



REPORT

OF

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HIGHER, TECHNICAL
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, SCHOOL EDUCATION UPTO
MATRICULATION & SPECIAL EDUCATION

ON

GOVERNMENT BILL NO.05 OF 2025
THE SINDH BOARDS OF INTERMEDIATE AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE BILL

The Provincial Assembly of Sindh in its sitting held on Friday, the 27th January 2025, referred the Government Bill No. 05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025 to the Standing Committee on Higher, Technical Education & Research, School Education (Upto Matriculation) & Special Education with the terms of reference to examine the Bill and report back to the Assembly within one week.

Mr. Chairman convened a meeting of the Standing Committee Higher, Technical Education & Research, School Education (Upto Matriculation) & Special Education, dated 22-05-2025, to consider the above-referred Government Bill.

The Committee examined/ considered the Bill Section by Section and approved it with some amendments/ recommendations to be presented in the Provincial Assembly of Sindh for passage of the Bill.



**SIKANDER ALI SHORO, MPA/
CHAIRMAN
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HIGHER
TECHNICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH,
SCHOOL EDUCATION (UPTO
MATRICULATION) & SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

CHAIRMAN/MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HIGHER, TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, SCHOOL EDUCATION (UPTO MATRICULATION) AND SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR GOVERNMENT BILL NO.05 OF 2025-THE SINDH BOARDS OF INTERMEDIATE AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL,2025.

The Standing Committee on Higher, Technical Education and Research, School Education (upto Matriculation) and Special Education for Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025, consisted of the following members:

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| 1. Mr. Sikandar Ali Shoro, MPA | Chairman |
| 2. Ms. Rooma Sabahat, MPA | Member |
| 3. Ms. Arooba Rabbani, MPA | Member |
| 4. Ms. Maleeha Manzoor, MPA | Member |
| 5. Mr. Shiraz Shoukat Rajper, MPA | Member |
| 6. Mr. Sajid Ali Banbhan, MPA | Member |
| 7. Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Baloch, MPA | Member |
| 8. Ms. Shazia Umar, MPA | Member |
| 9. Mr. Faisal Rafiq, MPA | Member |
| 10. Ms. Bilqees Mukhtar, MPA | Member |
| 11. Mr. Rehan Bandukda, MPA | Member |
| 12. Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaimkhani, MPA | Mover of Amendment |
| 13. Mr. Muhammad Farooqe, MPA | Mover of Amendment |
| 14. Mr. Zia ul Hassan, MPA/
Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs & Criminal Prosecution and Home, Sindh. | Ex-Officio/ Member |

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

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 Section (b), the following new Section shall be
inserted:-

“(b-i) “cadre officer” means the officer belonging to
PAS, Ex-PCS, PSS and PMS cadre;”;
 - (ii) for Section (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 Section (iii) –
 - (i) in sub-Section (e), the word “and” appearing at the

end shall be omitted;

(ii) in sub-Section (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-Section (f), the following new sub-Section 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 Section (v), the following shall be substituted:-

"(v) one representative of the civil society to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;"

(c) for Section (vi), the following shall be substituted:-

"(vi) One Headmaster/Principal and one Headmistress/Female Principal to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;"

(d) for Section (vii), the following shall be substituted:-

"(vii) One representative of Heads of Colleges to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;"

(e) for Section (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:-

"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

Amendment of section 6 of Sindh Ordinance No.VI of 1972.

Amendment of

stop at the end shall be replaced by a colon and thereafter the following proviso shall be added:-

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 | 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:-

“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 -

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

Amendment of section 13 of Sindh

- (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

Amendment of
section 15 of Sindh
Ordinance No.VI of

following proviso shall be added:-

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 Section (a), the following new Section 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:-

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“(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.

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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 -

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

(i) in Section 1 -

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

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

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

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- (ii) in Section 4, in sub-Section (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

**G.M. UMAR FAROOQ
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(ii) for Section (u), the following shall be substituted:-

“(u) “Steering Committee” means the Steering
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(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
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end shall be omitted;

(ii) in sub-Section (f), for the words "the Executive District Officer Education", the words "Directors of Secondary Education and College Education; and" shall be substituted; and

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"(v) one representative of the civil society to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;"

(c) for Section (vi), the following shall be substituted: -

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"(x) One Chairman from amongst the other Boards to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;

(xi) Additional Commissioner of the concerned Division;

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(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 | <i>Chairperson</i> |
| (ii) Secretary Universities & Boards Department | <i>Vice-Chairperson</i> |
| (iii) Secretary College Education Department | <i>Member</i> |
| (iv) Secretary School Education Department | <i>Member</i> |
| (v) Special Secretary, Finance Department | <i>Member</i> |
| (iv) Chairmen of all Educational Boards Sindh | <i>Members</i> |
| (vii) Chairman, Sindh Text Book Board Sindh / Curriculum | <i>Member</i> |
| (viii) Director General, Private Institutions, Schools & College Education Departments | <i>Members</i> |
| (ix) Representative of Services, General Administration & Coordination Department not below the rank of BPS-19, nominated by the Chief Secretary | <i>Member</i> |
| (x) Representative from the Inter Boards Coordination Commission (IBCC) | <i>Member</i> |
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| <u>(xiv) Two Members of the Provincial Assembly</u> | <i>Members</i> |

of Sindh to be nominated by the Speaker and
appointed by Controlling Authority

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

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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 *Chairperson* of the Committee may, whenever he/*she* considers necessary and shall, on requisition of one-third members of the Committee, call a meeting of the Committee.

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

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Substitution of
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9. In the said Ordinance, in section 13 -

(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;

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"(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 *prescribed*.

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“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-20/21, 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
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SECRETARY
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HIGHER, TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, SCHOOL EDUCATION (UPTO MATRICULATION) AND SPECIAL EDUCATION HELD ON 22nd MAY, 2025 TO CONSIDER GOVERNMENT BILL NO.05 OF 2025-THE SINDH BOARDS OF INTERMEDIATE AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025.

A meeting of the Standing Committee on Higher, Technical Education and Research, School Education (upto Matriculation) and Special Education was held on 22nd of May, 2025 in Committee Room No.3, New Sindh Assembly Building, Karachi for the purpose to consider Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025.

The following were present: -

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| 1. Mr. Sikandar Ali Shoro, MPA | Chairman |
| 2. Ms. Arooba Rabbani, MPA | Member |
| 3. Ms. Maleeha Manzoor, MPA | Member |
| 4. Mr. Shiraz Shoukat Rajper, MPA | Member |
| 5. Ms. Shazia Umar, MPA | Member |
| 6. Mr. Faisal Rafiq, MPA | Member |
| 7. Ms. Bilqees Mukhtar, MPA | Member |
| 8. Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaimkhani, MPA | Mover of Amendment |
| 9. Mr. Muhammad Farooq, MPA | Mover of Amendment |
| 10. Mr. Sohail Ahmed Baloch, Special Secretary, Government of Sindh,
Universities & Board Department. | |
| 11. Mr. Riaz Ahmed Jakhrani, Additional Secretary, Law, Department. | |
| 12. Muhammad Qasim Mangrio, Deputy Secretary, Provincial Assembly of
Sindh. | |
| 13. Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department | |

The proceedings of the meeting commenced with the recitation of the verses of the Holy Quran.

Mr. Muhammad Khan Rind, Secretary Committees, Provincial Assembly of Sindh, acted as Secretary to the Committee.

At the very outset, Honourable Chairman welcomed all the Members of the Standing Committee, Secretary Committees, Provincial Assembly of Sindh/Special Secretary Universities & Boards, Additional Secretary, Law Department, Government of Sindh and other distinguished participants to the meeting.

Mr. Chairman was of the view that before taking up the Bill Section by Section, it would be appropriate that the concerned Department brief the Standing Committee about the objects and reasons of the subject Government Bill.

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department: Sir, the Boards are governed under the 1972 Ordinance, which has been amended 13 times. We are now proposing 12 to 14 essential amendments to improve the functioning of the Boards, including a revised composition, the formation of a Steering Committee, and clearer powers for the Controlling Authority. A key provision addresses the appointment of a chairman on transfer, to avoid administrative issues when the position is vacant due to illness, suspension, or inquiry. Currently, assigning junior officers leads to legal disputes around 100 or 150 pending in court. The Secretary has been actively resolving these cases over the past several months, and new Chairmen have been appointed. This bill addresses urgent administrative challenges and longstanding procedural gaps.

TITLE OF THE BILL

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over "Title" of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved the "Title" of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025.

PREAMBLE

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over "Preamble" of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved the "Preamble" of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025.

SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section-1(1) and (2) of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved Section-1(1) and (2) of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section-2 (i) and (ii) of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

Engineer Sabir Hussain Kaimkhani, MPA, Mr. Muhammad Farooq, MPA, and Ms. Bilqees Mukhtiar, the mover of the amendment to sub-section (i) of Section 2, participated in the discussion.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously rejected the proposed amendment and approved Section- 2 (i) and (ii) of Government Bill No. 05 of 2025-The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 4 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section-3 (a) to (e) of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

Engineer Sabir Hussain Kaimkhani and Ms. Bilqees Mukhtiar, the mover of the amendment to sub-section (c) (vi) of Section 3, participated in the discussion.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously rejected the proposed amendment and approved Section- 3 (a) to (e) of Government Bill No. 05 of 2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 6 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -4 (1) and (2) of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved sub section-2 of Section 4 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025. However, it suggested amended Sub section (1) of Section-4, which will be read as follows.

“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.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously approved the amended sub section (1) of Section-4 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 8 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -5 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved Section 5 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 11 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -6 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved Section-6 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 11-A,11-B, 11-C IN SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -7 (1) to (5) of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

Engineer Sabir Hussain Kaimkhani, MPA, Mr. Muhammad Farooq, MPA, and Ms. Bilqees Mukhtiar, the mover of the amendment to sub-section (2) of Section 7, participated in the discussion.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously approved sub-sections (1), (3), and (4), and agreed to the proposed amendment to sub-section (2) of Section 7 of Government Bill No. 05 of 2025. It further recommended the insertion of a new clause (xiv) under sub-section (2) of Section 4, and suggested amendments to sub-section (5) as follows:

- In sub-section (5)(3), the word "*biding*" shall be substituted with "*binding*", and the word "*Chairman*" shall be substituted with "*Chairperson*".
- The new clause (xiv) under sub-section (2) of Section 4 shall read as follows:

(xiv) Two Members of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh to be nominated by the Speaker and appointed by Controlling Authority

*(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 **Chairperson** of the Committee may, whenever he/she considers necessary and shall, on requisition of one- third members of the Committee, call a meeting of the Committee.*

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously approved the proposed amendment sub-section (2), (5) of Section 7 of Government Bill No. 05 of 2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 12 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -8 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved Section-8 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 13 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -9 (a), (i) of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously approved sub-section (a) of Section 9 of Government Bill No. 05 of 2025. However, it recommended that in sub-section (i)(6) of Section 9, the word "*Specified*" be substituted with the word "*Prescribed*."

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously approved the amended sub- section (i) (6) of section 9 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 15 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -10 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

Engineer Sabir Hussain Kaimkhani, MPA, Mr. Muhammad Farooq, MPA, and Ms. Bilqees Mukhtiar, the mover of the amendment to Section 10, participated in the discussion.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously agreed to the proposed amendment to Section 10 substituting the words "*19/20*" with "*20/21*" in Government Bill No. 05 of 2025, The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously approved the amended Section 10 of Government Bill No. 05 of 2025, The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 16 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -11 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved Section-11 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 17 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -12 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved Section-12 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 18 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -13 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved Section-13 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 20 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -14 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved Section-14 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 21 OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -15 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously suggested an amendment to Section 15 of Government Bill No. 05 of 2025, which, after amendment, shall read as follows:

"21-A. Submission of yearly reports and returns: A Board shall submit to the Controlling Authority through the Steering Committee, 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."

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously approved the amended Section 15 of Government Bill No. 05 of 2025, The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE OF SINDH ORDINANCE NO.VI OF 1972

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over Section -16 (i), (ii) of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

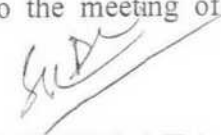
The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously approved sub-section (i) of Section 16 of Government Bill No. 05 of 2025. However, it recommended that in sub-section (ii) of Section 16, the word "*Sindh*" be substituted with the word "*Sindhi*."

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously approved the amended sub- section (ii) of section 16 of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Deputy Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, read-over the Statement of Objects and Reasons of Government Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, to the Committee for its consideration and decision by the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee unanimously approved the Statement of Objects and Reasons Bill No.05 of 2025- The Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill,2025, The meeting was then adjourned with a vote of thanks to all Members of the Standing Committee, Special Secretary, Universities and Boards, Additional Secretary Law and other distinguished participants to the meeting of the Standing Committee.


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