

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016**

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A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, at 1:15 p.m. in Committee Room No.3, Parliament House Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Acting Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meetings dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the 252<sup>nd</sup> Session.
- iv. Finalization of Code of Conduct for the Members' Senate of Pakistan.
- v. Deliberations on roadmap for enhancing Role and Powers of Senate and weightage/ equality of voting in the Joint Sitting of the Parliament.
- vi. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri,	Acting Chairman
2)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
3)	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
4)	Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip, PML (N)	Member
5)	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
6)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
7)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
8)	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
9)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
10)	Senator Taj Haider	Member
11)	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
12)	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
13)	Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini	Member
14)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
15)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate
16)	Shaikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	

4. Meeting started at 1:15 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee offered Fateha for the victims of Quetta, Mardan and other incidents with special mention of son of Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini. The Committee also welcomed Senator Taj Haider, newly appointed parliamentary party leader PPP vice Senator Saeed Ghani. Thereafter, the Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS DATED 18TH JULY, 28TH JULY AND 5TH AUGUST, 2016.**

5. As no objection was raised by any member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meetings dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.II: COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

6. The Secretary submitted compliance report on the earlier decisions/directions of the Committee. The Committee showed satisfaction on the compliance report. However, with the permission of the Committee the Secretary named the members whose contribution to the Fund established for contribution for purchasing ambulances for Edhi Foundation is still awaited. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood agreed that he will contribute an amount of Rs.200,000/= to the Fund.

**The Committee directed the Secretariat to once again provide the proformas to the Parliamentary Party Leaders for their onward transmission to the Members of their respective parties whose contribution is still awaited.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.III: BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE 252ND SESSION.**

7. The Committee decided to take up the routine business of the Members during the Session. It was decided that a unanimous Resolution condemning the Quetta and Mardan incidents will be passed by the House and an extensive debate on the issue will be made. The Committee decided to club all the adjournment motions and resolutions of individual Members with the unanimous resolution.

8. Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs had contacted his office as they want to lay a report on FATA Reforms in the House. The Secretary apprised the Committee that the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs who also happened to be the Chairman of that Committee as well as the Minister for SAFRON also wanted to speak in the House on the report.

**The Committee decided that after laying of the report, the Advisor on Foreign Affairs and the Minister for SAFRON may speak on the report, however, since the Committee of the Whole is already seized of the matter, therefore, the report of the Government will be referred to the Committee of the Whole.**

9. The Committee also discussed the mechanism of debate in the House in case any resolution on the objectionable statement of Mr. Altaf Hussain would be moved in the House.

Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi suggested that if a unanimous resolution condemning the statement of Altaf Hussain would be moved, the MQM will support the same full heartedly.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.IV: FINALIZATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE MEMBERS' SENATE OF PAKISTAN.**

10. The agenda item was deferred.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.V: DELIBERATIONS ON ROADMAP FOR ENHANCING ROLE AND POWERS OF SENATE AND WEIGHTAGE/ EQUALITY OF VOTING IN THE JOINT SITTING OF THE PARLIAMENT.**

11. The agenda item was deferred.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.VI: ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**

12. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar stated that the CDs of the Constitution Day, Senate Founding Day and such like other events may be provided to the Members for record purposes.

**The Committee agreed that the recordings of such events should be provided to the Members on payment.**

13. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan raised objection on the altering of approved calendar of session as it causes inconvenience to the Members who had already planned their activities according to the calendar of session. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan suggested that the Business of the Members who are outside the country may be deferred. The Acting Chairman also urged the Government that the approved calendar of sessions should not be altered, unless in case of extreme emergency.

**Secretary Senate apprised the Members that the schedule of 252<sup>nd</sup> session was altered with due consultation by the Government with the Chairman Senate, however, in future in case of any such eventuality, the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition will also be taken on board. The Committee directed the Secretariat to defer the business of the Members who are abroad.**

14. The Secretary apprised the Committee about the opening ceremony of GALI-E-DASTOOR, an initiative of the Senate of Pakistan to recognize the efforts for the restoration of democracy and upholding of the Constitution. Members appreciated the idea and efforts of the Chairman Senate and Secretary Senate in this regard.

15. In juxta position, the Committee made the following decisions:-

1. The minutes of the meetings dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 were confirmed.
2. The Committee decided that a unanimous resolution on Quetta and Mardan incidents shall be moved in the House and the House shall debate upon the issue.
3. The Committee agreed that the report on FATA reforms, if laid by the Government, would be referred to the Committee of the Whole which is already seized of the matter.
4. The Committee agreed that the recordings of the events like Constitution Day should be provided to the Members on payment.
5. The Committee agreed that the approved calendar of sessions should not be altered except emergent situations and that too in consultation with the Chairman Senate, Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition.

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



**(Amjed Pervez Malik)**  
Secretary Senate



**(Abdul Ghafoor Haideri)**  
Acting Chairman Senate of Pakistan