MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTS AND TOWN PLANNERS (PCATP) 2026 HELD IN HYBRID MODE (PHYSICAL & ONLINE) ON OCTOBER 09, 2026 AT SADA, NUST (SEMINAR HALL), ISLAMABAD.

In accordance with the Final Notice circulated by the Registrar PCATP dated September 24, 2026; the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) was held simultaneously at Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Quetta and Peshawar on Friday, October 09, 2026, under the Chairmanship of Chairman PCATP, Ar. Ejaz Ahmed Qadri.

The Vice Chairman (Town Planning) disrupted the proceedings of the meeting by shutting down the laptop of the media presenter, who was displaying the presentation on the projector screen, and loudly declaring that the meeting would not be allowed to proceed.

However, the other members present strongly objected to this disruption and interference with the proceedings. They stood up in protest, expressed their firm support for the Council and the Chairman, and urged the Chairman to proceed with the meeting in accordance with the established rules and prescribed procedure.

Chairman, PCATP responded that the date for convening the Annual General Meeting (AGM) had been finalized during the 134th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting. To ensure compliance with Section 5(1) of the Byelaws, the meeting notice was issued following the resumption of the Registrar's Office.

Ar. Sardar Mohammad Ali Lasharie seconded the Chairman, PCATP and stated to proceed further as per procedure in vogue.

The AGM started at 1635 hrs. on October 09, 2026, soon after achieving the quorum under the PCATP byelaws which was 50 at the start of the proceeding.

Questions/ Queries/ Comments raised/submitted by the members in AGM through Zoom or email are attached as "Comments Submitted by the Participants on Zoom Session or Email" with these minutes.

A list of members of the Council who attended the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting is attached at Annexure-A to the Minutes.

Comments sent by members through email are attached as Annexure-B and Annexure-C to the Minutes.

RECITATION FROM THE HOLY QURAN

The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by the National Anthem. Chairman PCATP, welcomed the participants of AGM 2026 and informed that

as per prescribed procedure, the annual report with agenda items was shared with members, however, the agenda items received from the member during the stipulated time period have been added in the agenda items. Subsequently, he shares the approved SOPs on the Code of Conduct during the AGM.

The Registrar announced the following SOPs for AGM 2026:

a) All the participants (Physical and Virtual) are requested to register themselves for AGM 2026 through the Registration Form available at provided link.
b) Connect with your registered PCATP No, name, and email only.
c) Use appropriate profile picture, name, and video backgrounds (preferably your own picture as your DP/ profile picture).
d) You will enter the waiting room as you connect, please wait and be patient until you are admitted to the meeting.
e) Mute your MIC during the entire meeting except for when you are allowed to speak.
f) Use the "Raise Hand" option or write in Chat box for any questions and wait until you are allowed.
g) Members who are attending the meeting physically are requested to demonstrate discipline during the AGM so as to maintain decorum and ensure a smooth proceeding.
h) To give equal opportunity to the participants present physically/ virtually, questions will be taken on a rotation basis from the participants (if the physical attendance is 100 and Zoom attendance is 70 at the moment, then 2 questions will be taken from the physical participants in comparison to 1 question for zoom participants and vice versa).
i) Due to time limitation if any question(s) are unattended, please leave your questions in the chat box to be answered later by the executive committee.
j) Update your Zoom client software to the latest version
k) Test carefully all audio and video settings at your end preferably one hour ahead of the meeting.
l) PCATP Zoom link is meant for you only. Please do not share it with anyone else and also do not use the link for any testing purposes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 24, 2025 VIA HYBRID MODE (PHYSICAL & ONLINE)**

1.1 Chairman, PCATP informed the participants that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (AGM), held on May 24 are attached as Annexure-A in the PCATP Annual Report 2025-2026 and available on the PCATP Website also. It was informed that as per the prescribed rules and procedure the Council had

circulated the minutes of the AGM and the comments received within the stipulated time were incorporated in the minutes as per clause 54 of by-laws.

1.2 Vice Chairman (Town Planning) once again tried to disrupt the proceedings of the meeting by shouting.

1.3 However, rest of the members present at the meeting stood up and strongly objected to the disruption of the proceedings by Vice Chairman (Town Planning). They expressed their support for the Chairman and urged him to commence the meeting in accordance with the established procedure.

Resolution No. 1

On a motion moved by Ar. Mir Wali Shah and seconded by Ar. Rashid Haroon Toosy, the AGM confirmed the minutes of the Annual General Meeting-2025 held on 24 May, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 PRESENTATION OF PCATP ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

2.1 Registrar PCATP presented the highlights of the Annual Report 2025-2026 covering the reporting period of 1st Jul, 2025 to 30th June, 2026. He informed to the AGM that During the reporting period, Executive Committee (EC) 2025-2027 convened 03 meetings. He acknowledged and thanked the Executive Committee on behalf of the Council who relentlessly provided their services and valuable input for the promotion of both the profession in all the meetings.

2.2 Registrar, PCATP briefed the members that the presentation includes agenda items as per the listed items of the PCATP Annual Report (2025-2026) and shall be covered as follows:

1. Registration Statistics
2. Enrollment of New Architects / Town Planners
3. Registration of Firms
4. Education
   i. Accreditation
   ii. Accreditation Visits
5. Board of Accreditation Meetings (BOA)
6. PCATP Registration Examination
7. Court Cases
8. PCATP Committees / Representation in Boards & Committees
9. Complaints / Show Cause Issued
10. List of Important Meetings
11. Rawalpindi Housing Scheme
12. Action by PCATP on Pre-Qualification Notices/EOI and others

13. Compliance on PCATP Ordinance IX of 1983

2.3 On a point regarding International Collaborations/Engagements, the Chairman, PCATP, informed the House that PCATP has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Guangxi Institute of Building Research and Design (GIBRD), a leading Chinese institution. He highlighted that this MoU marked a significant milestone for PCATP, providing its members with direct access to international research, innovation, and project opportunities. He further emphasized that this collaboration would strengthen Pakistan–China cooperation in sustainable urbanism and enhance PCATP's international presence and professional outreach. The House appreciated this remarkable achievement and acknowledged it with applause.

2.4 Chairman, PCATP, highlighted another significant achievement regarding the recognition of architectural degrees by Kuwait. He further informed the House that, as part of PCATP's continued efforts to promote international employment opportunities for Pakistani Architects and Town Planners, he had held two important meetings in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with senior officials of the Embassy of Pakistan. The discussions focused on exploring avenues for expanding employment opportunities for Pakistani Architects and Town Planners through enhanced coordination among PCATP, the Embassy, and relevant Saudi authorities, professional organizations, and employers. Both sides also explored opportunities for institutional collaboration to facilitate the placement of qualified Pakistani professionals in the Kingdom.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 PCATP AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025

3.1 Manager Finance, PCATP presented the PCATP audited accounts report for the financial year 2024-2025 and briefly explained the variances in significant item heads projecting a major variance along with the reasoning of variance under financial statements i.e. Balance Sheet Statement & Income / Expenditure Statement. She further explained the Emphasis of Matter Paragraph & reasons for it in the in Auditors Report i.e.

1. **Tax Compliance issue:**
   - In previous Years, PCATP retained Non-Profit Organization status and Claimed 100% tax credit under section 100C of Income Tax Ordinance, 2001.
   - As per prevailing rules, the approval of 100% tax credit under section 100c is required to be renewed after every three years.
2. **Reasons of EOM Paragraph:**
   - PCATP has not been able to obtain a renewed approval which expired after the year 2019. Same has been applied.

- The Tax returns relevant to the financial year 2023-2024 filed based on the presumption of being exempt as a Non-Profit Organization.
- Due to the absence of the order for exemption, the Council can be subject to tax liabilities in respect of above financial years, under the provisions of Income Tax Ordinance.

3. **RHS Land:**

- PCATP Owns land reflected at PKR 21,951,761/- in the Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2022.
- The Council retained an amount of PKR 20,200,000/- received as an advance against a deal for the sale of above-mentioned land which could not materialized.
- PCATP conducted survey regarding re-valuation of land in 2024.

4. **Reasons of EOM Paragraph:**

Auditor claimed that we are unable to obtain sufficient appropriate Audit evidence about;

- The carrying amount of land.
- Advance for Sale of land.
- Litigation against land if any.

3.2 To claim tax credit under section 100c of Income Tax Ordinance, PCATP submitted application in Pakistan Centre of Philanthropy on recommendation of PCATP Tax Consultant.

- PCP provided response on the application that in accordance with our existing policy approved by PCP Board, Regulatory bodies do not fall under our ambit of performance evaluation. However, in accordance with Rule 211 (2) (g) of Income Tax Rules, 2002, the Organization's performance can locally be under the arrangements made by relevant Chief Commissioner inland revenue, FBR.
- On the recommendation of PCP, we submitted application under rule 211 of the rules with section 2(36) of the Ordinance for renewal of earlier Certificate issued to Non-Profit Organization to the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners. Exemption application is in process in FBR.
- The committee of Islamabad based Architects and Town Planners formulated to finalize the way forward for RHS, the committee has held regular meetings and reviewed the available record.

3.3 Vice Chairman (Town Planning) raised a concern regarding the approval of audit report 2024-2025 on a condition that the HR Audit Committee will review the salaries and increments of the PCATP staff.

3.4 Chairman, PCATP responded that during the 134th EC meeting it was resolved that the Audit Report 2024-2025 is hereby approved and will be reaudited once the new Auditor is finalized by reproducing the resolution "*Resolved that the proposed budget along with the Audit Report for the financial year 2024–2025 is hereby*

approved, and the payment to the audit firm shall be released accordingly. It was further resolved that, upon appointment of the new audit firm, the accounts of PCATP shall be re-audited" proposed by Ar. Dr. M. Zeshan Ashraf and seconded by Ar. Tahir Saeed.

3.5 Ar. Tahir Saeed seconded the Chairman, PCATP and highlighted that the Audit Report 2024-2025 was approved on a condition that same will be reaudited once the new Auditor is finalized.

Resolution No. 2

On a motion moved by Ar. Rashid Haroon Toosy and seconded by Ar. Mehreen Muzaffar, the AGM approved PCATP Audited Accounts of 2024-2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 PCATP ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026-2027

4.1 Manager Finance, PCATP subsequently presented the PCATP Proposed Annual Budget for 2026-2027. She briefly explained the budget head items with the reasoning of projected values.

4.2 Ar. Athar Saeed raised concerns regarding the payment of Rs. 4.0 million to the members of the Commission of Inquiry, questioning whether the payment had been duly approved by the competent authority and the circumstances that necessitated its disbursement without convening an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of PCATP for approval. He further pointed out that the Commission had demanded an additional amount of Rs. 5.0 million, which had not been reflected in the proposed budget for the financial year 2026–2027. He also emphasized that registered members of PCATP voluntarily serve on various committees constituted by the Council and, in this context, sought clarification regarding the rationale and justification for making payments to the PCATP-registered members serving on the Commission of Inquiry.

4.3 Chairman, PCATP informed the House that, following the constitution of the Commission of Inquiry (CoI), the Ministry of Housing and Works requested PCATP to provide the necessary administrative support, including office space and remuneration for the members of the Commission. He stated that PCATP explicitly conveyed to the Ministry that the Chairman, Executive Committee members, and members of various committees of PCATP serve on a voluntary basis. Accordingly, PCATP proposed that remuneration be paid to the appointed Judge serving as a member of the Commission, while the other two members, being registered members of PCATP, would serve voluntarily. However, this proposal was not accepted and the Commission directed that remuneration be paid to all its members. He further explained that, following deliberations with the Executive Committee (EC), an amount of Rs. 4.0 million was approved and disbursed to the members of the Commission of Inquiry. It was clarified at the time of payment that the amount covered the entire assignment and that any subsequent demand for additional payment would be submitted to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for consideration and approval.

4.4 Ar. Kifayat Hussain appreciated the longstanding tradition of voluntary service by PCATP members and endorsed the view that no remuneration should be paid to PCATP-registered members serving on the Commission of Inquiry. He further recommended that, should any such payments have already been made, a clear policy be established to ensure that no such payments are made in the future.

4.5 Plnr. Imran Shakir endorsed Ar. Kifayat Hussain and emphasized the need to discontinue the practice of making payments to PCATP-registered members serving on various committees and suggested that the matter be placed before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for resolution through voting that no agenda items concerning similar matters shall be brought before future AGMs.

4.6 Ar. Sardar Mohammad Ali Lasharie endorsed Plnr. Imran Shakir to resolve the matter through voting at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and emphasized that the resolution should explicitly stipulate that the payment shall be borne by the complainants/respondents, as they no longer hold any office within PCATP

4.7 Ar. Kamran Khan raised concerns regarding the functioning of PCATP's Regional Offices, pointing out that only the Karachi Regional Office is operational. He observed that a substantial portion of the current Executive Committee's tenure had already elapsed and sought clarification on how the effective functioning of the remaining Regional Offices would be ensured during the final three months of its term. He also questioned the presenting agenda items relating to accounts through online presentations by the Finance Manager.

4.8 Chairman, PCATP responded that, over the past 43 years, efforts to establish functional Regional Offices of PCATP had remained an issue. However, through the concerted efforts of the current Executive Committee (EC), suitable locations for Regional Offices in Lahore, Peshawar, and Quetta had been identified. He informed that the process would be finalized shortly and that the current EC would make every possible effort to ensure the operationalization of these Regional Offices before the conclusion of its tenure. He further informed that due to health issues Finance Manager is working from home on reduced salary package.

4.9 Vice Chairman (Town Planning) highlighted that the Finance Manger is getting more than 50% salary.

4.10 Chairman, PCATP clarified that he had already mentioned that the Finance Manager would serve at a reduced salary. If a salary of 50% was quoted elsewhere, it should be understood as referring to the reduced salary package.

4.11 Ar. Kifayat Hussain highlighted that, in accordance with Government rules, a female employee is entitled to full pay during her first maternity leave of six months, second maternity leave of four months, and third maternity leave of ninety days. He emphasized the importance of adhering to the applicable Government rules and regulations in this regard.

4.12 Ar. Mohsin Razzaq (Member, PCATP Executive Committee) disrupted the proceedings by shouting at the Chairman while seated in the general seating area rather than in the designated seats for Executive Committee (EC) Members and raised concerns regarding unjustified salary packages and the standard 10% annual increment for the PCATP staff.

4.13 Plnr. Rizwan Munir stated that architects and town planners, by virtue of their profession, have a close association with civilization and emphasized that the manner of speaking and listening is an essential aspect of civilized conduct. He further suggested that the decision regarding remuneration should be made through voting, as the matter concerns the entire fraternity and the AGM provides an appropriate forum for every member to express their views and participate in the decision-making process.

4.14 Chairman, PCATP highlighted that a five-member committee had been constituted to review and audit the salaries and annual increments of PCATP staff; however, no meeting of the committee had been convened to date. He further pointed out that, as a result of this inaction, PCATP staff had been deprived of their annual increments throughout the year, despite the increments having been duly approved in the last budget.

4.15 Ar. Kifayat Hussain expressed concern over the non-payment of annual increments to PCATP staff and emphasized on the grant of increment with effect from the applicable due date.

4.14 Ar. Mir Wali Shah suggested to implement the government pay scale structure to the PCATP staff. He highlighted that the matter pertaining to the PCATP Elections 2023 has remained unresolved for the past four years, despite the successful conduct of the PCATP Elections 2025, while the next elections scheduled for 2027 are also approaching. He emphasized that any expenses incurred in connection with the matter under discussion should be borne by the concerned complainants/respondents.

4.15 Ar. Tahir Saeed emphasized the need for a detailed discussion on the matter and suggested constituting a committee to undertake an in-depth review and submit appropriate recommendations for consideration.

4.16 Ar. Kamran Khan stated as the matter is under discussion at the AGM, which is the highest forum of PCATP, it should be resolved through voting to ensure a collective decision.

4.17 Ar. Azhar Mamoon Sualehi suggested that legal advice be obtained before the AGM makes a final decision regarding the remuneration of the Commission of Inquiry, as the payment constitutes a mandatory financial obligation. He further highlighted that the payment would be a one-time expense, irrespective of whether the Commission's proceedings continue for several years.

4.18 Plnr. Imran Shakir responded that the AGM is the highest decision-making forum of PCATP and stated that, should any decision taken by the AGM be challenged, the matter would be dealt with accordingly.

4.19 Ar. Muhammad Arif Changezi, responding to the observation that the Commission of Inquiry was constituted pursuant to court orders, clarified that the Court had merely directed the Ministry of Housing and Works to decide the application submitted under Section 32 of the Ordinance within 60 days and had not ordered the constitution of the Commission.

He further pointed out that the disbursement of Rs. 4.0 million to the Commission required prior EGM approval, as this expenditure was not included in the budget approved by the AGM in 2025. He emphasized that any payment should be restricted to the Retired Judge, while PCATP-registered members in the Commission should serve in an honorary capacity without remuneration. He cited his own four-year tenure as Chairman, during which he did not draw any remuneration from the Council, not even a daily allowance (DA). He cautioned that such substantial expenditure- in millions- from the Council's funds, intended to promote the two professions, would set an undesirable precedent. He suggested that the amount instead be utilized for the professional development of PCATP members.

Resolution No. 3

On the motion, proposed by Plnr. Imran Shakir and seconded by majority of the members by voting that no further payment will be granted on account of remuneration to the Members, Commission of Inquiry.

Resolution No. 4

On the motion proposed by Ar. Kifayat Hussain and seconded by Ar. Mir Wali Shah, Ar. Sardar Mohammad Ali Lasharie, Ar. Yahya Nisar Rathore, Ar. Rashid Haroon Toosy and Ar. Mussawar Iqbal, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) approved the proposed Annual Budget for the financial year **2025–2026**, subject to the condition that the due annual increment for the year 2026 shall be granted to the PCATP staff with effect from the respective due date.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

5.1 Chairman, PCATP Informed the House that, during the previous AGM, it was decided to publish an advertisement inviting bids from audit firms for the audit of PCATP's accounts. In this regard, the Selection/Evaluation Committee has approved the appointment of Rizwan & Co. after evaluating its technical and financial bids.

Resolution No. 5

On the motion proposed by Ar. Kifayat Hussain and seconded by Ar. Kamran Khan, approved the Auditor Firm Rizwan & Co, for the audit of PCATP Accounts 2025-2026.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 **FINANCIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND STATUTORY MATTERS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO PCATP ELECTION 2023 — DISCLOSURE, CLARIFICATION AND APPROVAL, WHERE REQUIRED**

6.1 Matter is already discussed with Agenda item-4 and resolved as Resolution-3.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 **FORMATION OF ELECTION REFORM COMMITTEE AND SELECTION OF ELECTION IT FIRM FOR CUSTOM DESIGNED ELECTION SOFTWARE**

7.1 The agenda item was not concluded, as the proposer was not present at the time of presentation of said agenda. Furthermore, the Lahore Centre could not be heard clearly due to audio connectivity issues. Accordingly, member at Lahore were advised to convey their comments through. Ar. Hassan Jamil Chaudhry (Members, Executive Committee) for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 **Long standing concerns of the architectural community of Gilgit-Baltistan —**

- **Representation Of Gilgit-Baltistan in the Executive Committee**
- **Implementation of PCATP Registration Requirements in RFPs and EOIs**
- **Cancellation of Enlistment Of Non-Architects**
- **Implementation Of the PCATP Ordinance in Public Offices Of Gilgit-Baltistan**

8.1 Chairman, PCATP, informed the House that the matter regarding the extension of PCATP's jurisdiction to Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) had also been taken up, and the case had been placed before the AJK Cabinet for approval. He further informed the House regarding the Gilgit-Baltistan that an architect had been nominated to attend the Executive Committee meetings as an observer.

8.2 Ar. Azhar Mamoon Sualehi highlighted that the case for representation of Gilgit-Baltistan was presented in 2018 and was strongly recommended. Although the Gilgit-Baltistan is administrated by independent Chief Secretary but Federally it

is part of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. So the consideration could be given to the EC members from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to represent Gilgit-Baltistan.

8.3 Plnr. Shareef Hussain highlighted that Gilgit-Baltistan has no representation in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly. In view of this, he suggested that the possibility of providing a representation to Gilgit-Baltistan who may represent AJK also in PCATP is essential.

8.4 Ar. Azhar Mamoon Sualehi stated that the existing composition of the Executive Committee, comprising six architects and four town planners, was established in 1983, when the total membership of PCATP stood at approximately 1,400. He highlighted that the membership has since grown to nearly 15,000, warranting a review of the Committee's existing composition. In view of this substantial increase in membership, he emphasized that the present is an appropriate time to consider enhancing the number of members of the Executive Committee to ensure adequate representation.

8.5 Ar. Kifayat Hussain highlighted that the composition of the Executive Committee is based on the existing number of provinces and would automatically be revised in the event of any increase in the number of provinces.

8.6 Ar. Yahya Nisar Rathore expressed concern that the existing members are unable to reach a consensus on important matters affecting the fraternity and questioned how the inclusion of additional members would ensure a more united and collective representation of the fraternity's interests.

8.6 Chairman, PCATP supported the view of the Ar. Kifayat Hussain and stated that any future increase in the number of provinces may necessitate a corresponding increase in the number of members of the PCATP Executive Committee to ensure appropriate representation.

8.7 Ar. Sardar Mohammad Ali Lasharie suggested strengthening and empowering the regional offices at the provincial level to ensure effective decentralization of administrative functions and reduce the operational burden on the Head Office.

8.9 Ar. Kamran Khan suggested that, as an interim arrangement, an observer may be nominated to represent Gilgit-Baltistan in the Executive Committee meetings. He further proposed that the matter of granting formal representation to Gilgit-Baltistan as a member of the Executive Committee be taken up for consideration.

8.10 Ar. Isma Imtiaz Rathore suggested enhancing the representation of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) also in PCATP, Executive Committee by nominating a representative as an observer from the region.

8.11 Ar. Dr. Yasmeen Ahmad endorsed Ar. Kamran Khan and Ar. Isma Imtiaz for nominating observers from Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) as an interim arrangement, noting that the enactment of the necessary legislation for their permanent representation on the PCATP Executive Committee may take considerable time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS PLACED BEFORE THE MEETING**

9.1 Chairman PCATP opened the floor to the members for their input on agenda items.

9.2 Ar. Muhammad Tahir Khattak stated that since 2015, architects from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had been striving to secure their professional rights and promote the built environment. He highlighted that these efforts had yielded significant achievements, including appointments to key positions and representation in various government and PCATP decision-making forums. However, he expressed concern that the establishment of the Design Facilitation Centre at DHA Peshawar had marginalized PCATP-registered architects, limiting their professional opportunities and hindering their growth and development. He stated that PCATP had undoubtedly taken up the matter with the relevant authorities at the appropriate level; however, these efforts had not yielded any fruitful results. He further highlighted that the DDFC was undertaking more than 98% of the architectural work, thereby significantly restricting professional opportunities for PCATP-registered architects, who continued to struggle for meaningful engagement and career advancement. He further proposed that a resolution be moved urging the Defence Housing Authorities to immediately discontinue such practices and establish a clear and definitive policy prohibiting the operation of DDFCs. He highlighted that architects are also facing difficulties in dealing with Defence Housing Authorities (DHAs) due to the absence of a proper classification system defining the professional standing of individual practitioners. In this regard, he proposed introducing a structured categorization mechanism for individual architects and town planners to ensure clear professional recognition and facilitate their engagement with the relevant authorities.

9.3 Chairman, PCATP, responded that efforts had been made to resolve the matter amicably; however, in view of the lack of a satisfactory outcome, it would now be pursued through legal channels. He further stated that PCATP's Legal Advisor would prepare a formal legal notice and, should the issue remain unresolved, appropriate legal proceedings would be initiated before the competent court.

9.4 Ar. Muhammad Kamran Ansari stated that the PCATP Regional Office in Karachi had previously served as the Head Office, and many departments continued to regard it as such. He therefore proposed that members of the Executive Committee from Sindh visit the Regional Office at least once or twice a week to strengthen coordination, improve communication, and ensure effective engagement between PCATP and its members. He proposed introducing a medical insurance or healthcare coverage scheme for PCATP staff and registered members to ensure their access to essential healthcare facilities. He also highlighted the malfunctioning of the lift in the building housing the Regional

Office and emphasized the need to address the issue to ensure the convenience and accessibility of staff and visitors.

9.5 Chairman, PCATP stated that meetings had been held with insurance providers regarding medical coverage for PCATP staff and registered members, and expressed optimism that the arrangements would be finalized within the next two to three months.

9.6 Ar. Naseer Ahmed highlighted that following the resignation of the Executive Committee member representing Balochistan, another member had been co-opted to fill the vacant position. However, the co-opted member subsequently vacated the office in light of the observations made by the Executive Committee. He sought clarification regarding the procedure for filling the vacancy, emphasizing that effective representation from Balochistan was essential, particularly in view of ongoing court cases and the need to review and revise the applicable regulations in the province.

9.7 Chairman, PCATP responded that the name is being finalized with the EC members and will be shared within a couple of days.

9.8 Ar. Mian Hassan Naveed highlighted that the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) is available on the Prime Minister's Citizen Portal to address complaints from engineers and suggested that PCATP should also be included on the portal to facilitate architects and town planners. He further proposed taking up the matter of establishing minimum salary benchmarks for architects and town planners working in both the public and private sectors. Additionally, he raised concerns regarding the enlistment and registration of architects and town planners with private housing societies and sought clarification on the role and mandate of PCATP's Vigilance Committees in this regard. He wished to elaborate further on these matters; however, due to audio issues at the Lahore Centre, the Chairman requested him to convey his comments through Ar. Hassan Jamil Chaudhry, Member of the PCATP Executive Committee for consideration and appropriate action accordingly.

9.9 Ar. Azhar Mamoon Sualehi briefly expressed certain reservations regarding the implementation of decisions taken during AGM-2025 and made observations concerning some administrative and procedural matters, including the following: Meetings of certain committees and related activities, sharing of information with the Executive Committee (EC), implementation and notification of certain decisions, continuation of the Ex-Registrar, appointment of the audit firm, co-option of EC member, expenditure incurred during the relevant period, scheduling of the AGM in relation to the financial year, compliance with Section 7.1 of the PCATP Ordinance and the relevant provisions of the Bye-Laws. He also observed that the current elected Executive Committee was expected to deliver more effectively.

9.10 In response, the Chairman, PCATP, strongly emphasized that the current elected Executive Committee had made its utmost efforts and remained

committed to discharging its responsibilities in the best interest of the Council. He stated that the Annual Report presented before the AGM comprehensively reflected the work undertaken and the achievements accomplished during the Committee's tenure.

The Chairman particularly highlighted the significant progress made by PCATP in strengthening its institutional profile, recognition and standing at both national and international levels, terming these developments important milestones for the Council. He emphasized that the collective efforts of the Executive Committee had contributed meaningfully towards advancing the Council's institutional objectives.

The Chairman further stated that the observations and concerns expressed by Ar. Azhar Mamoon Sualehi had been noted and that an appropriate response would be provided in due course. He reiterated the commitment of the Executive Committee to continue working for the institutional strengthening and progress of PCATP.

9.11 Plnr. Imran Shakir highlighted that a petition had been filed in 2020 by certain Architects and Architects/Town Planners, pursuant to which the Court sought a response from PCATP. The matter was subsequently disposed of on the basis of recommendations submitted by PCATP. However, a similar petition was filed in 2025, which PCATP lost due to its failure to properly establish the matter's technical maintainability. He emphasized that, once a petition on a particular matter has been adjudicated, the same issue should not ordinarily be re-agitated without due consideration of the previous proceedings. However, the relevant legal position and PCATP's stance were not effectively communicated to the Court. He further stated that PCATP not only lost the case but also faced an adverse interpretation by the Court regarding its statutory authority, with the Court observing that PCATP lacked the power to legislate on the matter. He added that PCATP subsequently filed an Intra-Court Appeal (ICA) challenging the Court's interpretation; however, to his dismay, PCATP's legal counsel was not available on the scheduled date of hearing. In view of these circumstances, he requested the Chairman and Vice Chairman (Town Planning) to initiate a formal inquiry into the matter to determine the circumstances that led to these legal setbacks and to establish accountability for what he termed a serious professional failure.

9.12 Chairman, PCATP responded that an advertisement for the hiring of legal counsel had been published; however, the recruitment process remained pending due to certain concerns arising during the selection process. He stated that he was forced by Vice Chairman (Town Planning) to appoint the legal counsel who was representing the opposing side in a case currently pending before the Court and had previously pursued a case against PCATP, thereby raising concerns regarding a potential conflict of interest. Furthermore, Vice

Chairman (Town Planning) remained absent from the meetings convened to discuss the hiring of Legal Counsel. Accordingly, the appointment was finalized by the remaining members of the committee in the absence of Vice Chairman (Town Planning).

9.13 Ar. Sardar Mohammad Ali Lasharie highlighted that he had submitted a formal complaint with evidences of irregularities observed during IAP conferences and forums. He further stated that when the matter was brought to the attention of the concerned individuals for clarification, instead of providing a satisfactory response, they resorted to maligning him on social media. He requested to initiate inquiry into alleged violations of the professional code of conduct.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN PCATP

The Chairman, PCATP, thanked all participants who attended the AGM, either physically or virtually, for sparing their valuable time and participating in the proceedings. He further requested the online participants who were unable to share their comments due to time constraints to submit their observations and comments via email for consideration and record.

Dated: 09 October, 2026

Ar. Ejaz Ahmed Qadri
Chairman, PCATP

Annexure – A

ATTENDANCE LIST OF AGM-2026
HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT KARACHI, LAHORE, ISLAMABAD, QUETTA AND PESHAWAR ON SATURDAY, 09 OCTOBER, 2026

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Annexure – B

09 October 2026

AGM 2026 – Agenda Item No. 4(g)

Subject: Statement regarding PCATP Nomination to the Commission of Inquiry under Section 32(1)(c) of the PCATP Ordinance, 1983

1. I make this statement strictly in my capacity as a registered member and former Chairman of PCATP (2021–2025). I am presently a party before the Commission of Inquiry. Accordingly, I do not intend to discuss the merits of the proceedings pending before the Commission, nor seek any opinion or decision from this General Body on those matters.

2. During the AGM, I was given the opportunity to express my views on the financial aspects of the agenda item. However, I also wished to address the administrative and statutory aspects of the same agenda item. Due to time constraints and the large number of members who had raised their hands to speak, I could not get a second opportunity to take the floor and present these matters to the General Body.

3. Section 32(1)(c) of the PCATP Ordinance, 1983, provides for an architect or town planner to be nominated by the Council to serve on the Commission. In this context, I respectfully seek clarification on the following matters:

   a. PCATP had already forwarded its nomination to the Ministry on 3 March 2025. What prompted the Ministry to subsequently seek a panel of three names instead of proceeding with the original nomination?

   b. Was the original nomination formally withdrawn, cancelled or superseded, and if so, under what authority and for what reasons was it not acted upon?

   c. Under Section 32(1)(c), the statutory authority to nominate an architect or town planner rests with the Council. Why was PCATP not allowed to exercise this statutory right through its original nomination, and why was the matter subsequently processed through a panel of three names?

   d. Was the final nomination made by the Ministry from the panel of three, rather than by the Council itself, and if so, under what statutory authority was this procedure adopted?

4. These questions are raised in the spirit of institutional accountability, transparency and good governance, without questioning the integrity or intentions of any individual or office-bearer. My sole purpose is to ensure that the relevant statutory and administrative records are properly maintained and that members are appropriately informed.

5. I respectfully request the Chair to:

   a. Record this statement and annex it to the minutes of the AGM.

   b. Facilitate access to the relevant decisions, correspondence and official records concerning the nomination, in accordance with the applicable rules and procedures.

I remain committed to the dignity, institutional integrity and strengthening of PCATP. I believe that transparency and compliance with its statutory framework are essential to its continued credibility.



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Annexure – C

RESOLUTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF INDEPENDENT ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE AND PREVENTION OF MONOPOLISTIC DESIGN SERVICES

Presented at the PCATP Annual General Meeting held on 9 October 2026

To:
The Chairman
Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners
PCATP

Subject: Implementation of the AGM resolution concerning architectural design cells and restrictions on the practice of PCATP licensed architects

We, the undersigned architects, submit this resolution following its presentation at the PCATP Annual General Meeting held on 9 October 2026 and its adoption.

The resolution addresses development authorities, housing authorities, housing schemes and other agencies establishing architectural design cells and using their regulatory or administrative powers to restrict independent architectural practice within their respective jurisdictions.

We affirm that the regulation and approval of building designs must be exercised fairly, transparently and in the public interest. Such powers must not be used to compel property owners to obtain architectural services from the approving authority itself, its designated design cell or a preferred service provider.

Combining commercial design services with control over scrutiny, approval and permission to build creates a conflict of interest. It undermines independent professional practice, restricts client choice and places PCATP licensed architects at an unequal disadvantage.

Accordingly, the resolution is set out as follows:

1. Protection of the right to independent practice

Every architect holding a valid PCATP license must have a fair opportunity to practice within the jurisdiction of any development authority, housing authority, housing scheme or other agency, subject to applicable laws, planning requirements and building regulations.

No authority or agency shall impose arbitrary bans, exclusions or discriminatory conditions, pricing monopolies that prevent such architects from providing professional services.

2. Prohibition of competing architectural design cells

No development authority or agency exercising regulatory, scrutiny or approval powers shall establish or operate its own architectural design cell directly or through a 3rd party, to provide commercial architectural services to private property owners within the jurisdiction it regulates.

Any existing arrangement of this nature shall be reviewed and discontinued through the appropriate lawful process. Technical staff engaged in planning, regulation and scrutiny shall perform those functions independently of the provision or sale of architectural design services.

3. Prevention of monopolies and compulsory referrals

No authority or agency shall make the acceptance, processing or approval of a building proposal conditional upon obtaining its design from an internal design cell, nominated architect, affiliated consultant or preferred service provider.

Mandatory design packages, compulsory referrals, exclusive arrangements and other practices that reserve architectural work for selected providers shall be discontinued.

4. Protection of client choice

Property owners and clients must remain free to appoint a PCATP licensed architect of their choice.

Choosing an independent architect shall not result in additional charges, delayed processing, denial of incentives, refusal of approval or any other discriminatory treatment. Fees and incentives shall not be structured to compel clients to engage an authority's design cell or make independent architectural services commercially unviable.

5. Separation of design and approval functions

Design scrutiny and approval shall be conducted against published, objective and consistently applied requirements.

Authorities shall maintain a clear separation between regulatory decisions and any commercial interest in architectural services. Approval procedures shall include transparent requirements, reasonable processing periods, written reasons for objections and an accessible review mechanism.

6. Fair recognition of PCATP registration

A valid PCATP license shall be recognized as the professional credential for architectural practice. Any additional administrative registration required by an authority shall be transparent, reasonable and applied equally.

Such registration shall not become a means of excluding qualified architects or creating a restricted group with exclusive access to professional work.

7. Implementation by PCATP

This resolution was presented during the PCATP Annual General Meeting held on 9 October 2026.

Accordingly, we call upon the Chairman and Council to give effect to the resolution by:

a. Ensure the adoption of this resolution in the official minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

b. Circulating the resolution to Council members, relevant government departments, development authorities, housing authorities and other agencies concerned.

c. Formally communicating PCATP's position that authorities must not establish or operate architectural design cells that monopolize architectural services or restrict the practice of PCATP licensed architects within their jurisdictions.

d. Calling upon the authorities concerned to discontinue compulsory design arrangements, discriminatory approval procedures and restrictions on independent architectural practice.

e. Seeking legal advice and pursuing appropriate administrative, regulatory or legal measures wherever such practices continue.

f. Establishing a mechanism for affected architects to report restrictions and discriminatory treatment, with complaints tracked through to resolution.

8. Implementation timetable and reporting

We request that PCATP communicate to the signatories, within thirty days of receiving this signed submission, the measures initiated to implement the adopted resolution, the officers responsible and the proposed timetable for further action.

Subsequent progress should be communicated to the signatories and the wider membership at reasonable intervals.

Confirmation by the signatories

We, the undersigned architects who supported this resolution at the Annual General Meeting held on 9 October 2026, submit this document, together with the accompanying signature sheets, as a written record of the resolution presented to the forum and agreed to by the Chairman.

Our signatures reaffirm our support for its adoption and implementation. This submission is intended to facilitate its accurate recording, formal circulation and effective enforcement.

We urge the Chairman and Council to act promptly and consistently throughout Pakistan to protect independent architectural practice, client choice, fair competition and the integrity of building approval processes.

The accompanying signature sheets form an integral part of this resolution.

Resolution Presented by

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