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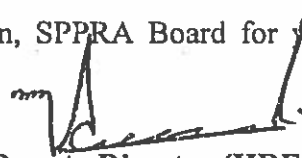
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Member from the Civil Society | Member |
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Nominee of PEC | Member | | |

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF 46th MEETING OF THE SPPRA BOARD.

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith minutes of 46th meeting of the Board of Directors of Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (SPPRA) held on Monday, 9th February, 2026, duly approved by the Chairman, SPPRA Board for your kind information and perusal please.


Deputy Director (HRF&CB)

CC to:

1. The PS to Chief Secretary, Sindh / Vice Chairman, SPPRA Board.
2. The PS to Chairman SPPRA Board.



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**MINUTES OF THE 46th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SINDH
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

The 46th meeting of Board of Directors of Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority was held on Monday, 9th February, 2026 at 12:00 Noon in the Committee Room No. II of Sindh Assembly Building (Old), Karachi. The following members / representatives attended the meeting:

S. No.	Name of Members / Representatives
1.	Mr. Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar, Chairman / Minister for Home, Law, Parliamentary Affairs & Criminal Prosecution Department
2	Ms. Seema Khurram, Member of Provincial Assembly Sindh
3	Mr. Ghulam Qadir Khan Talpur, Managing Director, Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority / Secretary of the Board
4	Mr. Fayaz Ahmed Jatoi Secretary Finance Department Government of Sindh.
5	Mr. Ali Ahmed Baloch Secretary Law Department Government of Sindh
6.	Mr. Muhammad Ali Khoso Secretary (GA) SGA&C Department Government of Sindh
7.	Mr. Sajjad Ahmed Abbasi Secretary (Planning) P&D Board Government of Sindh.
8.	Mr. Zulfikar Ali Nizamani Secretary Science & Information Technology Department Government of Sindh
9.	Mr. Abdul Sami Kehar Professional in Financial & Management Sectors
10.	Mr. Nazim F. Haji Member From Civil Society
11.	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Ismail Professional in IT Sector
12.	Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Palijo Special Secretary, Irrigation Department Government of Sindh

13.	Mr. Abdul Samad Soomro Additional Secretary Law Department Government of Sindh
14.	Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob Additional Secretary Works & Services Department Government of Sindh

The meeting started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. Thereafter, the Chair welcomed the participants of the meeting and invited MD SPPRA to present the agenda before the Board.

MD, SPPRA placed the following agenda items before the Board;

Agenda Item No. 1

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 45th MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

Minutes of 45th meeting of SPPRA Board held on 20.10.2025 duly signed by the Chairman and Members who attended the meeting and circulated among the Members were placed before the Board for confirmation. He also presented the "Actions Taken Report" before the Board in compliance of the decisions of the last meeting.

The Chair requested the members to communicate their comments / observations on the minutes of the 45th meeting, if any. No comment / observation from any Member were received.

Decision:

The Board unanimously confirmed the minutes of the 45th Meeting of the SPPRA Board held on 20.10.2025.

Agenda Item No. 2

PERFORMANCE REVIEW:

i) UPDATE ON E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM (EPADS)

The Members were informed that E-Procurement System (EPADS) has been successfully implemented in all departments / procuring agencies. He added that previously with the approval of the Honorable Chairman SPPRA Board, exemption of thirty days only (19.11.2025 to 18.12.2025) from EPADS was granted due to some technical and capacity issues of the Procuring Agencies. Currently, all procurement activities are being carried out through EPADS.

Decision:

The members appreciated the efforts of the SPPRA team for implementation of the e-procurement system in all the departments / procuring agencies.

ii) DATA OF EPADS

The Managing Director presented the following summary of procurement activities conducted through the e-procurement system (EPADS):

S. #	Description	Data as on 20.10.2025	Data as on 9.02.2026
1	Registered procuring agencies	357	435
2	Registered Suppliers	9,560	10,948
3	No. of Tenders published on EPADS	4,060	6,302
4	Procurements Completed	1,253	2,223
5	Cancelled	827	1,369

Mr. Fayyaz Ahmed Jatoi, Secretary Finance, observed a noticeable difference between the number of tenders published on EPADS and the procurements completed. He emphasized the need for presenting the data with a more detailed analysis.

He suggested that the information should include department-wise details of NITs published and procurements completed, comparison highlighting the gap between published and completed tenders, reasons for non-completion of procurement processes, identification of any technical or procedural difficulties being faced by the procuring agencies. He further stressed that such detailed analytical reporting would help in better understanding the bottlenecks in the procurement process and enable timely corrective measures.

The Chair inquired whether Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (SPPRA) has established a separate section to facilitate users regarding the new system.

The Managing Director (MD) responded that SPPRA has already established a dedicated section to deal with issues related to EPADS and to provide necessary facilitation to users.

The Members further pointed out that various departments are also facing capacity constraints, which require institutional support, and suggested that SPPRA should take appropriate measures in this regard.

In response, the MD informed the forum that, with the approval of the SPPRA Board in its 44th Meeting, a Summary had been moved to the Chief Minister Sindh for the establishment of a

Procurement Unit/Cell in each department, in line with the policy of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (Federal PPRA). However, he apprised the Chair that the said Summary is still awaited for approval.

The Chair directed that the matter be pursued immediately to ensure early decision and implementation.

Decision:

The Board directed MD SPPRA to prepare detailed analytics regarding EPADS data and circulate among the members within fifteen days for their perusal.

The Board further directed the MD SPPRA to actively pursue the Summary submitted to the Honorable Chief Minister Sindh for the establishment of a Procurement Cell/Unit in each department to ensure early approval and implementation.

iii) CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

a) Orientation Session for Head of the Departments

The members were apprised that the Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (SPPRA) successfully organized an Orientation Session on the SPP Rules and E-Procurement System (EPADS) on 21st January 2026, at Karachi Marriott Hotel, for Heads of Departments and Organizations. He added that Honorable Minister for Home, Law, Parliamentary Affairs & Criminal Prosecution Department / Chairman, SPPRA Board, Mr. Zia-Ul-Hassan Lanjar, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The session was attended by the Senior Member Board of Revenue (SMBR), Secretaries to Government and senior officers of various departments including Home, Health, Food, Law, Agriculture, Works & Services, Transport & Mass Transit, Planning & Development, CMIT, Excise, Education, SGA&CD, Sindh Revenue Board, JSMU, SICVD, Members of the SPPRA Board, Chief Engineers, representatives of Contractors' Associations, and other stakeholders.

More than one hundred and fifty participants attended the session. The Project Director, EPADS, delivered a detailed briefing on the system, while presentations on SPP Rules were made by officers of the Authority. The session remained highly interactive, and participants showed keen interest and appreciated the efforts of SPPRA in organizing such an informative and useful event.

b) Capacity Building Activities for Procuring Agencies

MD, SPPRA apprised the Members that in order to facilitate smooth adoption of EPADS, SPPRA has been continuously organizing training sessions for officials of procuring agencies and bidders. The Authority has initiated a regular feature of training activity on every Thursday in Committee Room of SPPRA wherein officials from the procuring agencies and bidders participate. This initiative of SPPRA is highly appreciated by the Procuring Agencies and bidders.

Decision:

The Board appreciated the efforts of the Authority for enhancing capacity of the procuring agencies and bidders with respect to smooth and successful implementation of the e-Pak Acquisition and Disposal System (EPADS) and directed to continue these activities in future.

Agenda Item No. 3

RECOMMENDATIONS OF HR & RULES / REGULATIONS COMMITTEE OF SPPRA BOARD

Managing Director SPPRA apprised the members that the SPPRA Board in its 40th meeting held on 30th January, 2024 has constituted a HR & Rules / Regulations Committee comprising the following Members;

1. Secretary Science, Information & Technology Department or his nominee
2. Managing Director, SPPRA or his nominee / Secretary of the Committee
3. Mr. Nazim F. Haji, Member from Civil Society
4. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Ismail, Professional in IT Sector on SPPRA Board.
5. Mr. Abdul Sami Kehar, Professional from Financial and Management Sector on SPPRA Board (Co-opted Member)

He informed that the Committee held meetings on 12th November 2025 and 21st November 2025, and finalized its recommendations for the approval of the Board. Following recommendations were presented before the Board;

1. Amendment in Rule-37(2) of the SPP Rules, 2010

MD SPPRA apprised the Members that the Committee discussed amendment in Rule-37(2) proposed by Syed Adil Gilani, former Member of SPPRA Board. The Committee unanimously rejected the proposal.

Decision:

The Board upheld the decision of HR & Rules / Regulations Committee.

2. Disposal of Public Assets Rules, 2026

The Managing Director, Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (SPPRA), apprised the Members that the amendment in the Sindh Public Procurement Act, 2009 has been notified, whereby "Disposal of Public Assets" shall now be regulated by SPPRA. Accordingly, the Committee of the Board drafted the Disposal of Public Assets Rules, as required under the law, and placed the same before the Board for consideration.

The Members deliberated upon various provisions of the draft Rules and sought clarifications, particularly regarding the composition and functions of different Committees and the process of disposal. It was explained that the proposed Rules shall apply to the disposal of "Public Assets" which, under the law, are defined as "goods owned and possessed by the Procuring Agency."

The Chair inquired whether the proposed Rules would also apply to the disposal of land, forests, properties, mines, etc. The Managing Director clarified that the Rules are intended to regulate only the disposal of goods owned by Procuring Agencies, such as vehicles, machinery, furniture, equipment, spare parts, and similar items. Disposal of land, property, forests, mines, etc., shall continue to be governed by the respective rules and regulations already in place, and the SPP Rules shall not apply to the auction of such assets.

Mr. Fayyaz Ahmed Jatoi, Secretary, Finance Department, pointed out that the basis for determination of the reserve price should be clearly elaborated in the Rules to provide guidance to Procuring Agencies. The Managing Director responded that determination of the reserve price is one of the functions of the Disposal Planning and Reserve Price Committee (DPRPC), which evaluates the reserve price after obtaining valuation reports from approved and competent valuers.

The Chair and Members emphasized the need to incorporate a comprehensive and transparent mechanism for evaluation of the reserve price within the Rules. It was accordingly decided that the Committee shall re-examine and further elaborate the valuation process for determination of the reserve price.

Decision:

The Board, in principle, approved the "Disposal of Public Assets Rules, 2026", with the direction to the HR & Rules/Regulations Committee to devise a detailed mechanism for evaluation of the reserve price within the Rules and place the same before the Board for final approval.

3. Tie Bid Mechanism

MD SPPRA apprised the Members that in compliance of decision of the Board, HR & Rules / Regulation Committee of SPPRA Board has prepared following mechanism to handle bids in case of Tie during evaluation process;

- i. **Marks-Based Evaluation (Where Applicable):** Where a marks-based evaluation methodology has been adopted, and a tie occurs between two or more bidders, the Procuring Agency shall first rank the tied bidders on the basis of the highest aggregate marks obtained under the prescribed qualification and/or technical evaluation criteria.
- ii. **Relevant Experience:** If the tie persists after applying clause (1) above, or where a knock-out / Yes-No evaluation methodology has been applied without marks, the Procuring Agency shall assess the tied bidders on the basis of relevant experience. The bidder having a greater number of completion certificates for similar works successfully completed during the last five (05) years shall be ranked higher.
- iii. **Technical Capacity:** In case the tie remains unresolved after applying the criterion stated at clause (2) above, the Procuring Agency shall consider the technical capacity of the bidders. Preference shall be accorded to the bidder having a higher number of qualified professional engineers duly registered with the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), where applicable.
- iv. **Re-Tendering as Final Recourse:** If the tie continues to persist even after applying the criteria mentioned at clauses (1), (2), and (3) above, the Procuring Agency shall declare the bidding process inconclusive and shall proceed with re-tendering in accordance with the SPP Rules, 2010.

Mr. Sajjad Abbasi, Secretary, Planning & Development (P&D) Department, briefed the Members that while the suggestions prepared by the Committee were appreciable, it would be more appropriate to evaluate bidders on the basis of the legal status of the firm rather than on completion of projects during the last five years. He suggested that criteria such as whether the bidder is a sole proprietorship or partnership firm, and its

registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), may be considered for evaluation.

The Board endorsed the suggestions of Mr. Abbasi and referred the matter back to the HR & Rules/Regulations Committee to review the mechanism in consultation with the Planning & Development Department and submit its recommendations in the next meeting.

Decision:

The Board appreciated the work carried out by the HR & Rules / Regulations Committee and directed it to re-examine the mechanism for handling tie bids, in consultation with the Planning & Development (P&D) Department. The Committee was further instructed to submit its recommendations to the Board in its next meeting for consideration and approval.

4. Amendment in Rule-37(2) proposed by bidders

MD apprised the Board Members that some contractors requested the Authority to allow "Insurance Guarantee" to be accepted by the Procuring Agency as Bid Security and requested to amend the Rule-37 of the SPP Rules, 2010.

He added that the matter was discussed by the Committee wherein the Committee rejected the proposal for acceptance of Insurance Guarantee as Bid Security.

Decision:

The Board approved the recommendation of the HR & Rules / Regulations Committee.

5. Clarification of Rule-37(2) of SPP Rules, 2010

MD SPPRA apprise the Members that as per Rule-37(2) of the SPP Rules, 2010, Bid Security shall be called in the form of Deposit at Call or Pay Order or Demand Draft or Banks Guarantee issued by a scheduled bank in Pakistan. However, it has been observed that the Procuring Agencies called Bid Security at their own discretion instead whereas, it is discretion of the bidder to submit the security in any one form as mentioned in the Rules.

He explained that in this context various bidders submitted requests for clarification in the Rule and direct the Procuring Agencies to mention all forms in the Bidding Documents instead of any specific document. Accordingly, the matter was placed before the Committee who suggested that the Rule is very clear and SPPRA may issue policy guidelines to the Procuring Agencies to mention all forms of bid security in the bidding documents and it shall be at the option of the bidder to submit bid security in any form.

Decision:

The Board unanimously approved the recommendations of the Committee and directed the Authority to issue the policy guidelines to the procuring agencies for strict compliance.

6. Hiring Of Legal Consultant For Court Matters And Review Committee

MD SPPRA apprised the Members that matter regarding hiring of legal counsel was discussed in HR & Rules / Regulation Committee of the Board wherein the Committee discussed that the Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (SPPRA) is mandated to regulate public procurement processes to ensure transparency, accountability, and fairness. In the course of executing its functions, SPPRA is frequently required to deal with legal matters arising from:

- Litigation in various courts concerning public procurement; and
- Proceedings before the SPPRA Review Committee, which adjudicates complaints and representations filed by bidders.

It was observed by the Members of the Committee that currently; legal matters are managed through internal team of SPPRA. However, given the increasing number and complexity of court cases and review proceedings, the Members were of the view that there is a pressing need to engage a dedicated Legal Counsel to represent SPPRA effectively and provide continuous legal support.

It was apprised that the Legal Counsel would be responsible for the following tasks:

i) Representation and Litigation Support

- Represent SPPRA in all court matters (civil, constitutional, and administrative) before the Honorable High Court of Sindh and subordinate courts.
- Draft and vet pleadings, replies, counter-affidavits, and other legal documents.

ii) Advisory Services

- Provide legal opinions.
- Review procurement documents, regulations, and policies for legal compliance.
- iii) **Support to Review Committee**
 - Assist the Review Committee in examining cases, preparing decisions, and ensuring compliance with statutory procedures.
 - Maintain legal records and assist in drafting decisions and notifications.
- iv) **Coordination and Reporting**
 - Liaise with external lawyers, law officers, and other government departments where necessary.
 - Submit periodic reports on the status of pending cases and legal actions.

The Legal Counsel should possess:

- Minimum 3–4 years of experience in legal practice, preferably in administrative, regulatory, or procurement-related matters.
- Valid license to practice before the High Court.
- Demonstrated experience in handling public sector or government agency litigation.

It was further explained to the Members that presently no officer in SPPRA possessing a Law degree and experience in court proceedings is available. However, the officers dealing with court matters and Review Appeals have gained experience over time. The Members expressed serious concern over the non-availability of a Law Officer in the Authority and emphasized that the Legal Section should be strengthened immediately.

MD informed the Members that keeping in view the above, HR & Rules / Regulations Committee of SPPRA recommended for hiring of legal counsel through third party service provider as per the SPP Rules, 2010 to deal with court matters and Review Appeal.

Decision:

The Board unanimously approved the recommendation of HR & Rules / Regulations Committee of the Board for hiring legal counsel through third party service provider as per the SPP Rules, 2010 to be dealt with court matters and Review Appeals.

It was further resolved that ten (10) legal counsel shall be engaged for this purpose, considering the budget constraints and work load.

7. Establishment Of Help Desk For EPADS

MD SPPRA apprised the Board Members that in order to provide timely, efficient, and consistent technical and functional support to all users of EPADS, HR & Rules / Regulation Committee has proposed to establish a Help Desk that will serve as the first point of contact for issue resolution, user assistance, and system feedback collection.

It was explained that initially, the Help Desk is proposed to operate for sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) hours a day to accommodate user needs across working shifts. Based on the volume of user queries and system utilization, the operational hours may subsequently be extended to a twenty-four (24) hour service.

For staffing purposes, it was recommended that four to six User Support Officers be engaged through a third-party service provider rather than being recruited directly on to the SPPRA payroll. This approach will ensure flexibility in staffing, faster deployment, and cost efficiency while maintaining service quality and accountability through a performance-based contractual arrangement.

The Committee recommended the establishment of Help Desk for EPADS through third party service provider under SPP Rules, 2010.

Chair and Members appreciated the proposal for establishment of Help Desk which will be helpful for smooth implementation of EPADS.

Decision:

The Board unanimously approved the recommendations of the Committee regarding establishment of the EPADS Help Desk through a third-party service provider under the SPP Rules, 2010.

8. Creation Of Posts

The Managing Director apprised the Members that the agenda item was placed before the Board in its 44th Meeting, wherein the Board referred the same to the HR & Rules / Regulation Committee for necessary recommendations. The Committee discussed the matter and observed that under Section 5(2) of the SPP Act, 2009, the Authority is required to perform numerous functions, some of which could not be fully undertaken due to shortage of qualified human resources. Additionally, the scope of work has expanded following inclusion of disposal of public assets.

In order to carryout above tasks and strengthen the Authority as well as to provide career path & upward mobility to the officers of the Authority, the Committee was of the view that it is essential to create the following posts in schedule of establishment of the Authority as per Clause-3 of SPPRA Employees APT Regulations, 2020.

Sr. No.	Post	BPS	Number of Posts	Nature of Works	Method of appointment
1.	Senior Director (Admin, CB and Legal)	20	01	Administration, Training & Legal	100% by promotion from amongst the officers working in the Authority, having at least seventeen years' experience in BPS-17 & above.
2.	Senior Director (Enforcement, Outreach and Reforms)	20	01	Enforcement, Outreach & Reforms	
3	Sr. DPA	14	02	IT	100% Initial recruitment.
4	Junior Assistant	11	14	Office Work	100% Initial recruitment.

It was further suggested by the Committee Members that, upon promotion of officers to higher grades, one post of Director (BS-19) may be abolished to offset financial implications. The Committee also recommended mandatory completion of Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC) for promotion in BS-19 and Senior Management Course (SMC) for promotion in BS-20 from TMR Wing, SGA&CD, as a prerequisite for promotion.

MD requested the Board that the four posts of Sr. DPA (BS-14) may be created instead of two as recommended by the Committee due to increasing work load.

Decision:

After deliberation the Board unanimously approved the recommendations of HR & Rules / Regulation Committee for creation / abolition of above-mentioned posts in the schedule of establishment of the Authority. The Board also approved four posts of Sr. DPA (BS-14).

9. Amendment In SPPRA APT Regulations-2020

MD apprised the Board Members that the Committee recommended the following amendments in Appendix-A of SPPRA Employees APT Regulations, 2020;

Name of Post with BPS	Existing Clause	Proposed Clause	Justification
Procurement Specialist (Works) BS-19	Age Limit for initial appointment Min 20 - Max 30	Age Limit for initial appointment Min 35 - Max 50	For appointment in BPS-19, experience of 12 to 15 years is required therefore age limit is proposed for revision in order to attract quality human resource.
Junior Assistant (BPS-11)	a) 30% by promotion from amongst the officials of BS-1 to BS-5, having qualification of matriculation and typing speed of at least 30 w.p.m. b) 70% by initial recruitment.	a) 40% by promotion from amongst the officials of BS-1 to BS-5, having qualification of matriculation and typing speed of at least 30 w.p.m. b) 60% by initial recruitment.	In order to provide line of promotion to the officials of the Authority in higher grade.

Secretary Finance suggested that ratio of promotion quota and initial recruitment for the Post of Junior Assistant (BS-11) may be fixed as 50:50. Chair and Members endorsed the suggestion.

Decision:

After deliberations, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations of HR & Rules / Regulation Committee and fixed 50% quota for initial recruitment and 50% for promotion for the post of Junior Assistant (BS-11).

10. Shifting Of Office Premises Due To Dilapidated Condition, Space Constraints, and Inadequate Facilities

MD SPPRA apprised to the Board that the Authority was established in 2007 and was allotted Barrack No. 8 by SGA&CD. The last renovation of the premises was carried out 17 years ago, at the time of allotment. Since then, no major repair or maintenance work has been undertaken despite several requests submitted to the concerned quarters.

The condition of the building has deteriorated significantly over time. The roof of the barrack has now in a devastated state and poses a serious risk of collapse, which could result in damage to costly equipment and, more importantly, endanger the lives of the

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employees. Additionally, the sewerage and water supply lines are in a dilapidated condition and require complete replacement.

Moreover, over the years, the number of staff has increased substantially, and the current office premises are no longer sufficient to accommodate the growing workforce. The limited space is hampering the efficiency of operations and making it increasingly difficult to maintain a proper working environment.

MD SPPRA also highlighted that there is no separate room or designated area available for female staff for rest and offering prayers (namaz), which is a basic requirement and an essential part of a professional and inclusive workplace.

In view of the above and in order to provide a safe, adequate, and corporate working environment to the staff, the HR & Rules / Regulations Committee strongly recommended that the office of the Authority be shifted from the present premises to a more suitable and properly equipped location. He further added that the present premises shall continue to be in the custody of SPPRA wherein the SPPRA maintained its record room, hold Review Committee meetings and Capacity Building Activities as well as legal section remained continued in the same premises due to easy access of Honorable Courts.

Mr. Muhammad Ali Khoso, Secretary (GA), SGA&CD, informed the Board that the condition of the barrack is extremely dilapidated and that complete replacement of the roof along with other necessary repairs would require a substantial amount of funds. He further stated that it would not be feasible to incur such heavy expenditure on renovation, particularly as the matter regarding vacation of the barracks situated in Secretariat 4-A and 4-B is already under consideration before the Honorable High Court of Sindh.

In view of the above, he proposed that the Authority may be allowed to shift to a suitable premises on a rental basis. The other Members endorsed the proposal.

Decision:

The Board unanimously approved the recommendations of the Committee and authorized the Managing Director, Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (SPPRA), to make necessary arrangements for shifting the office to a more suitable, safe, and properly

equipped location on a rental basis, ensuring that the new premises are readily accessible to the staff.

The Board further directed that SPPRA shall utilize the existing premises for conducting capacity-building activities, holding Review Committee meetings, and maintaining the Record Room.

The Board directed MD SPPRA to forward request to Secretary (GA), SGA&CD for necessary repair work in the Barrack on urgent basis.

Agenda Item No. 4

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF SPPRA BOARD

MD apprised the Board Members that the Board has constituted a "Finance Committee" to discuss financial matters of the Authority before placing in the Board for approval. Accordingly, a meeting of Finance Committee was held on 30th December, 2025. Following attended the Meeting;

- i. Mr. Ghulam Qadir Talpur, Managing Director, SPPRA
- ii. Mr. Abdul Sami Kehar, Member SPPRA Board
- iii. Ms. Zara Zahid, Deputy Secretary (B&E-I), Finance Department
- iv. Dr. Sharafuddin, Section Officer, Finance Department

The committee discussed the following items and make recommendations accordingly which were placed before the Board for approval;

1. Approval Of the Budget Estimates for the CFY (2025-26)

It was apprised to the Members that Finance Department has allocated an amount of Rs. 257.500 Million for SPPRA in the budget of the CFY (2025-26) whereas, the Budget Estimates prepared by SPPRA keeping in view the requirements and needs for the CFY (2025-2026) comes to Rs.300.00 Million.

Accordingly, the Committee recommended to approve the Budget Estimates amounting to Rs.300 Million for the CFY (2025-2026) and the same shall be conveyed to Finance Department for release of funds in Revised Estimates of CFY.

Members discussed the Budget Estimates in details. Mr. Fayyaz Ahmed, Secretary Finance Department recommended that the amount under the head of account of

"Honorarium" may be reduced and request for release of additional funds may be forwarded to Finance Department.

Decision:

After deliberation, the Board reduced the amount under the Head of Account "Honorarium" from Rs.35 Million to Rs.20 Million and approved the Budget Estimates of CFY (2025-2026) amounting to Rs.285 Million.

2. Investment Of Receipts Of The Authority

MD SPPRA explained that the Authority has the following amount available for investment in various Accounts:

Sr. No.	Account No.	Title of Account	Name of Bank	Amount (in Million)
1.	4050216592	SPPRA Receipt Account	NBP Saddar Branch	147.00
2.	4050217180	Pension Contribution	NBP Saddar Branch	34.00
3.	40502171171	G.P Fund	NBP Saddar Branch	2.757
	TOTAL			183.757

He further informed the Board that the Finance Committee had recommended obtaining profit rates from different banks and investing the amount in Term Deposit Receipts (TDRs) with the bank offering the highest rate of return. In this regard, profit rates were obtained from National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) and Sindh Bank Limited, and NBP offered a comparatively higher rate.

The Members suggested that negotiations may be undertaken with Sindh Bank Limited to seek a more competitive profit rate, and that the amount of SPPRA receipts may be invested accordingly in the bank offering the most favorable terms.

However, with respect to the Pension Contribution Fund and GP Fund, the Board emphasized that alternative options may be explored for long-term investment to secure higher rates of return for the benefit of employees.

Decision:

The Board unanimously approved the investment of SPPRA Receipt Account in TDRs preferably with Sindh Bank if the Bank offer high rates. For the amount of Pension Contribution and GP Fund, Finance

Committee shall explore other long term opportunities and invest the amount accordingly in the best interest of the employees.

3. Remuneration To the Members Of Various Committees Of SPPRA Board:

The Managing Director, SPPRA, apprised the Members that the SPPRA Board, in its 44th meeting held on 20th February, 2025, had approved an amount of Rs. 12,000/- per case to be paid to the Members of the Review Committee as honorarium. He further informed that Members of the Board have been receiving Rs. 50,000/- per meeting per day.

However, there is no remuneration for the Members of the Finance Committee and HR & Rules/Regulations Committee, despite the fact that these Members devote valuable time to meetings and play a vital role in policy-making matters.

The MD briefed that the matter was discussed in the meeting of the Finance Committee, wherein the Committee recommended approval of a fixed amount of Rs. 50,000/- per meeting for all Members and concerned staff of the Authority.

Mr. Muhammad Ali Khoso, Secretary (GA), proposed that the remuneration for Members of the Board be enhanced from Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 100,000/- per meeting.

The Chair and other Members endorsed Mr. Khoso's proposal and further suggested that remuneration for Members of various Committees of the Board, along with the concerned staff of the Authority, be approved as deemed appropriate.

Decision:

After detailed deliberation, the Board unanimously approved:

- 1. A fixed amount of Rs. 50,000/- per meeting as Remuneration to each Member and concerned officer of the Authority serving on various Committees of the SPPRA Board, including the Review Committee, Selection Committee and Promotion Committee.*
- 2. Payment of honorarium to the Members / Representatives and concerned officers of the Authority for the previously held meetings of the HR & Rules / Regulations Committee and Finance Committee.*

3. *An honorarium of Rs. 100,000/- per meeting to the Chairman and Board Members/Representatives and concerned officers of the Authority, with effect from the 46th Meeting.*

Agenda Item No. 5

NOMINATION OF TWO PRIVATE MEMBERS OF REVIEW COMMITTEE

MD SPPRA apprised the Board Members that as per Rule-32(2) of the SPP Rules, the Review Committee shall comprise the following:

- (a) Managing Director;
- (b) Director General Audit Sindh or his nominee not below the rank of BS-19;
- (c) Two private members represented on the SPPRA Board;
- (d) An independent professional having expertise of relevant field concerning the procurement in question.

As per Rule-32(3), the private members shall be selected by the SPPRA Board for a period not exceeding two years.

The SPPRA Board in its 40th meeting has nominated Mr. Abdul Sami Kehar and Mr. Nazim F. Haji as Members of the Review Committee for a period of two years notified vide SPPRA Notification dated 5.3.2024.

The tenure of the Private Members will be completed on 5.3.2026. Therefore, the Board is requested to nominate two private Members among the following for Review Committee for next tenure of two year or till the completion of tenure as Member of SPPRA Board, whichever is earlier;

- (a) Mr. Abdul Sami Kehar, Professional in Management and Finance Sector
- (b) Mr. Nazim F. Haji, Civil Society
- (c) Engr. Arif Osmani, Representative of PEC
- (d) Mr. Kashif Ali, Representative of TI Pakistan
- (e) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Ismail, Professional in IT Sector
- (f) Representative of KKCI

The Chair and Members observed that the performance of the Review Committee was found to be up to the mark and that the Members have developed considerable expertise in handling matters in a satisfactory manner. Therefore, it was suggested that Mr. Abdul Sami Kehar and Mr. Nazim F. Haji be re-nominated as Members of the Review Committee for a further tenure

of two years or until the completion of their tenure as Members of the Board, whichever occurs earlier.

DECISION:

The Board, after due deliberation, unanimously approved the re-nomination of Mr. Abdul Sami Kehar and Mr. Nazim F. Haji as Members of the Review Committee of Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority for a further tenure of two (02) years or until the completion of their tenure as Members of the Board, whichever occurs earlier with effect from 5.3.2026.

Agenda Item No. 6

REVISION OF NIT HOSTING CHARGES ON SPPRA WEBSITE

MD apprised the Board that SPPRA is charging NIT hosting charges from Procuring Agencies. He informed that last revision of fee was approved by the Board in 2018. He added that the

Finance Committee of SPPRA Board discussed the revision of Fee and recommended following Hosting charges;

Sr. No.	Estimated Cost of NIT / RFP / EOI / PQ	Amount (Rupees)
1	Upto Rs. 1 Million	5,000
2	Above Rs. 1 Million and upto Rs. 3 Million	15,000
3	Above Rs. 3 Million and upto Rs. 20 Million	25,000
4	Above Rs. 20 Million and upto Rs. 100 Million	40,000
5	Above Rs. 100 Million and upto Rs. 500 Million	60,000
6	Above Rs. 500 Million	100,000

Mr. Fayyaz Ahmed Jatoti, Secretary Finance suggested that fee may not be enhanced as this would not be actual generation of income but just transfer of government funds from one department to other. Hence, he opposed to enhance the charges. Chair and Members endorsed the suggestion.

DECISION:

The Board unanimously rejected the proposal of Finance Committee for revision of NIT Hosting Charges.

Agenda Item No. 7

STAFF RELATED ISSUE - Conversion Of Services Of Temporary / Contingent Staff into Contract Basis

MD SPPRA, apprised the Members that, in view of the Government's earlier ban on recruitment, SPPRA had engaged essential staff on a temporary/contingent basis from time to time since 2016 as a stopgap arrangement to ensure the smooth functioning of official work. These officials have, over the years, developed requisite expertise and proficiency in handling related matters effectively. However, they have remained engaged on a temporary basis on a fixed and comparatively low remuneration, without entitlement to service benefits, including medical facilities or annual increments. The continuation of their services under such terms has resulted in financial hardship and professional uncertainty for the staff concerned.

The matter was earlier placed before the Board for consideration of regularization of their services. The Board advised that clarification/ opinion may be sought from the Law Department before a final decision. Accordingly, the issue was examined in consultation with the Law Department in light of the SPPRA Employees APT Regulations. It was suggested that initially the services of temporary /contingent staff may be converted into contract basis for a period of one (01) year, through relaxation of Clause 16(2) of the SPPRA Employees APT Regulations, 2021, recognizing their long-standing service and experience with the Authority.

The matter was therefore placed before the Board for approval of conversion of services from Temporary / Contingent basis to Contract Basis. The Members deliberated on the issue and observed that although the Regulations do not expressly provide for such conversion, due consideration should be given to the valuable services rendered by these employees over the years. It was suggested that for engagement on Contract Basis, that process for hiring may be initiated through publication of advertisement in the newspapers. However, the experience and services already rendered by the existing staff may be duly recognized and accorded appropriate weightage during the recruitment process. It was further observed that, subject to satisfactory performance, such employees may be considered for regularization, in future, in the best interest of the Authority, if required.

The Chair inquired about the status of appointments for posts in BS-16 and above. The MD informed that the requisition had already been submitted to SPSC for initiating the recruitment process. The Chair and Members expressed satisfaction and directed to expedite the matter.

DECISION:

The Board directed the MD, SPPRA, to immediately initiate the process for recruitment of staff on Contract Basis, for smooth functioning of the Authority's matters, in accordance with the SPPRA Employees APT Regulations, while ensuring

due recognition of the experience and services rendered by the existing Temporary / Contingent staff, so as to safeguard institutional continuity and promote fairness

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item No. 1

Measures for Ensuring Quality of Vendors and Works

With the permission of Chair, Mr. Abdul Sami Kehar and Mr. Nazim F. Haji, Members of the SPPRA Board, proposed an additional agenda item for discussion regarding the need for reforms to ensure improved quality of vendors as well as the works executed by the contractors.

The Members observed that, in view of the ongoing reform initiatives being undertaken by the Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, the Authority may consider establishing an appropriate methodology to enhance the quality of vendors participating in public procurement and to ensure improved standards of works performed by them.

The Authority clarified that vendors are selected by procuring agencies strictly in accordance with the evaluation criteria specified in the respective bidding documents, which are required to be framed in conformity with the Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010. Therefore, the responsibility for ensuring participation of qualified and capable vendors primarily rests with the procuring agencies through the formulation of appropriate, fair, and transparent qualification and evaluation criteria consistent with the Rules.

With regard to the quality of works, the members were apprised that the Monitoring & Evaluation Cell of the Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh conducts inspections and maintains reports for verification of quality against the approved Bill of Quantities and specifications. It was further noted that, if considered appropriate, such quality monitoring mechanisms and reports may be integrated or linked with the e-Procurement system (e-PADS) to strengthen oversight and transparency.

The Chair proposed that HR & Rules / Regulations Committee shall work on it and submit its recommendations to the Board in its next meeting.

Decision:

The Board unanimously decided that HR & Rules/ Regulations Committee of the Board shall prepare proposal for ensuring the improvement of quality of works and bidders and place before the Board in its next meeting.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.