



No. SO(A&T) SELD/9-3/2020
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY DEPARTMENT
Karachi, dated, the 09th March, 2021

To,

01. Ms. Tanzeela Um-e-Habiba, MPA
02. Ms. Rabia Azfar Nizami, MPA
03. The Secretary, College Education Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
04. The Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi
05. The Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Karachi.
06. The Chairman, Sindh Textbook Board, Jamshoro
07. The Managing Director, Sindh Education Foundation, Karachi
08. The Chairmen, Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (all)
09. The Chairman, Sindh Board of Technical Education, Karachi
10. Representative of Agha Khan University Examination Board, Karachi
11. The Managing Director STEVTA, Karachi
12. The Managing Director STEDA, Karachi
13. The Director General M&E, SELD, Karachi
14. The Director General, PITE Nawabshah
15. The Director General, Private Institutions
16. The Director General Colleges, Sindh Karachi
17. The Director School Education (all)
18. The Chief Program Manager, RSU, SELD, Karachi
19. The Director, Curriculum, Research & Assessment, Jamshoro
20. The Director Literacy & Non Formal Education, Sindh, Karachi
21. The Additional Director, Teachers Training Institutions, Sindh Karachi.
22. Mr. Ashfaque Memon Former Secretary Education Department
23. Mr. Jameel Yousif, CEO, The Trust Schools
24. Mr. Shahzad Roy, President Zindagi Trust
25. Syed Tariq Shah General Secretary (all) Private Schools Management Association, Karachi
26. Syed Shahzad, President Private Schools Management, Karachi.
27. Mr. Naseer Memon CEO Thar Foundation.
28. Mr. Haider Ali, Chairman, All Private School Management Association
29. Dr. Najeeb Ahmed Memon, Representative, Private School Association, Hyderabad
30. Mr. Shahpur Jamal, Chairman, Pakistan Education Council (PEC)
31. The Chairman, Private School Management Association (PSMA), Karachi

Subject: **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STEERING COMMITTEE.**

I am directed to forward herewith copy of minutes of the meeting of Steering Committee on Education held on Saturday, 30th January, 2021 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Hon'able Minister for Education & Literacy, Sindh in the Committee Room, Provincial Assembly of Sindh, Karachi for kind information and taking further necessary action.


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C.C to:

1. The Principal, Secretary to Chief Minister, Sindh Karachi.
2. The Special/Additional Secretary (All) School Education & Literacy, Department
3. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary, Sindh, Karachi
4. The PS to Minister for Education & Literacy, Sindh.
5. The PS to Secretary School Education & Literacy Department Government of Sindh.
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MEETING MINUTES OF STEERING COMMITTEE

Chaired by: Honorable Minister for Education & Literacy Sindh
Meeting Date: 30th January, 2021
Meeting Day: Saturday
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Venue: Committee Room No. 1, Sindh Assembly Building, Karachi.
Meeting Agenda: Academic plan for the Academic year, 2020-21 and 2021-22 and review the schedule of Examinations for the academic year, 2021

Meeting Attendees: *(List of Attendees is annexed as Annexure-A)*

Meeting Proceedings:

The meeting started with recitation of the Holy Quran. In opening remarks, Honorable Minister for Education & Literacy, Sindh welcomed the members of Steering Committee. After that the Agenda of the meeting was taken up item-wise.

Item No.1: *Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Steering Committee Meetings held on 22.01.2021.*

The Chair informed the Committee that the draft minutes of the Steering Committee held on 22-01-2021 was circulated among the members and copy of the same is placed for kind confirmation of the Steering Committee.

The members unanimously approved the minutes of Steering Committee held on 22-01-2021.

Item No.2: *Re-opening of Schools/Colleges with implementation of SOPs/ Academic Plan and Examination Schedule.*

The Chair informed the Committee members that Steering Committee in its last meeting held on 22-01-2021 constituted a sub-committee with following composition and ToRs to prepare academic plan for the academic year 2020-21 and 2021-22 with strict compliance of

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- (iv) The time duration of 3 hours paper shall be reduced to 2 hours and 2 hours paper shall be reduced to 1 ½ hours.
- (v) Practical examination shall be conducted by the institutes internally and submit the result to the Boards.
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- (vi) The question paper shall be bifurcated as under;
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| MCQs | 50% |
| Short Question | 30% |
| Long Question | 20% |
- (vii) MCQs shall be on separate sheet
- (viii) In order to protect students from harassment media shall not be allowed to enter the examination centers keeping in view following **SOP's for COVID-19**.

He further informed that the Boards are facing acute shortage of funds therefore, it is difficult to conduct the examination in this situation, so the Government may be requested to release the agreed amount of Rs. 750 Million for the automation of Boards and also release the funds of Boards as early as possible.

The chair further asked the Chairman BCC that he may inform the members regarding the dates of announcement of results also.

The Chairman BCC assured that the results of Boards examination shall be announced after 02 months of conduct of examinations i.e., Class X result will be announced on 15th September, 2021 and class XII result will be announced on 15th October, 2021.

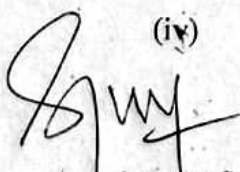
The Chair asked the Director Universities & Boards Department to inform the forum regarding the normal dates of announcement of admissions of Universities, either the announcement of result of Intermediate in the month of October is feasible for students for getting admission or other-wise create problems for students.

The Director Universities & Boards Department ensured that the universities are announcing admission in the month of November and onwards, so there will be no any problem, if the result of intermediate is announced in the month of October.

After detailed discussion and deliberations, the forum unanimously took following decisions:

Decisions: -

- (i) Classes for Nursery to VIII will commence w.e.f. Feb 1st, 2021 to June 05th, 2021.
- (ii) Classes for IX to XII will commence w.e.f. January 18th, 2021 to June 26th, 2021.
- (iii) Examinations for classes Nursery to III and IV to VIII will start w.e.f. June 7th 2021 and results will be announced by June 26th, 2021 (level wise).
- (iv) The examination for class IX & X (Matriculation) shall start from Thursday, 1st July, 2021 and will continue till 15th July, 2021.



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Annexure-A**LIST OF PARTICIPATING MEMBERS (By invitation)**

Sr. #	Members Name	Designation
1	Mr. Saeed Ghani	Minister for Education & Literacy, Sindh.
2	Syed Khalid Hyder Shah	Secretary, College Education Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
3	Mr. Asif Ali Memon	Special Secretary, School Education & Literacy Department
4	Ms. Tanzeela -Umm-e-Habiba	Member of Provincial Assembly of Sindh
5	Ms. Rabia Azfar Nizami	Member of Provincial Assembly of Sindh
6	Dr. Fouzia Khan.	Additional Secretary (A&T) SE&LD.
7	Mr. Jalaluddin Mahar	Additional Secretary, DEPD, Sindh
8	Mr. Ghulam Asghar Kanasro	Director Universities, (U&B) Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
9	Dr. Mansoob Hussain Siddiqui	D.G, Private Institutions Sindh, Karachi.
10	Dr. Masroor Ahmed	Chairman, SBTE, Karachi
11	Dr. Muhammad Memon	Chairman Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education Hyderabad.
12	Dr. Saeeduddin	Chairman Board of Intermediate Education, Karachi
13	Muhammad Akhrtar Ghor	Executive Director, Ziauddin University Examination Board
14	Mr. Nadir Ali Soomro	Director, School Education (P/ES&HS) Shaheed Benazirabad
15	Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Memon	Director School Education (P/ES&HS) Mirpurkhas
16	Ms. Saba Mehmood	Director Literacy & Non-formal Education
17	Mr. Jameel Yusuf	Chairman, Trust Schools
18	Mr. Shahzad Roy	Zindagi Trust.
19	Mr. Haider Ali	Chairman, All Sindh Private Schools & College Association
20	Dr. Najeed Ahmed Memon	Representative Private Schools Hyderabad
21	Syed Shahzad Ali	President, PEAK Private Schools, Karachi
22	Rev. FR. Saleh Diego	Vice-Chairman Catholic Board of Education
23	Syed Tariq Shah	Chairman All Private Schools Management Association
24	Mr. Ihsanullah Laghari	Deputy Secretary (A&T) SE&LD.
25	Mr. Sajid Hussain Chandio	Section Officer, SELD, Sindh.

(By Video Link /Zoom)

1	Syed Sharaf Ali Shah	Chairman Board of Secondary Education, Karachi.
2	Mr. Shahmir Bhutto	Director General, M&E SELD
3	Mr. Abdul Majeed Burt	DG, PITE Nawabshah
4	Mr. Abdul Hameed Channar	Director General Colleges, Sindh
5	Mr. Asghar Ali Memon	Director, DCAR
6	Syed Rasool Bux Shah	DSE (Primary/ES&HS) Hyderabad
7	Mr. Mahmood -ul-Haq	DSE (Primary) Larkana
8	Mr. Haroon Laghari	STEDA
9	Mr. Inayatullah Shaikh	Additional Director TTI, Sindh
10	Styed Danish U Zaman	Chairman All Private Schools Management Association


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Law Department and the same will be placed before the forthcoming meeting of Sindh Cabinet for approval.

Ms. Rabia Azfar requested the chair to take up the matter before the Cabinet regarding the financial aspects as the issue is very serious.

Decision:

After detailed discussions and deliberations, it was decided that the Boards will follow Act regarding the conduct of examination of visually impaired students in accordance with law.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by the Meeting Chair.



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- c. Boards Examination for Class IX to XII will commence from 1st July, 2022 to 31st July, 2022.
- d. Winter Vacation may be observed from 25-12-2021 to 01-01-2022, subject to no further closures after commencement of new academic term w.e.f. August 2nd, 2021.
- e. In case of any further closures, no winter vacations will be observed to compensate for the loss of working days. In such a case, the syllabus of 2021-22 will be reviewed for the remaining academic year, if required.
- f. Summer Vacation may be observed from 01-07-2022 to 31-07-2022.
- g. Any continuous loss of important topics needs to be addressed during the academic year 2021-2022, will be incorporated in the academic year 2022-2023.

Item No.3: Schedule of Holidays for the Year 2021.

The Chair informed the forum that the School Education & Literacy Department has proposed the Schedule of Holidays for the academic year 2021-22 and the same has been endorsed by the sub-committee in its meeting held on 25-01-2021.

Holidays	Year – 2021
Kashmir Day	05 th February, 2021
Shab-e-Mairaj Day (27 th Rajab-1442) *	12 th March, 2021
Pakistan Day	23 rd March, 2021
Shab-e-Barrat Day (15 th Shaban-1442) *	29 th March, 2021
Labour Day	01 st May, 2021
Youm-e-Ali (21 st Ramadan-1442) *	04 th May, 2021
Shab-e-Qadar (27 th Ramadan-1442) *	10 th May, 2021
Eid-ul-Fiter (1 st Shawal-1443) *	13 th & 14 th May, 2021
Eid-ul-Azha (10 th Zul Hajj-1442) *	21 st & 22 nd July, 2021
Independence Day	14 th August, 2021
Ashura (9 th -----10 th Moharram-1443) *	18 th & 19 th August, 2021
Shah Abdul Latif Day (14 th Saffer 1443) *(Local holiday)	22 nd September, 2021
Chehlum (20 th Saffer 1443) *	28 th September, 2021
Eid Millad-un-Nabi Day (12 th Rabi-ul-Awal 1443) *	12 th October, 2021
Quaid-e-Azam Day	25 th December, 2021

***Subject to the appearance of moon.**

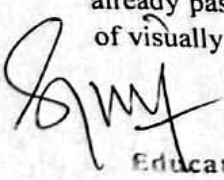
NOTE:-Eid Millad-un-Nabi, Pakistan Day and Independence Day and Shah Abdul Latif Day may be celebrated in Schools & Colleges.

The Forum unanimously approved the above schedule of holidays.

Item No. 4: Any other item with the permission of Chair:

Ms. Rabia Azfar Nizami, MPA drew the attention of the members towards the examination of visually impaired students and requested the members to discuss and deliberate on the issue and give their recommendations.


Mr. Jalaluddin Mahar, Additional Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities informed the members that the Provincial Assembly of Sindh has already passed an Act regarding visual impaired students, wherein the provision of examination of visually impaired student is already mentioned. The rules have been framed and vetted by the


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- (v) The examination for class XI&XII (Intermediate) shall start from Wednesday, 28th July,2021 and will continue till 16th August, 2021.
- (vi) Examinations shall be held in morning and evening shifts and on Saturday also.
- (vii) The time duration of 3 hours paper shall be reduced to 2 hours and 2 hours paper shall be reduced to 1 ½ hours.
- (viii) Practical Examination shall be conducted by the institutes internally during the month of June,2021 and submit the results to the Boards.
- (ix) The question paper shall be bifurcated as under;
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| MCQs | 50% |
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- (x) MCQs shall be on separate sheet.
- (xi) In order to protect students from harassment media shall not be allowed to enter the examination centers keeping in view **SOP's for COVID-19**.
- (xii) The result of SSC Part-II (Matric) will be announced on 15th September, 2021.
- (xiii) The result of SSC Part-I (Class IX) will be announced after 60 days of announcement of Matric result.
- (xiv) The result of HSC Part-II (Inter) will be announced on 15th October, 2021.
- (xv) The result of HSC Part-I (Class-XI) will be announced after 60 days of announcement of Inter result.
- (xvi) Summer Vacation shall be observed from 01-07-2021 to 31-07-2021.
- (xvii) The examinations must be conducted from the notified condensed syllabus. School Education & Literacy Department and College Education Department shall notify the strict completion of notified condensed syllabus in the schools as well colleges.
- (xviii) The College Education Department will write a letter to the Additional Chief Secretary Universities & Boards Department to ensure the announcement of Universities Admissions after announcement of Intermediate result, so that the students may seek admissions in the desired universities.

Academic Plan for Academic Session 2021-22:

- a. The academic session for academic year 2021-2022 shall start from 2nd August, 2021 (Subject to ending of COVID-19 restrictions) and will end on 26th June, 2022.
- b. The 40% reduced syllabus of 2020-21 (condensed syllabus) will be reviewed and important topics / chapters will be revisited to be included in this academic term (2021-2022), for all classes.


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- The procedure/ mechanism of conducting examinations is the mandate of the Boards, so the matter may be placed before the Chairman Boards Committee for the mechanism of conducting examinations.
- The examinations must be conducted from the notified condensed syllabus. School Education & Literacy Department and College Education Department shall notify the strict completion of notified condensed syllabus in the schools as well colleges.

Proposed Academic Session 2021-22:

- a) The academic session for academic year 2021-2022 may start from 2nd August, 2021 (Subject to ending of COVID-19 restrictions) and will end on 26th June, 2022.
- b) The 40% reduced syllabus of 2020-21 (condensed syllabus) may be reviewed and important topics / chapters will be revisited to be included in this academic term (2021-2022), for all classes.
- c) Boards Examination for Class IX to XII may commence from 1st July, 2022 to 31st July, 2022.
- d) Winter Vacation may be observed from 25-12-2021 to 01-01-2022, subject to no further closures after commencement of new academic term w.e.f. August 2nd, 2021.
- e) In case of any further closures, there may be no winter vacations so as to compensate for the loss of working days. In such a case, the syllabus of 2021-22 will be reviewed for the remaining academic year, if required.
- f) Summer Vacation may be observed from 01-07-2022 to 31-07-2022.
- g) Any continued loss of important topics that need to be addressed during the academic term 2021-2022, will be incorporated in the year 2022-2023.

The Chair also request the Chairman BCC, Sindh to inform the forum regarding the examination schedule and date of announcement of result.

Prof. Saeeduddin, Chairman BCC/ Board of Intermediate Education Karachi informed the forum that during the meeting of BCC held on 27th January, 2021 following decisions were taken:

- (i) The examination for class IX&X (Matriculation) shall start from Thursday, 1st July, 2021 and will continue till 15th July, 2021.
- (ii) The examination for class XI&XII (Intermediate) shall start from Wednesday, 28th July, 2021 and will continue till 16th August, 2021.
- (iii) Examination shall be held in morning and evening shifts and on Saturday also.



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SOPs in the Schools and Colleges and review the schedule of Examination for the academic year 2020-21 for Class IV to XII:

S.#	Officials	Role/ Position
1.	Secretary, School Education & Literacy Department	Convener
2.	Additional Chief Secretary	Member
3.	Universities & Boards Department or his nominee	Member
4.	Secretary, College Education Department or his nominee	Member
5.	Additional Secretary (A&T) School Education & Literacy Department	Member/ Secretary
6.	Chairman, (All) Board of Intermediate Education, Sindh	Member
7.	Mr. Jameel Yusuf, Chairman, The Trust Schools	Member
8.	Director General Colleges, Sindh.	Member
9.	Director General Registration & Inspection of Private Institutions, Sindh	Member
10.	The Director School Education (ES&HS) Hyderabad	Member
11.	The Director, Curriculum, Assessment & Research, Jamshoro	Member

Terms of Reference:

- (i) The Committee will prepare academic plan for the Academic year, 2020-21 and 2021-22 with strict compliance of SoPs in the Schools and Colleges.
- (ii) The Committee will review the schedule of Examination for the academic year 2020-21 from Class IV to XII.
- (iii) The Committee will meet within a week's time and submit its recommendations to the next meeting of Steering Committee.

The Sub-committee in its meeting held on 25-01-2021 prepared the proposed academic plan for the Academic year, 2020-21 and 2021-22 and also reviewed the schedule of Examination for the academic year 2020-21 for Class IV to XII for placing the same before the Steering Committee as under:

Recommendations of the Sub-Committee of Steering Committee for the Academic Year 2020-21:

- Classes for Nursery to VIII may commence w.e.f. Feb 1st 2021 to June 05th, 2021.
- Classes for IX to XII may commence w.e.f. January 18th, 2021 to June 26th, 2021.
- Examinations for classes Nursery to III and IV to VIII may start w.e.f. June 7th 2021 and results will be announced by June 26th, 2021(level wise).
- Board Examinations for classes IX to XII may commence w.e.f. July 1st, 2021 to July 31st 2021.
- Summer Vacation may be observed from 01-07-2021 to 31-07-2021.



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