary in coming days to finalize the proposed amendments and record our reservation upon the new insertions.



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## DECISION:

It has been decided that POEPA Chairman along with executive committee members will held a meeting with the D.G Bureau along with SAPM & Federal Secretary to resolve all the reservations and develop mutual consensus over the proposed amendments to finalize the required amendments in the Emigration Rules 1979.

<b>Agenda No.4</b>	<b>Discussion over the declaring of service charges in FSA &amp; PTN.</b>
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The Chairman had briefed the committee that POEPA delegation had convened a meeting with D.G Bureau on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021. The same issue will be raised in the said meeting.

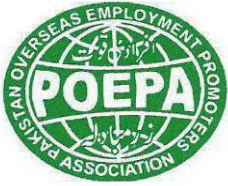
## DECISION:

The committee had decided to discuss the issues of declaring service charges in FSA & PTN, and request DG to please revert the orders of declaring service charges in the aforesaid contracts.

<b>Agenda No.5</b>	<b>Discussion over the press conference held for some Medical Centers problems &amp; issues of formation of a committee for Medical Centers related matters.</b>
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The Chairman had addressed the committee members about the press conference held by the executive committee members against some dire issues faced by OEPs by the





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Medical centers. The Chairman said that such urgent press conference without informing and taking mutual consent of the executive committee is an unprofessional behavior, the proper decorum and mandate of the executive committee must be complied. Further, the press conference is appreciated but had not brought any fruitful results, but actually had wasted time and money.

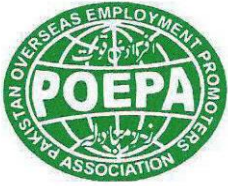
## Decision:

The executive committee has formed a sub-committee for medical centers to handle the matters related to medical centers in Rawalpindi and Peshawar, if there is any issue been faced in any other city the member of the executive committee from that particular zone will be allowed to form a committee and resolve such issue with meetings with the concerned Medical Centre zone. The committee comprises for Rawalpindi & Peshawar zones are constituted of following E.C members.

1. Mikaeel Khan Bangash. (Head of the committee)
2. Sheikh Ali Sher.
3. Khalid Javed Malik.
4. Qaiser Mehmood Kiani.
5. Asad Hafeez Kiani.

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Status of renting POEPA Rawalpindi Office, handing over POEPA office</b>
<b>No.6</b>	<b>Karachi rent status of POEPA Lahore office.</b>

The chairman had briefed that the Karachi office is proximate to productive resolution in the near future; senior members of the OEP community had intervened in this issue and had guaranteed to handover the POEPA property within the short period of time with the mutual consensus. If we have failed to recover it amicably, otherwise litigation will be lodged against it, but at foremost we are trying recovering the property with in shorter period positively.



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The Secretary General had briefed the members that Lahore office rent is received till the month of Nov-2020, rent for the months of Dec 2020, Jan-Feb 2021 has not been paid till date.

## Decision:

The executive committee had decided to rent out the POEPA offices in Rawalpindi on the urgent basis, as one of the RWP office is in our possession from the last one year, but still vacant and is not rented out till date. For the purpose of renting out Rawalpindi office the following committee of the members of Executive committee and General body was formed to rent out the Rawalpindi office at the earliest possibility.

1. Sheikh Ali Sher
2. Khalid Javed Malik
3. Qaiser Mehmood Kiani
4. Asad Hafeez Kiani

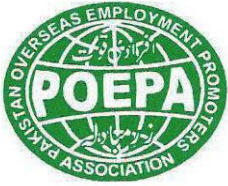
<b>Agenda No.7</b>	<b>State Bank Matter for remittance on account of work visa processing fee &amp; separate window for OEP license attestation from MOFA</b>
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The Chairman had briefed this issue is already in the pipeline and has discussed on mainstreams with the State Bank of Pakistan, but pending due to the demand of MOFA (KSA) letter by SBP. In the upcoming meeting with the DG bureau on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb issue will be raised.

## Decision:

The executive committee had decided to request the DG bureau to intervene in to this matter and raise this issue to the Ministry level and compel the State Bank to grant the

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permission Enjaz Payment through any scheduled bank, to avoid & discourage the other sources Hundi/Hawala in the same manner as the same facility is already provided to Etimad.

<b>Agenda No.8</b>	<b>Request for Online Payments/Internet Banking Funds Transfer solutions by Bureau for submission of various Govt. Fees for protectors</b>
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## Decision:

The matter of online payments/IBFT for government fees payment required for the protectors of the intending emigrants was discussed in the meeting. It was decided that in the meeting with the DG Bureau this matter must be given top priority and a solution for online payment by any app by Bureau or NBP must be inculcated without any further delay. As the current procedure is quite old and has become hectic job for the people, therefore a quick solution for payments is dire need of the manpower promotion sector.

<b>Agenda No.9</b>	<b>Membership Database, membership Cards printer and office equipment briefing.</b>
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The secretary general had given the detailed presentation on the Membership Database Beta version to the executive committee; the suggestions of the committee were recorded. The members were told that the database will be operational after the completion of the membership renewal for the year 2021. The executive committee was given the presentation of new equipment purchased & card printing machines. The endeavor was highly appreciated by the executive committee members.





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Agenda No.10	Staff Salary Increments for the year 2021
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The executive committee was presented with the policy of the increments of 10% every year in the salaries. As per the past approvals the committee had considered the increment of salaries annually.

### Decision:

After the detailed discussion, the executive committee had unanimously approved the increment of the staff salaries to 10% for the year 2021, instigated from Jan 2021.

There was no further point to discuss. The meeting was adjourned with the greetings from/to the Chair.

### CC:

1. Regulator TOs, Directorate General of Trade Organization.
2. All members of Executive Committee.



(Shahbaz Zeb Khan)  
Secretary General.