

**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH
NOTIFICATION
KARACHI, THE 24TH JANUARY, 2025.**

NO.PAS/LEGIS-B-05/2025-The following Bill is hereby published for general information as required by Rule 98 of Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh, 2013.

**THE SINDH BOARDS OF INTERMEDIATE AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025.**

SINDH BILL NO. 05 OF 2025.

**A
BILL**

to amend the Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education Ordinance, 1972.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education Ordinance, 1972, in the manner hereinafter appearing; **Preamble.**

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2025. **Short title and Commencement.**

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In the Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education Ordinance, 1972, hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 2 – **Amendment of section 2 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.**

(i) after clause (b), the following new clause shall be inserted:-

“(b-i) “cadre officer” means the officer belonging to PAS, Ex-PCS, PSS and PMS cadre;”;

(ii) for clause (u), the following shall be substituted:-

“(u) “Steering Committee” means the Steering Committee constituted under this Ordinance;

(v) “University” when used with reference to the Boards in Karachi means the University of Karachi, when used with reference to the Board at Hyderabad, means University of Sindh, Board at Mirpurkhas means the University of Mirpurkhas, Board at Sukkur means the Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, Board at Larkana means the University of Larkana and

Board at Shaheed Benazirabad means the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Shaheed Benazirabad.”;

3. In the said Ordinance, in section 4, in sub-section (1) - **Amendment of section 4 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.**
- (a) in clause (iii) –
- (i) in sub-clause (e), the word “and” appearing at the end shall be omitted;
- (ii) in sub-clause (f), for the words "the Executive District Officer Education", the words “Directors of Secondary Education and College Education; and” shall be substituted; and
- (iii) after sub-clause (f), the following new sub-clause shall be added:-
- “(g) the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Shaheed Benazirabad, the Directors of Secondary Education and College Education” shall be substituted;
- (b) for clause (v), the following shall be substituted:-
- “(v) one representative of the civil society to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;”;
- (c) for clause (vi), the following shall be substituted:-
- "(vi) One Headmaster/Principal and one Headmistress/ Female Principal to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;"
- (d) for clause (vii), the following shall be substituted:-
- "(vi) One representative of Heads of Colleges to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;"
- (e) for clause (x), the following shall be substituted:-
- “(x) One Chairman from amongst the other Boards to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;
- (xi) Additional Commissioner of the concerned Division;
- (xii) one representative of the Universities & Boards Department not below the rank of BPS-19".
4. In the said Ordinance, for section 6, the following shall be substituted:- **Amendment of section 6 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.**
- “6. Removal of members of the Board. (1)** Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in this Ordinance, the Controlling Authority shall have the power to remove any member of the Board from his position, if it deems that such removal is necessary or

appropriate for the effective functioning and interest of the Board or maintenance of public trust, without assigning any specific reasons for such removal.

(2) The decision of the Controlling Authority in this behalf shall be final.”.

5. In the said Ordinance, in section 8, in sub-section (1), the full stop at the end shall be replaced by a colon and thereafter the following proviso shall be added:-

Amendment of section 8 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

“Provided that the Chairman shall call atleast one meeting of the Board in each quarter of the year.”.

6. In the said Ordinance, in section 11, after sub-section (3), the following shall be added:-

Amendment of section 11 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

“(4) Except where the Controlling Authority directs otherwise, a Board shall not allow any benefit, privilege, allowance or concession to any person working in connection with the affairs of the Board subject to approval of the Controlling Authority.”.

7. In the said Ordinance, after section 11, the following shall be inserted:-

Insertion of new sections 11-A, 11-B, 11-C in Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

“11-A. **Constitution of Steering Committee.** (1) There shall be constituted, by notification in the official gazette, a Steering Committee to have supervision, control and authority over all the Boards established under this Act.

(2) The Steering Committee shall consist of the following:-

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| (i) Minister Incharge or any other Minister nominated by the Chief Minister | Chairman |
| (ii) Secretary Universities & Boards Department | Vice-Chairman |
| (iii) Secretary College Education Department | Member |
| (iv) Secretary School Education Department | Member |
| (v) Special Secretary, Finance Department | Member |
| (iv) Chairmen of all Educational Boards Sindh | Members |
| (vii) Chairman, Sindh Text Book Board Sindh / Curriculum | Member |
| (viii) Director General, Private Institutions, Schools & College Education Departments | Members |
| (ix) Representative of Services, General Administration & Coordination Department not below the rank of BPS-19, nominated by the Chief Secretary | Member |

- (x) Representative from the Inter Boards Coordination Commission (IBCC) **Member**
- (xi) Expert in Educational Policy to be appointed by the Controlling Authority **Member**
- (xii) Expert on Technical Education to be appointed by Controlling Authority **Member**
- (xiii) Two nominees of the Controlling Authority; from amongst distinguished Educationists **Members**

(3) An officer not below the rank of an Additional Secretary of the Universities & Boards Department shall act as Secretary of the Steering Committee.

(4) The members of the Steering Committee, other than ex-officio members, shall be appointed for a period of two years, which may be extended for such other term as the Government may determine.

(5) Government may, at any time, by notification, change the composition of the Steering Committee.

11-B. Functions of the Steering Committee. (1) The Steering Committee shall have power to oversee and direct all matters related to the functioning of the Educational Boards, including but not limited to policy formulation, implementation, compliance monitoring and resolution of inter Board(s) or intra-Board(s) dispute;

(2) In exercising of its powers, the Steering Committee may issue directives, review decisions and take necessary measures to ensure transparency, uniformity and efficiency in the operation of the Educational Boards.

(3) All the Boards shall be bound to comply with the instructions and decision of the Steering Committee, which shall be final and binding in all respects.

11-C. Meeting of the Steering Committee. (1) The meetings of the Steering Committee shall be held at least twice in a year, but the Chairman of the Committee may, whenever he considers necessary and shall, on requisition of one- third members of the Committee, call a meeting of the Committee.

(2) The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be fifty percent of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.

(3) The members of the Regulatory Board, other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for two years.

8. In the said Ordinance, for section 12, the following shall be substituted:-

Substitution of section 12 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

“12. **Controlling Authority.** The Chief Minister Sindh or the Minister Incharge or any other Minister nominated by the Chief Minister shall be the Controlling Authority of the Board.”.

9. In the said Ordinance, in section 13 -

Amendment of section 13 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

- (a) in sub-section (1), after the word “Board”, the words “including discharge of functions by the members, officers and employees of the Board” shall be added;
- (i) after sub-section (5), the following new sub-sections shall be added:-

“(6) The Controlling Authority may, from time to time, direct a Board to conduct its affairs and to perform its functions in such manner as may be specified.

(7) The Controlling Authority may require a Board to furnish it with –

- (i) any return, statement, estimate, statistics or other information regarding any matter under the control of the Board; or
- (ii) a report on any such matter; or
- (iii) a copy of any document in the charge of the Board; and the chairman shall comply with every such requisition.

(8) The Controlling Authority shall, in case of allegation of gross misconduct, inefficiency, corruption, violation of budgetary provisions, moral turpitude, maladministration, and mismanagement, remove any officer mentioned under sub-section (1) of section 14, on the basis of substantiated findings of an enquiry after giving him an opportunity of show cause against such removal:

Provided that where the enquiry under this sub-section has been initiated, no other person including the Board shall have power to initiate any enquiry or proceedings or take any steps in the matter:

Provided further that the Controlling Authority may, during the inquiry under this sub-section, suspend any officer mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 14 for such specified period as he may determine.

(9) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance, the Controlling Authority shall have power to order an inquiry against the Chairman, Secretary, Controller of Examination and Audit Officer.”.

10. In the said Ordinance, in section 15, in sub-section (1), the full-stop at the end shall be replaced by a colon and thereafter the following proviso shall be added:-

Amendment of section 15 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

“Provided that the Chairman shall be appointed by the Controlling Authority either through direct recruitment process or by transfer from amongst the cadre officers of BPS-19/20, on such terms and conditions as may be determined by it.”.

11. In the said Ordinance, in section 16, for the words “as may be determined by the Board”, the words “as may be prescribed” shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 16 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

12. In the said Ordinance, in section 17, in sub-section (1), after clause (a), the following new clause shall be inserted:-

Amendment of section 17 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

“(a-i) power and duties of the officers of the Board;”.

13. In the said Ordinance, the existing provisions of section 18 shall be numbered as sub-section (1), and thereafter the following new sub-section (2) shall be added:-

Amendment of section 18 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

“(2) The provisions of sub-section (2) of section 17 shall mutatis mutandis apply to the rules.”.

14. In the said Ordinance, in section 20, in sub-section (2), for the words “once a year”, the words “after the end of every financial year, duly audited together with the report of the auditor” shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 20 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

15. In the said Ordinance, after section 21, the following new section shall be inserted:-

Insertion of section new section 21-A in Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

“**21-A. Submission of yearly reports and returns:** A Board shall submit to the Controlling Authority through the Steering Committee, as soon as possible after the end of every financial year but not later than the 30th September, a report on the conduct of its affairs for that year.”.

16. In the said Ordinance, in the Schedule -
(i) in clause 1 -

Amendment of Schedule of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

(a) for sub-clause (i), the following shall be substituted:-

“(i) write confidential reports of officers of the Board working in BPS-17 and above;”;

(b) for sub-clause (iii), the following shall be substituted:-

“(iii) write confidential reports of employees of the Board working in BPS-16 and below;”;

(ii) in clause 4, in sub-clause (vii), for the words “Arabic”, the word “Sindh” and for the word “Persian”, the word “English” shall respectively be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Educational Boards in the Province of Sindh are working without formalized platform for coordination among their respective Chairmen, and the absence of such coordination has resulted significant disparities in examination standards, assessment procedures and other administrative functions in the Educational Board within the Province.

In order to bridge a gap among all the Boards across the country, the Inter Boards Commission has also been established at federal level, with a clear mandate to act and deal with the issues relating to the standardization of examination, assessment, evaluation and all allied matters among Boards Members. The establishment of IBCC has positively impacted examination and assessment process in the Educational Boards of Punjab and KPK, yielding significant improvements, but such improvements have not been seen in the Boards of the Province of Sindh.

In order to fill the gap of coordination amongst the Chairmen of all the Educational Boards in the Province and for the purpose of performing the functions in the Educational Boards in smooth and transparent manner, it is expedient to amend the Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education Ordinance, 1972.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above object.

MEMBER-IN-CHARGE

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