BY COURIER / SPECIAL MESSENGER / URGENT
NOTICE FOR PERSONAL HEARING

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce
Directorate General of Trade Organizations
(Office of Regulator of Trade Organizations)
State Life Building No. 7, 2nd Floor,
Jinnah Avenue, Blue Area.
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F. No: 2(31)/2026-TO

Islamabad, the 16th November, 2026

1. **The Secretary General,** Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), Federation House, Main Clifton, Karachi. (Respondent No. 1)
2. **The Election Commission of FPCCI,** through its Members, Federation House, Main Clifton, Karachi. (Respondent No. 2)
3. **The Secretary General / Secretary,** Sarhad Chamber of Commerce & Industry, (Respondent No. 3)
4. **Haji Muhammad Afzal,** Corporate Class, Nominee of Sarhad Chamber of Commerce & Industry, (Respondent No. 4)
5. **Mr. Abdul Rehman Fudda,** (Appellant / Complainant)
6. **Mr. Muhammad Babar Khan,** (Appellant / Complainant)

SUBJECT: NOTICE FOR PERSONAL HEARING IN STATUTORY APPEAL UNDER RULE 18(7) OF THE TRADE ORGANISATIONS RULES, 2013 READ WITH SECTION 14(3)(e) & (g) OF THE TRADE ORGANISATIONS ACT, 2013 — FPCCI ELECTIONS 2027–2028

TITLE: MR. ABDUL REHMAN FUDDA & MR. MUHAMMAD BABAR KHAN (PHMA), APPELLANTS VERSUS THE SECRETARY GENERAL FPCCI, ELECTION COMMISSION FPCCI, THE SECRETARY GENERAL / SECRETARY, SARHAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (RESPONDENT NO. 3) & HAJI MUHAMMAD AFZAL, NOMINEE OF SARHAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (RESPONDENT NO. 4) [IMPUGNED DECISIONS: DECISIONS NO. D-027 & D-082 DATED 31.10.2026 (SG FPCCI) & ORDERS NO. ECD-020 & ECD-070 DATED 07.11.2026 (EC FPCCI)]

WHEREAS, an Appeal under Rule 18(7) of the Trade Organisations Rules, 2013 read with Section 14 of the Trade Organisations Act, 2013 has been preferred before the learned Regulator of Trade Organisations by the Appellants against the concurrent decisions of the Secretary General, FPCCI (Decisions No. **D-027 & D-082** dated 31.10.2026) and the Election Commission of FPCCI (Decision No. **ECD-020 & ECD-070)** dated 07.11.2026), regarding the disputed nomination/inclusion of Respondent No. 4 on the Provisional List of Voters for the biennial Elections of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) for the term 2027–2028;

2. AND WHEREAS, in exercise of the quasi-judicial appellate powers vested in the Regulator of Trade Organisations under Section 14(1) and Section 14(3)(e) & (g) of the Trade Organisations Act, 2013,

the learned Regulator has been pleased to fix the matter for **FORMAL PERSONAL HEARING** on Wednesday, **18 November, 2026 at 05:00 PM** in the **Court Room / Conference Room of the Directorate General of Trade Organizations (DGTO), State Life Building No. 7, 2nd Floor, Jinnah Avenue, Blue Area, Islamabad.**

3. Parties and their authorized legal counsel located outside Islamabad/Rawalpindi may, upon prior written request submitted via email at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled hearing time, be permitted to join the proceedings through Video Conferencing (Zoom Link to be shared via official email). However, physical appearance is strongly encouraged given the volume of original records to be inspected.

4. **MANDATORY REQUISITION OF ORIGINAL RECORDS & DOCUMENTS FOR VERIFICATION:**

In terms of Section 14(2)(b) and Section 14(3) of the Trade Organisations Act, 2013, all arrayed parties are hereby STRICTLY DIRECTED to bring and produce the following complete original records at the time of hearing without fail:

A. FROM THE NOMINATING TRADE ORGANISATION (Respondent No. 3):

i. Complete original membership file, initial enrollment record, and continuous annual renewal record of the impugned nominee/business concern under Rule 11(4) and 11(5) of TOR 2013.
ii. Certified extract and original signed Attendance Sheet and Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting wherein the nomination of the impugned representative to the FPCCI General Body / Executive Committee for the term 2027–2028 was formally considered and approved.
iii. Trade Organisation Membership Register demonstrating the lawful classification (Corporate Class or Associate Class) of the member concern for the current and preceding years.
iv. In case of Women Chambers of Commerce & Industry (WCCIs): Documentary proof establishing that the Chamber maintains the mandatory statutory threshold of not less than two hundred (200) genuine women entrepreneur members under Rule 6(1)(d) and Rule 10(2)(a), and that the impugned nominee satisfies Rule 2(1)(r) and Section 3(2)(c) of the Act.

B. FROM THE IMPUGNED NOMINEE & MEMBER CONCERN (Respondent No. 4):

i. National Tax Number (NTN) Certificate and Sales Tax Registration Number (STRN) Certificate (wherever applicable) issued strictly in the lawful name of the business concern (in compliance with Rule 11(1)(a).
ii. Complete Annual Income Tax Returns (ITR-114) and computerized FBR Electronic Acknowledgment Receipts for Tax Year 2025 (and Tax Year 2024 where relevant).
iii. Where Corporate Class Status is impugned (Rule 2(1)(g)): Complete Audited Financial Statements certified by a practicing Chartered Accountant and/or complete FBR Income Tax Returns establishing an authentic annual business turnover of not less than PKR 50,000,000/- (Fifty Million Rupees) for the preceding tax year.
iv. Where Small Traders Status is impugned (Sections 2(s) & 2(t)): Complete tax records establishing that the enterprise's annual business turnover strictly ranges between PKR 2,000,000/- and PKR 20,000,000/-.
v. Where Disqualification under Rule 20(11) is impugned: Written solemn affirmation and institutional certificate confirming whether the nominee served on the Executive Committee or General Body of FPCCI, or held any office-bearer position, during the retiring term 2024–2026.
vi. Undertaking and proof that the member concern / NTN is not nominated and does not hold any voting entry through any other trade organisation in the FPCCI electoral rolls.

C. FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL & ELECTION COMMISSION OF FPCCI (Respondents No. 1 & 2):

i. The complete original nomination dossier submitted by the nominating trade organisation in respect of the impugned nominee, including the date and diary stamp of receipt.

ii. The complete original objection file under Rule 18(4), along with the written record and grounds considered by the Secretary General under Rule 18(5).

iii. The complete original representation file under Rule 18(6), notice of hearing, record of proceedings, and evidence considered by the Election Commission in passing the impugned decision.

iv. The relevant extracts of the Provisional List of Voters 2027–2028 and the official List of Retiring Members of the Executive Committee and General Body of FPCCI 2024–2026.

D. FROM THE APPELLANT / COMPLAINANT:

i. Original Membership Card issued by the nominating trade organisation and original CNIC.

ii. Resolution of the Executive Committee or formal Letter of Authority authorizing the nominee/representative to prefer, pursue, and argue the instant appeal on behalf of the trade organisation.

iii. Duly executed Vakalatnama / Power of Attorney where represented through Legal Counsel.

5. **CONSEQUENCES OF NON-APPEARANCE & NON-PRODUCTION OF RECORD:** Please take note that in the event of failure to appear on the scheduled date, time, and venue, or failure to produce the requisitioned original tax, renewal, and membership records, NO FURTHER ADJOURNMENT SHALL BE GRANTED in view of the strictly time-bound statutory Election Schedule mandated by Rule 18(8) of the Trade Organisations Rules, 2013. The matter shall be proceeded with and decided EX-PARTE on the basis of available records, and an ADVERSE PRESUMPTION under Article 129(g) of the Qanun-e-Shahadat Order, 1984 shall be drawn against any party withholding the best available evidence in its possession. Furthermore, sub-threshold or unverified Corporate Class entries shall be liable to immediate exclusion or re-classification.

6. All parties are directed to submit three (03) sets of their written synopsis and verified copies of documents to this Directorate General at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing, with an advance copy served upon the opposing parties.

(Pir Shah Gul Ahmad)
Deputy Director (TO)