

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER, 2015

A meeting of the House Business Advisory Committee was held on 5th October, 2015 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

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

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 14th September, 2015.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Duration and Business to be transacted during 120th Session.
- iv. Consideration of draft amendment to the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- v. Initiative of Intra Institutional Dialogue (IID)
- vi. Developing Linkages with Federating Units.
- vii. Publication of HBAC's Minutes on the Senate website
- viii. Any other item with permission of the chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Hon'ble Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq	Member
3)	Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip	Member
4)	Senator Farhatullah Babar (In place of Senator Saeed Ghani)	Member
5)	Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra	Member
6)	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
7)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
8)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
9)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
10)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
11)	Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-officio Member
12)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 01:10 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, Leader of the House. The meeting started consideration of the agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO.i: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2015.

5. The Committee confirmed the minutes, as no objection was raised by any member.

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

6. Secretary Senate presented compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee. Members showed satisfaction regarding the actions taken for implementing decisions of the House Business Advisory Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iii: DURATION AND BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING 120TH SESSION.

7. The committee took following decisions:-

- i. Duration of 120th Session will be 5th October, till 13th October, 2015.
- ii. Meeting of Committee of Whole constituted to examine and report on a matter referred by the House regarding “provision of inexpensive and speedy justice in the country” will be held during the session.
- iii. Motion of thanks on presidential address will be taken up in the 121st session of the Senate, wherein, two days will be allocated for the discussion and winding up / adoption of the Motion.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iv: CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012.

8. The Committee approved the proposed amendment i.e. insertion of new rule 212A in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 with the condition that following proviso shall be added in the proposed new rule:-

“Provided that a Private Members’ Bill passed by the Senate and transmitted to National Assembly shall not lapse”

AGENDA ITEM NO.v: INITIATIVE OF INTRA INSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE (IID).

9. The Chairman Senate briefed the Committee that the Senate of Pakistan is taking an initiative of establishing the linkages between the state institutions in order to initiate Intra Institutional Dialogue (IID) between the pillars of the State which can result in strong and sustainable federation. All Members endorsed the initiative and appreciated the efforts being taken by the Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

AGENDA ITEM NO.vi: DEVELOPING LINKAGES WITH FEDERATING UNITS.

10. Consideration of the instant agenda item was deferred till next meeting of HBAC. However, the Members endorsed the proposals regarding provincial visits by the House Business Advisory Committee and stressed that Senate being the House of Federation represents the federating units and there is need for a permanent institutional linkage and frequent interaction among the provincial legislatures and Senate of Pakistan as well as Chief Ministers and Ministers of the departments which have been devolved, both for knowledge / experience sharing and coordination besides a proper theoretical and physical framework.

AGENDA ITEM NO.vii: PUBLICATION OF HBAC'S MINUTES ON THE SENATE WEBSITE.

11. The Committee approved the proposal regarding publication of HBAC's minutes of the Senate website and termed it as another milestone towards accountability.

AGENDA ITEM NO.viii: ANY OTHER ITEM.

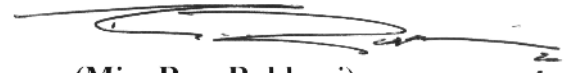
12. The Chairman Senate apprised the Committee that a letter from the Auditor General of Pakistan, addressed to the Secretary Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Copy to the Senate Secretariat, has been received for laying the Report of the Auditor General and appropriation accounts for the year 2014-15. The matter was placed before the Committee for seeking a way forward in the wake of 18th Constitutional amendment and letter written by the Chairman senate to the Speaker national Assembly regarding the composition of the Public Accounts Committee. The Committee decided that it is appropriate if a Joint Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts examine the Report of the Auditor General, however, if said Committee is not constituted, the report may be referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Finance for consideration and report.

13. Members raised issue of management/ closure of Parliamentary cafeteria. The Chairman Senate directed the Secretariat to arrange a meeting in this regard with the CDA, which will be attended by Acting Speaker/ Deputy Speaker National Assembly, representative of National Assembly Secretariat and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs.

14. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 02:15 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)
Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)
Chairman Senate of Pakistan