

**MINUTES OF THE 172nd MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY, SESSI
HELD ON 19-05-2025**

The 172nd meeting of the Governing Body, SESSI was held on 19th May, 2025 at SESSI Head Office Karachi under the Chairmanship of Minister for Labour and Human Resources Sindh/Chairman Governing Body, SESSI. The following attended:-

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| 1. Mr. Shahid Abdul Salam Thahim
Minister for Labour and Human Resources Sindh/
Chairman, Governing Body, SESSI | In Chair |
| 2. Mr. Miandad Rahoojo
Commissioner, SESSI | Ex-Officio Member/
Secretary |
| 3. Engr. M.A. Jabbar
Employers' Representative | Member |
| 4. Mr. Khalil Ahmed Baloch,
Employers' Representative | Member |
| 5. Mr. Mukhtar Hussain Awan,
Employees' Representative | Member |
| 6. Mr. Abdul Wahid Shoro,
Employees' Representative | Member |
| 7. Mr. Yasin Qurban,
Additional Secretary, Finance Department,
Govt. of Sindh | Member |
| 8. Mr. Ghulam Yasin Sabzoi,
Deputy Secretary, Labour & HR, Govt. of Sindh | Member |
| 9. Dr. Kamran Awan
Medical Adviser, SESSI | Ex-Officio Member |

Members Absent:

- Mr. M. Jawaid Bilwani, Employers' Representative
- Mr. M. Danish Khan, Employer's Representative
- MR. Muhammad Khan Abro, Employee's Representative
- Ms. Zehra B. Khan, Employee's Representative

Other Presence:

- Dr. M. Akram Shaikh, CMO (Health), SESSI
- Dr. Syed Ali Danish, Director Admn (Medical), SESSI

2. The Commissioner, SESSI welcomed the participants requested Mr. Mukhtar Hussain to recite verses from the Holy Quran. The meeting was formally opened with the permission from the Chair according to the agenda.

Agenda No.1 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 171st MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY, SESSI DATED 13-02-2025**

The Commissioner, SESSI informed the Governing Body that the minutes of 171st meeting of the Governing Body held on 13-02-2025 have been signed by the members and approved by the Minister for Labour Sindh/Chairman Governing Body, SESSI were being submitted for confirmation.

Mr.Abdul Wahid Shoro raised observation regarding inquiry and direction of GB in case of Dr. Darwesh, RMO. Referring to the previous meeting, he objected that it was decided that strict action would be taken against Dr. Darwesh, but so far nothing has been done in this regard. He was informed that Medical Board has been constituted, and its report will be submitted during the next meeting of the Governing Body.

Engineer M.A. Jabbar was of the view that a note annexed to the minutes as page no.13/13 be made part of the minutes.

Decision

The Governing Body confirmed the minutes of 171st meeting held on 13-02-2025 subject to inclusion of changes with implementation at Page-13 shared by the Governing Body members.

Agenda No.2 **PROGRESS/IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE DECISIONS OF GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS**

The Commissioner presented the progress/status of meetings 170th and 171st to the members of G.B. in the form of a working paper, most of which has already been implemented, upon which the members expressed their satisfaction.

Agenda No.3 **REVISED BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025**

The Commissioner, SESSI informed and placed the Revised Budget for the Financial year 2024-2025 i.e. S.S. Contribution, Benefits, Recurring and Non-Recurring Expenditures were checked thoroughly and scrutinized. The field offices have submitted re-appropriation proposals to the tune of Rs.94,106,000/-. The field offices have surrendered an amount of Rs. 2,054,593,000/- from different heads including Salary during the current financial year. More over the field offices have submitted demand for additional/supplementary budget in utility heads, health care for workers etc to the tune of Rs.8,7066,000/- The net Budgetary effect, if the demands are approved in total, would be Rs.87,066,000/- and after deducting from total surrenders, an amount of Rs.1,923,892,000/- would be savings.

Engr. M.A. Jabbar expressed that this should have been taken to the Finance Committee first and then brought to the Governing Body. The Commissioner explained that the matter was urgent and mainly pertains to the healthcare and other financial benefits

for the workers which was already taken to the Finance Committee, and as per Committee's requirement recommendations prepared by the Finance Department were further refined and evaluated to be discussed in the scheduled meeting of Finance Committee on 09-05-2025 but unfortunately the same could not be held due to non-availability of GB members.

Mr. Mukhtar Awan laid great emphasis that there should be no further delay in revision of the budget in the heads pertaining to benefit of workers as due to non-availability of budget in certain heads there was a crisis like situation in hospitals and other field offices.

Decision

The Governing Body unanimously approved the total Revised Budget for the year 2024-2025 to the tune of Rs.12.128 billion from the existing Budget Estimates of Rs.14.052 billion which includes approval of Rs.94.106 million by way of reappropriation and additional budget of Rs.87.066 million.

Agenda No.4 PAYMENT OF LIABILITY ON ACCOUNT OF PURCHASING OF X-RAY MACHINES AND OTHER EQUIPMENTS

The Commissioner, SESSI apprised that following machines were procured in the year 2022-23 after fulfilling all codal formalities. The items at serial number 1 and 2 were delivered at respective health facilities whereas items at serial number 3 and 4 were procured but delivery was got delayed at the request of the relevant Medical Superintends due to non-completion of construction work in the X-Ray room. Since the construction work has been completed and the X-Ray rooms are ready for installation of X-Ray Machines, the MSs have requested for delivery of the same. Payment of the following items amounting to Rs. 34,474,188/- is required to be made as liability of the previous years' wherein approval of the Governing Body is required.

S.No	Item Description	FY	Supplier	Payable Amount (Rs.)
1	High End Diathermy with Vessel System (01)	2022-23	M/s T.K. Medical Instrument	3,300,000/
2	CTG Machine for Twin Pregnancy (05)	2022-23	M/s Hospicare System	2,375,000/
3	Mobile X-Ray Machine 300 MA with CR (01)	2022-23	M/s Fuji Pakistan	15,150,768/
4	X-Ray System 500 MA (01)	2022-23	M/s Fuji Pakistan	13,648,420/
Total				34,474,188/

Decision

After thorough discussion and specific briefing by the representatives of the Finance Department, Government of Sindh and explanation given by Commissioner SESSI, the Governing Body accorded approval for payment of past liability amounting to Rs.34,474,188/- to the respective suppliers from the available budget under the head Hospital/Medical Equipments.

Agenda No.5 DEFICIENCY OF MEDICAL FACILITIES I.E. MEDICINES, EQUIPMENTS AND DOCTORS/STAFF, BENEFITS/MEDICAL PENDING BILLS BY MR. KHALIL BALOCH, MEMBER G.B.

While introducing the agenda points proposed by Mr. Khalil Balouch, Member, the Commissioner informed that the quality of medicine has now been significantly improved and working on filling up the deficient staff is under process.

Mr. Khalil Baloch Sahib further suggested to:

1. Identify listing of Long Term and Short-Term needs.
2. workout detail of shortage of staff, Doctors and para Medical Staff as per requirement.
3. Constituted a team for betterment of workers through a properly worked out budget estimates

Decision

After thoroughly discussion the Governing Body agreed to further improve the quality of medicines, and efforts may be made on the basis of long-term and short-term needs as per actual requirements.

Agenda No.6 ISSUANCE OF SOCIAL SECURITY CARD (BENEZIR MAZDOOR CARD), IMPROVEMENT OF QUALITY OF MEDICINES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DISPENSARIES BY MR. MUKHATAR AHMED AWAN

The Commissioner SESSI informed that SESSI was engaged with NADRA for certain modifications, and it has been assured that NADRA will issue 400,000/ Benazir Mazdur Cards within 15 days of the finalization of design. Mr. Mukhtar Hussain Awan, raised the issue being faced by the workers for obtaining medicines from circles and hospitals resulting in hassle to the patients and suggested that those medicines be issued from the single location.

Mr. Awan also suggested that certain hospitals be taken on panel and patients may not be forced to obtain quotations from different hospitals to start their treatment. It is troublesome procedure and results in delay. All other members endorsed the suggestion to take certain hospitals on panel for direct referral of the patients if the treatment is not available with SESSI hospitals.

Decision

After detailed deliberations the Governing Body resolved to take following hospitals on the panel of SESSI. In case treatment is not available at SESSI hospitals, chronic and acute patients may be referred to the hospitals immediately. The names of hospitals are given as under:

1. Liaquat National Hospital, Karachi
2. Patel Hospital, Karachi
3. Darul Sehat Hospital, Karachi
4. NICVD Semi-Private Karachi
5. Manji Hospital Hyderabad
6. Ghotki Hospital
7. Hashmani Eye Hospital, Karachi

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Agenda No.7 RE-CALLING FOUR-TIER FORMULA FOR PROMOTIONS (MEDICAL SIDE)

The Commissioner SESSI informed the Governing Body that Four-tier promotion formula was approved by the Governing Body in its 106th (adjourned) meeting held on 03/03/1999 for promotion of Doctors from BS-17 to BS-20. The matter was discussed in the Governing Body meeting dated 13/02/2025 wherein directives were passed for Selection & Promotion Committee to review its recommendations one more time and submit recommendations in the next Governing Body meeting. The Selection and Promotion Committee evaluated the matter in its meetings dated 07/01/2025, 18/02/2025 and 27/02/2025 and unanimously recommended to recall the four-tier formula as it was resulting in blockade of promotions and causes difficulty in filling all vacant positions through promotions, especially in BS-20.

Decision

The Governing Body approved recommendations of Selection and Promotion Committee made in its meetings held on 07/01/2025, 18/02/2025 and 27/02/2025 for re-calling its earlier decision on the four tier formula.

Agenda No.8 POST FACTO APPROVAL WITH ROCHE PAKISTAN LTD WITH SESSI FOR CANCER MEDICINES

The Commissioner SESSI informed that the MOU duly signed between SESSI and Roche Pakistan Ltd as on 29-04-2025 was approved by the honourable Minister/Chairman Governing Body was being placed for consideration and post-facto approval by the Governing Body. The CMO Health briefed about the advantages of discounts from the multinational company in case SESSI doesn't obtain those medicines as a result of tendering process. The matter was discussed at length in the light of SPPRA rules whether the same may not violate any rules. Engineer MA Jabbar and Representative

of the Finance Department were of the view that there is provision of direct contracting under Rule 16 (b) and (c) if the item is of propriety nature or its exclusive.

Decision

After detailed deliberations, the Governing Body accorded post facto approval of the MOU signed between SESSI and Roche Pakistan Ltd subject to complete adherence to the SAPPRA rules.

Agenda No.9 DRAFT MOU OF ONCOGEN PHARMA PVT LTD WITH SESSI FOR DISCOUNTED RATE OF CANCER MEDICINES

The Commissioner SESSI informed that during signing of an MOU with Roche Pakistan Ltd, the CMO Health also approached Oncogen Pharma Pvt Ltd whose medicines are also currently in use by SESSI Cancer Patients. These medicines are presently being procured from Local Suppliers/distributors at retail prices. CMO Health further informed that after successful negotiations, Oncogen Pharma has extended highly attractive discounts on selected medicines upto 93%, 82% and 76% on various items. These discounts present a significant cost-saving opportunity for the organisation.

Decision

After detailed deliberations, the Governing Body approved MOU to be signed between SESSI and Oncogen Pharma Ltd subject to strict adherence to SAPPRA rules.

The Commissioner and Governing Body lauded the efforts of the CMO Health for his efforts and resolved to issue him appreciation.

Agenda No.10. ENHANCEMENT OF AMOUNT OF STIPEND OF STUDENT NURSE

Mr. Mukhtar Ahmed Awan has pointed out that stipend paid to student nurses is very low as they were performing full time duties. He proposed to enhance the stipend from existing Rs. 30,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- The member endorsed the proposal.

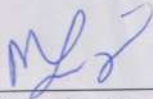
Decision

The Governing Body unanimously approved the enhancement of stipend of student nurses from Rs.30,000/- to Rs.50,000/- with immediate effect i.e. 19-05-2025.

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

Engr. M. A. Jabbar
Employers' Representative/
Member Governing Body

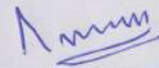
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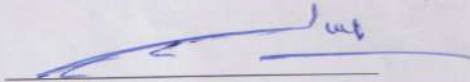
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Employees' Representative/
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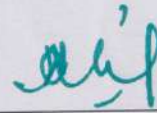
Mr. Yaseen Qurban
Additional Secretary
Finance Department



Abdul Wahid Shoro
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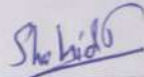
Dr. Kamran Awan
Medical Advisor, SESSI
Ex-Officio Member



Miandad Rahoojo
Commissioner, SESSI
Ex-Officio Member/Secretary



Ghulam Yaseen
Deputy Secretary
Labour Dept.



Shahid Abdus Salam Thahim
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