

Election Commission Meeting — Minutes

P@SHA CEC Elections 2026 (Term 2026–2028)
Representations against the Voter List, Logistics and DGTO Compliance

Meeting	Election Commission Meeting — P@SHA CEC Elections 2026
Date & Time	Wednesday, 05 August 2026 • Time: 5 pm – 6 pm
Chair	Dr. Aftab Maroof, Election Commissioner (North)
Present — Election Commission	Dr. Aftab Maroof (North); Dr. Kashif Zafar (Center); Mr. Talib S. Karim (South)
Present — Secretariat	Syed Ali Abbas Hasani, Secretary General; Filza Maniar, Director Finance and Operations; Khawar Mahmood, Manager Member Services
Purpose	Finalize the Commission's decisions on the representations against the voter list, and review election logistics and DGTO compliance.

1. Representations to the Election Commission (Rule 18(6))

The Secretary General briefed the Commission on the objection process: of the 48 objections received to the Provisional Voter List, four were accepted by the Secretariat and the remainder regretted under Rule 18(5). Three members escalated their cases to the Commission under Rule 18(6): Covalent (Pvt.) Ltd., Peak Solution Technologies (Pvt.) Ltd., and Clean and Green Innovatech Solutions LLP.

Decision: Having examined each case against the record and the applicable law, the Commission resolved to uphold the decisions of the Secretary-General and to regret all three representations. The Commission held that strict adherence to Rule 15(1) of the Trade Organizations Rules 2013 and the Trade Organizations Act 2013 is necessary to ensure DGTO compliance, and provide a sound legal footing against any potential litigation.

- Covalent (Pvt.) Ltd. — enrolled 23 July 2024, falling after the eligibility cutoff of 12 July 2024; the two-year requirement is not met.
- Peak Solution Technologies (Pvt.) Ltd. — records show registration on 13 August 2024, short of the two-year requirement; the request for a wider list review was not acceded to, the Commission being satisfied the list was compiled strictly under Rule 15.
- Clean and Green Innovatech Solutions LLP — enrolled 18 February 2026 (approximately five months); the claim of having been misguided was held to be a membership/administrative matter, not a ground affecting electoral eligibility.

Action: The Secretariat to draft the Commission's decision letters for all three cases and place them before the Commission for review and dispatch by Friday, 7 August 2026.

2. Final Voter List

- The Provisional Voter List of 545 eligible member companies will be updated to reflect the four accepted objections (three companies added on verification and one authorized-representative change), taking the Final Voter List to 548 companies.
- The Final Voter List to be displayed on Monday, 24 August 2026.
- Action (Khawar Mahmood): correct the regional tagging on the voter list to properly reflect South (Sindh & Balochistan) before the Final Voter List is published.

3. Election Schedule & Nominations

- Final Voter List published — 24 August 2026; CEC and Women Reserved-Seat nominations open the same day.

Polling sequence (as discussed):

Date	Event
Thursday, 17 September 2026	CEC Election (general seats)
Friday, 18 September 2026	Election of the two Women Reserved Seats by the newly elected CEC

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Date	Event
Tuesday, 22 September 2026	Office Bearer Election

Rationale: holding the Women Reserved-Seat election on 18 September, before the Office Bearer election, enables the newly elected women CEC members to participate in electing the Office Bearers — an improvement over past practice.

4. DGTO Standard Operating Procedures & Compliance

- Video recording: continuous, unedited recording of vote counting from commencement to declaration of result is mandatory at every polling station. Footage to be preserved in original form, retained until the next elections, and made available to the DGTO on request.
- Compliance report: a detailed written confirmation of arrangements against each SOP to be submitted to the DGTO by 7 September 2026 (ten days before polling, exceeding the seven-day minimum).
- Polling hours: the standard window of 9:00 am – 5:00 pm to be maintained; the DGTO-permitted three-hour extension to be reserved for emergencies only, at the Commission's decision. SG to get clarification from DGTO on on-spot decision on flexibility of hours.

5. Polling Venues & Security

City	Venue	Note
Karachi	Movenpick Hotel	Confirmed
Islamabad	Daftarkhwan Vanguard	Backup venue to be arranged in case of Red Zone access restrictions
Lahore	Daftarkhwan Boulevard	Tighter controls required (see below)

- Lahore: given past security issues at Daftarkhwan Boulevard (crowding and unauthorized campaigning), tighter controls are required. The Secretariat to coordinate with the district administration and police and to issue clear guidelines to members.
- Safety and security arrangements (fire-fighting equipment, first-aid, marked exits, trained guards) to be put in place at each venue in line with the DGTO SOPs.

6. Election-Day Support

- The Commission agreed to provide 3–5 volunteers/personnel for each polling station (Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad) to assist with the conduct of polling and counting.
- The Secretariat to provide full logistical, administrative and records support at each venue.

Action Items

#	Action	Owner	Due
1	Correct voter-list regional tagging (South / Sindh & Balochistan)	Khawar Mahmood	7 Aug
2	Draft EC decision letters for Covalent, Peak and Clean & Green; place before EC	SG (Ali Hasani)	6 Aug
3	Draft the minutes of this meeting and share with the EC members	SG (Ali Hasani)	This week
4	Publish the Final Voter List	Secretariat	24 Aug
5	Open CEC and Women Reserved-Seat nominations	Secretariat	24 Aug
6	Submit the DGTO SOP compliance report	Secretariat	By 7 Sep
7	Arrange video-recording services for all polling stations	Secretariat	Before 30 Aug
8	Review and respond to the three representations emails	Election Commission	By 7 Aug
9	Provide 3–5 volunteers/personnel per polling station	Election Commission	Before 10 Sep

Minutes prepared by the Secretariat for the review and record of the Election Commission 2026.

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