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[20th April, 1972]

AN ORDINANCE to reconstitute and establish Boards of Intermediate and secondary Education in Sindh and to amend and consolidate the law relating thereto.

WHEREAS it is expedient to reconstitute and establish Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education in Sindh and to amend and consolidate the law relating thereto. **Preamble.**

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Martial Law Proclamation of 25th March, 1969, read with the Provisional Constitution Order, and in exercise all powers enabling him in that behalf, the Governor of Sindh and Martial Law Administrator, Zone ‘D’ is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance :—

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the ¹Sindh Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education Ordinance, 1972. **Short title and commencement.**

(2) It shall come into force on such date as may be notified by Government in the official Gazette.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say— **Definitions.**

(a) “Audit Officer” means the Audit Officer of a Board;

²[(b) “Board” means a Board constituted and established under section 3;

³[(b-i) “cadre officer” means the officer belonging to PAS, Ex-PCS, PSS and PMS cadre;]

(c) “Chairman” means the Chairman of a Board;

(d) “College” means an institution within the jurisdiction of a Board and recognized by it for Intermediate education and includes a college,

¹ Substituted word **Sind** by **Sindh** wherever occurring by Sindh Act No. XVIII of 2013, date 19th March, 2013.

² Substituted clause by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

³ Inserted new clause by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

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having Intermediate and degree classes and affiliated to the University for the degree classes;

- ¹[(e) “Committee” means a Committee constituted under this Ordinance and, except for the purposes of sections 15 and 17, includes the Joint Academic Co-ordination Committee;]
- (f) “Controller of Examinations” means the Controller of Examination of a Board;
- (g) “Controlling Authority” means the controlling Authority of a Board;
- (h) “Government” means the Government of Sindh;
- (i) “Head Master” and “Head Mistress” mean respectively head of a Secondary School;
- (j) “Head of an Institution” means the Principal of a College or the Head master or Head Mistress of a School;
- (k) “Institution” means a School or a College and any other institution recognized as such by the Board;
- (l) “Intermediate College” means an institution recognized for imparting instructions to class XI and class XII and includes an institution having classes for Intermediate and Secondary education;
- (m) “Intermediate education” means education pertaining to class XI and class XII;
- (n) “prescribed” means prescribed by Regulations or Rules.
- (o) “Principal” means the head of a college;
- (p) “recognized” means recognized by a Board;

¹ Substituted clause by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

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- (q) “Regulations” and “Rules” means respectively the Regulations and Rules made under this Ordinance and for the time being in force;
- (r) “School” means an institution recognized only for the Secondary Education;
- (s) “Secondary Education” means education pertaining to class X and such other classes as may be declared by Government to be classes of Secondary Education;
- (t) “Secretary” means the Secretary of a Board;
- ¹[(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. ²[(1) There shall be constituted and established on and from the date to be notified by Government— **Ceaseure jurisdiction. of**
- (a) in Karachi—
 - (i) a Board called the Board of Secondary Education, Karachi; and
 - (ii) a Board called the Board of Intermediate Education, Karachi; ³[***]

¹ Substituted clause by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

² Substituted sub-section by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

³ Deleted word by Sindh Ord No. XIV of 1978, dated 30th August, 1978.

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(b) at Hyderabad a Board called the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Hyderabad;¹ ***²]

³[(c) at Sukkur, a Board called the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Sukkur;⁴ ***⁵]

⁶[(d) at Larkana, a Board called the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Larkana;⁷ ***⁸]

⁹[(e) at Mirpurkhas, a Board called the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Mirpurkhas; and¹⁰]

¹¹[(f) at Shaheed Benazirabad, a Board called the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Shaheed Benazirabad.]

(2) A Board shall be a body corporate and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power to acquire and hold property and to transfer the same, and may sue or be sued by the corporate name.

4. (1) A Board shall consist of the following members, namely:-

Constitution of the Board.

(i) the Chairman;

¹²[(ii) a nominee of the Vice-Chancellor of the University;]

¹ Replaced full-stop by semicolon and added word by Sindh Ord No. XIV of 1978, dated 30th August, 1978.

² Deleted word by Sindh Act No. III of 1996, dated 22nd January, 1996.

³ Added clause by Sindh Ord No. XIV of 1978, dated 30th August, 1978.

⁴ Replaced full-stop by semicolon and added word by Sindh Act No. III of 1996, dated 22nd January, 1996.

⁵ Deleted word by Sindh Act No. II of 2005, dated 6th July, 2005.

⁶ Added clause by Sindh Act No. III of 1996, dated 22nd January, 1996.

⁷ Substituted by Sindh Act No. II of 2005, dated 6th July, 2005.

⁸ Deleted word by Sindh Act No. V of 2016, dated 22nd March, 2016.

⁹ Added clause by Sindh Act No. II of 2005, dated 6th July, 2005.

¹⁰ Substituted semi colon and word by Sindh Act No. V of 2016, dated 22nd March, 2016.

¹¹ Added clause by *ibid*.

¹² Substituted clause by Sindh Act No. XXVII of 1972, dated 28th December, 1972.

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¹[(iii) in the case of—

- (a) the Board of Secondary Education, Karachi, the Director of School Education;
- (b) the Board of Intermediate Education, Karachi, the Director of College Education; ²[***]
- (c) the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Hyderabad, the Directors of School Education and College Education; ³***⁴]
- ⁵[(d) the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Sukkur, the Directors of School Education and College Education; ⁶***⁷]
- ⁸[(e) The Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Larkana, the Directors of Secondary Education and College Education; ⁹***¹⁰]
- ¹¹[(f) the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Mirpurkhas, ¹²[Directors of Secondary Education and College Education; and]]
- ¹³[(g) the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Shaheed Benazirabad, the Directors of Secondary Education and College Education.]

¹ Substituted clause by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

² Deleted word by Sindh Ord No. XIV of 1978, dated 30th August, 1978.

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⁹ Substituted by Sindh Act No. II of 2005, dated 6th July, 2005.

¹⁰ Omitted word by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

¹¹ Added clause by Sindh Act No. II of 2005, dated 6th July, 2005.

¹² Substituted words by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

¹³ Added sub-clause by *ibid.*

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- (iv) one expert on technical education to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;
- ¹[(v) one representative of the civil society to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;]
- ²[(vi) One Headmaster/Principal and one Headmistress/Female Principle to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;]
- (vii) One representative of Heads of Colleges to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;]
- ³[(viii) one representative of Heads of Intermediate Colleges, elected by and from among such Heads, in a case other than that of the Board of Secondary Education, Karachi;]
- (ix) two persons nominated by the Controlling Authority;
- ⁴[(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.]

(2) The names of the nominated and elected members shall be notified in the official Gazette.

(3) The term of office of members other than ex-officio members shall be two years.

(4) No member appointed by virtue of his office shall continue to be a member if he ceases to hold that office.

¹ Substituted clause by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

² Substituted clauses by *ibid.*

³ Substituted clauses by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

⁴ Substituted clause by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

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(5) When a person ceases to be a member of a Board he shall cease to be a member of any of the Committees of which he may be a member.

5. A member of a Board may resign his membership by a letter addressed to the Chairman; provided that the resignation shall not have effect until it is accepted by the Controlling Authority. **Resignation of members.**
- ¹[6. (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. **Removal of members of the Board.**
- (2) The decision of the Controlling Authority in this behalf shall be final.]
7. (1) Whenever there occurs a vacancy in the membership of a Board due to death, resignation or removal, it shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. **Casual vacancies.**
- (2) The person who fills the vacancy shall be a member of the Board for the remaining term only.
8. (1) The Chairman may, whenever he considers necessary and shall, on a requisition from at least five members of the Board, call a meeting of the Board[:]² **Meeting of the Board.**
- ³[Provided that the Chairman shall call atleast one meeting of the Board in each quarter of the year.]
- (2) The quorum for meetings of a Board shall be six.
9. (1) A Board shall exercise the powers conferred on it by or under this Ordinance in respect of ⁴[such institutions within such territorial limits as] may be notified by Government in the official Gazette. **Jurisdiction of the Board.**

¹ Substituted section by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

² Replaced full-stop by a colon by *ibid.*

³ Added proviso by *ibid.*

⁴ Substituted words by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

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(2) Government may, by general or special order, modify the jurisdiction of a Board with regard to such territorial limits or institutions.

10. The Intermediate Examination in Agriculture shall continue to be conducted by the University. **Intermediate Examination in Agriculture.**

11. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, a Board shall have power to organize, regulate, develop and control Intermediate ¹[or Secondary Education or both, as the case may be]. **Powers of a Board.**

²[(1-A) The Board shall have the power to grant certificate and diploma to the candidates promoted without examinations due to outbreak of epidemic or pandemic or Emergency declared by the Government;

Provided that the promotion of candidates shall be subject to such Standard Operating Procedures or Policy approved by Government.]

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the power conferred by the preceding sub-section, a Board ³[having jurisdiction] shall have the power—

- (i) to hold and conduct all examinations pertaining to Intermediate Education and Secondary Education and such other examinations as may be determined by Government;
- (ii) to prescribe courses of study for its examinations;
- (iii) to lay down conditions for recognition of institutions;
- (iv) to accord, refuse or withdraw recognition wholly or partly, after considering inspection reports—
 - (a) in the case of School, received from the Education Department, Government of Sindh; and

¹ Substituted words by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

² Inserted sub-section by Sindh Act No. XX of 2020, dated 12th August, 2020.

³ Substituted words by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

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- (b) in the case of Intermediate Colleges, received from an Inspection Committee appointed by the Board in this behalf;
- (v) to inspect and arrange for inspection of recognized institutions and call for inspection reports;
- (vi) to lay down conditions for admission to its examinations, to determine the eligibility of candidates and to admit them to the examinations;
- (vii) to grant certificates and diplomas to persons who have passed its examinations and to withdraw such certificates and diplomas;
- (viii) to fix, demand and receive such fees as may be prescribed;
- (ix) to supervise the residence, health and discipline of the students of recognized institutions and classes with a view to promoting their general welfare;
- (x) to institute and award scholarships, medals and prizes in accordance with the Regulations and Rules;
- (xi) to organize and promote extra-mural activities in and for recognized institutions;
- (xii) to hold, control and administer its property and funds;
- (xiii) to enter into and carry out contracts in exercise of its powers and performance of its duties under this Ordinance and the Regulations;
- (xiv) to pass the annual budget;
- (xv) to transfer any movable and immovable property;
- (xvi) to hold and manage endowments;

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- (xvii) to regulate and decide all administrative matters, including the creation and abolition of posts;

provided that it shall be lawful for the Chairman to create temporary posts for a period not exceeding six months;

- (xviii) to appoint the staff and define their duties and conditions of service in accordance with the Government rules;

- (xix) to make provision for building, premises, furniture, apparatus, books and other means required for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance

- (xx) to sanction such expenditure and to appoint such officers and staff as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, and

- (xxi) to do all other acts necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance

(3) A Board may delegate any of its powers to its Chairman or any officer of the Board or to a Sub-Committee appointed by it as it may deem fit.

¹[(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.]

²[11-A.(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. **Constitution of Steering Committee.**]

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

- (i) Minister Incharge or any other Minister **Chairperson** nominated by the Chief Minister

¹ Added sub-section by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

² Inserted sections by *ibid.*

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- (ii) Secretary Universities & Boards Department **Vice-Chairperson**
- (iii) Secretary College Education Department **Member**
- (iv) Secretary School Education Department **Member**
- (v) Special Secretary, Finance Department **Member**
- (vi) 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**
- (xiv) *Two Members of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh to be nominated by the Speaker and appointed by Controlling Authority* **Members**

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(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. (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; **Functions of the Steering Committee.**

(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. (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. **Meeting of the Steering 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.]

¹[12. 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.] **Controlling Authority.**

¹ Substituted section by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

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13. (1) The Controlling Authority shall have the power to cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as he may direct, of the offices, activities and funds of, and examination conducted by, a Board, and to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter concerning a Board ¹[including discharge of functions by the members, officers and employees of the Board]. **Powers of the Controlling Authority.**

(2) The Controlling Authority shall communicate to the Board the result of such inspection or enquiry and may advise the Board to take such action within such period as may be specified.

(3) The Board shall report to the Controlling Authority the action it proposes to take or has taken on such communication.

(4) Where the Board does not, within a reasonable time, take action to the satisfaction of the Controlling Authority, the Controlling Authority, may, after considering any explanation made by the Board issue such directions as it thinks fit, and the Chairman shall comply with such directions.

(5) If the Controlling Authority is satisfied that any proceeding of a Board or a Committee is not in conformity with this Ordinance, the Controlling Authority, may, without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this section, by order in writing, annul such proceeding:

Provided that before making any such order the Controlling Authority shall, through the Chairman, call upon the Board or the Committee, as the case may be, to show cause why such an order should not be made.

²[(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*.

(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

¹ Added words by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

² Added sub-sections by *ibid*.

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- (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.]

14. (1) The following shall be the officers of a Board—

- (i) the Chairman;
- (ii) the Secretary;
- (iii) the Controller of Examination
- (iv) the Audit Officer; and
- (v) such other officers as may be appointed by the Board.

**Officers of the
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(2) The Chairman, the Secretary, the Controller of Examinations and the Audit Officer shall be whole-time officers and shall be appointed by the Controlling Authority on such terms and conditions as may be determined by it.

15. (1) The Chairman shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of notification of his appointment and on the expiry of the term of office shall be eligible for re-appointment for such further period as may be specified in the order of appointment[:]¹ **Chairman.**

²[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.]

(2) When the office of the Chairman is vacant temporarily or otherwise, by reason of leave, illness or other cause, for a period not exceeding one year, the Controlling Authority shall make such arrangements for carrying on the duties of the office of the Chairman as it may think fit.

³[(3) The Chairman shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the Board and shall, when present, preside at the meetings of the Board or a Committee.]

(4) It shall be the duty of the Chairman to ensure that the provisions of this Ordinance and the Regulations and Rules are faithfully observed and carried out, and he shall exercise all powers necessary for this purpose.

(5) In any emergency arising out of the administrative business of the Board and requiring, in the opinion of the Chairman, immediate action, the Chairman may take such action as he may deem necessary and shall report the action so taken to the Board at its next meeting for approval.

(6) The Chairman shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed.

¹ Replaced full-stop by a colon by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

² Added proviso by *ibid.*

³ Substituted sub-section by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

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¹[15-A. (1) The Joint Academic Co-ordination Committee shall consist of the following members:— **Joint Academic Co-ordination Committee.**

- (a) the Secretary to Government of Sindh, Education Department;
- (b) the Chairmen of all Boards;
- (c) the Directors School Education;
- (d) the Director College Education;
- (e) the Director Technical Education, Sindh;
- (f) the Director Curriculum Development, Sindh; and
- (g) the Chairman, Sindh Text Book Board.

(2) The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Education Department shall be the Chairman of the Committee.

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

(4) The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be one-third of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.

(5) The Committee shall have the general superintendence and control of, and be responsible for, the maintenance of the standards of teaching and examination.

(6) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions the Committee shall co-ordinate the functions of the academic committees of the Boards.]

16. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance the powers and duties of other officers of the Board shall be such ²[as may be prescribed]. **Other Officers.**

¹ Inserted new section by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

² Substituted words by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

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17. (1) A Board shall have the power to make Regulations consistent with this Ordinance on all or any of the following matters, namely:— **Powers of the Board to make Regulations.**

(a) the constitution, powers and duties of Committees.

¹[(a-i) power and duties of the officers of the Board;]

(b) additional powers and duties of the officers of the Board mentioned in section 14;

(c) rules of service including rules regulating disciplinary action, grant of leave and retirement of the employees of the Board;

(d) constitution of pension or Provident Fund or both for the benefit of the officers and other employees of the Board;

(e) admission of institution to the privilege of recognition and withdrawal of recognition;

(f) general scheme of studies, including the total number of subject to be taught and the duration of courses; and

(g) such other matters as may appear necessary for giving effect to the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) The Regulation approved by the Board shall be submitted to Government and shall not take effect until they are approved by Government. Government may approve or disallow or remit them to the Board with its recommendations for further consideration.

18. ²[(1)] A Board may make Rules consistent with this Ordinance and the Regulations to provide for— **Powers of the Board to make Rules.**

(i) inspection of institutions and the reports, returns and other information to be furnished by them;

¹ Inserted clause by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

² Numbered as sub-section (1) by *ibid.*

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- (ii) conditions of admission of candidates to the examinations and eligibility for diplomas, certificates and titles; and
- (iii) such other matters as may be required to be prescribed by Rules in the Regulations.

¹[(2) The provisions of sub-section (2) of section 17 shall mutatis mutandis apply to the rules.]

19. A Board shall have a fund to which shall be credited all its income including income from fees, endowments, grant and contributions. **Funds.**
20. (1) The accounts of a Board shall be maintained in such manner as may be prescribed by Rules. **Accounts and Audits.**
- (2) The statement of accounts of a Board shall be submitted to Government ²[after the end of every financial year, duly audited together with the report of the auditor].
- (3) The account of the Board shall be audited in such manner as may be prescribed by the Regulations.
21. (1) A Board shall establish for the benefit of its employees such pension or Provident Fund or both as it may deem fit in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed. **Provident Fund or Pension.**
- (2) Government may, by notification, declare that the provisions of the Provident Fund Act, 1925, shall apply to such fund, and on the making of such declaration that Act shall apply accordingly as if such Board were Government and the said fund were the Government Provident Fund. **Act XIX of 1925.**
- ³[21-A. 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.] **Submission of yearly reports and returns.**

¹ Added sub-section by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

² Substituted words by *ibid.*

³ Inserted section by *ibid.*

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22. No member of a Board shall draw any fee or other remuneration in any capacity whatever from the funds of the Board or enter into any contract with the Board directly or through any other person in connection with the affairs of the Board: **Members prohibited from driving monetary gains.**
- Provided that the emoluments of the Chairman shall in accordance with the terms and conditions of his appointment, be paid from the funds of the Board:
- Provided further that a member of a Committee may receive from the Board remuneration in lump-sum for writing, compiling or editing a book intended to be prescribed for an examination of the Board.
23. No person who has any financial interest in any book prescribed by a Board as a course of study for any examination conducted by such Board or has a financial interest as a partner or otherwise in any firm which publishes, procures, or supplies any such book, shall be eligible to become a member of such Board or a Committee thereof or continue as such after having acquired any such interest. **Bar against membership.**
24. No act or proceedings of a Board or any Committee shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy on the Board or the Committee, as the case may be, or by reason of any irregularity in the appointment of any member of the Board or the Committee. **Validation.**
25. No act done, orders passed or proceedings taken by a Board shall be called in question in any court by a suit or otherwise. **Bar to suits.**
26. Members of the Board and the Committee constituted under this Ordinance, the employees of the Board and other persons appointed for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance, shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Pakistan Penal Code. **Members and employees to be public servants.**
27. No suit for damages or other legal proceedings shall be instituted against Government, the Controlling Authority, the Board, any Committee, any member of the Board or Committee, or officer or employee of the Board in respect of anything done or purported to have been done in good faith in pursuance of this Ordinance and the Regulations and Rules made thereunder. **Protection of acts and orders.**

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28. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Ordinance, the Regulations set out in the Schedule shall, on the commencement of this Ordinance, be deemed to be the First Regulations framed by the Board under section 17. **First Regulations.**

(2) The Regulation laid down by Government within three months of the date of commencement of this Ordinance shall become part of the Schedule.

29. (1) From the date of commencement of this Ordinance and till such time as the nominated and elected members are appointed, the Chairman and the ex-officio members shall exercise all the power and perform all the duties of the Board and its Committees. **Transitional provisions.**

(2) On the appointment of the nominated and elected members, the Board shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of the Committees of the Board till such Committees are constituted.

(3) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Ordinance, the Controlling Authority may take such action to remove the difficulty as it may deem necessary.

30. ¹[(1) On the constitution and establishment of a Board under section 3, the following enactments shall, in relation to such Board, stand repealed:— **Savings.**

(i) The Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Hyderabad Ordinance, 1961 (West Pakistan Ordinance XVII of 1961); and

(ii) The Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Karachi Ordinance, 1962 (West Pakistan Ordinance III of 1962.)]

²[(2)] Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Ordinance and the Regulations made thereunder, everything done, action taken, obligation or liability incurred, rights and assets acquired, person appointed or authorized, jurisdiction or power conferred, endowment, bequest or fund created, donation and grant made, scholarship or award instituted, recognition granted

¹ Substituted sub-section by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

² Renumbered sub-section by *ibid*.

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and order issued under any of the provisions of the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Hyderabad Ordinance, 1961 (West Pakistan Ordinance XVII of 1961) and the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Karachi Ordinance, 1962 (West Pakistan Ordinance III of 1962) and the regulations and rules made thereunder, shall be continued and so far as may be, be deemed to have been respectively done, taken, incurred, acquired, appointed or authorised, conferred, created, made, instituted, granted and issued under this Ordinance or the Regulations made thereunder.

¹[(3)] The Board shall have the power to decide whether any regulation or rule framed under the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Hyderabad Ordinance, 1961 (West Pakistan Ordinance XVII of 1961), and the Board of Intermediate and secondary Education, Karachi Ordinance, 1962 (West Pakistan Ordinance III of 1962), is or is not consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance and the Regulations and Rules made thereunder.

¹ Renumbered sub-section by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

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SCHEDULE

The First Regulations of the Board

1. The Chairman shall exercise control over the office of the Board as its principal executive and academic officer and shall do all acts to ensure that the officers and the staff properly perform the duties entrusted to them. In particular he shall **Powers and duties of the Chairman.**
 - ¹[(i) write confidential reports of officers of the Board working in BPS-17 and above;]
 - (ii) recommend to the Board any disciplinary action that he considers necessary against officers mentioned in clause (i);
 - ²[(iii) write confidential reports of employees of the Board working in BPS-16 and below;]
 - (iv) appoint Superintendents of Examination.

2. (1) The Secretary shall, subject to the control of the Chairman, be in charge of the academic and administrative sector of the Board's office and shall cause the orders and decisions of the Board and the Chairman to be carried out. **Powers and duties of the Secretary**
 - (2) The Secretary shall take all possible steps to ensure that the funds of the Board are spent on the purpose for which they are provided.
 - (3) The Secretary shall cause to be prepared and submit to the Board for approval the annual statement of accounts and budget estimates.
 - (4) All meetings of the Board and the Committees shall be convened by the Secretary under the directions of the Chairman. While preparing the agenda for a meeting of the Board or a Committee, the Secretary shall carry out the directions of the Chairman given in this respect and no item shall be placed on agenda or be considered in the meeting without previous permission of the Chairman.

¹ Substituted sub-clause by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

² Substituted sub-clause by *ibid*.

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(5) The Secretary shall record the minutes and maintain the records of the proceedings of the Board and the Committees.

(6) The Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence of the Board under the authority of the Chairman except the correspondence relating to the conduct of examinations.

(7) All fees and dues payable to the Board, and all sums received by the Secretary, shall be credited without delay to the account of the Board in a Bank or treasury approved by the Board.

(8) The Secretary shall issue to successful candidates on behalf of the Board, in the prescribed form, certificates of having passed the examinations held by the Board.

(9) The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Chairman.

(10) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Regulations the Board may assign to any other officer or officers such duties of the Secretary as it may deem necessary.

¹[(11)***]

3. The Controller of Examinations shall, subject to the control of the Chairman, be incharge of the Examination sector of the Board and shall— **Duties and powers of the Controller of Examinations.**
- (i) make arrangements for the conduct of all examinations of the Board;
 - (ii) conduct official correspondence of the Board relating to the examinations, and
 - (iii) perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Chairman.

¹ Omitted paragraph by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

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4. (1) The Academic Committee shall consist of—
- Constitution of the
Academic
Committee.**
- (i) the Chairman of the Board;
 - ¹[(ii) a nominee of the Vice-Chancellor of the University;]
 - (iii) the Director of Education concerned;
 - (iv) one expert in technical education, to be nominated by the Controlling Authority;
 - (v) one representative each of the following groups of Teaching Departments of the University nominated by the Controlling Authority, namely:—
 - (a) Humanities and Social Sciences;
 - (b) Natural Sciences and Mathematics;
 - (c) Islamic Studies and Oriental Languages; and
 - (d) Other Languages.
 - (vi) Conveners of the Boards of Studies of the University for the following subjects, namely:—
 - (a) Medicine;
 - (b) Agriculture;
 - (c) Engineering;
 - (d) Commerce; and
 - (e) Education.

¹ Substituted clause by Sindh Act No. XXVII of 1972, dated 28th December, 1972.

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- (vii) Heads of the Teaching Departments of the University for ¹[*Sindhi*], ²[English] and Urdu, and
- (viii) the following members nominated by the Controlling Authority: —
- (a) five Conveners of Committees of Courses;
 - (b) two Principals of Colleges maintained by Government, of whom one shall be a woman;
 - (c) three Principals of Colleges not maintained by Government;
 - (d) two Heads of Intermediate Colleges maintained by Government;
 - (e) one Head of an Intermediate College not maintained by Government;
 - (f) three Headmasters or Headmistresses of Schools maintained by Government, of whom one shall be a woman;
 - (g) three Headmasters or Headmistresses of Schools not maintained by Government;
 - (h) one Inspector of Schools;
 - (i) one Inspectress of Schools;
 - (j) two teachers of Intermediate Classes;
 - (k) two teachers of Secondary Classes; and
 - (l) two other persons.

¹ Substituted word by Sindh Act No. XV of 2025, dated 13th June, 2025.

² Substituted word by *ibid.*

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(2) The members of the Academic Committee, other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for two years. **Terms of office of member of the academic Committee.**

(3) The quorum for the meetings of the Academic Committee shall be one third of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one. **Quorum for the meetings.**

(4) (a) The Academic Committee shall have the general superintendence and control of and the responsibility for the maintenance of the standards of teaching and examination. **Powers and duties of the Academic Committee.**

(b) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, the Academic Committee shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties, namely:—

- (i) to determine the subject or subjects which shall be assigned to each Committee of Courses;
- (ii) to advise the Board on the qualifications of the teachers and examiners, their duties and conditions of appointment;
- (iii) to advise the Board on all academic matters including the general schemes of studies for an examination, the number of subjects to be included in an examination, the value of each subject in respect of marks to be assigned to it, and the conditions to be fulfilled for passing an examination and for being placed in a particular division; and
- (iv) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed;

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5. (1) The Appointments Committee shall consists of—

**Term of office of
members of the
Appointments
Committee.**

(i) The Chairman of the Board;

¹[(ii) In the case of—

(a) the Board of Secondary Education, Karachi, the Chairman, Board of Intermediate Education, Karachi;

(b) the Board of Intermediate Education, Karachi, the Chairman, Board of Secondary Education Karachi; and

(c) the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, ²³[Hyderabad or Mirpurkhas] or ⁴[Sukkur or Larkana], ⁵[Shaheed Benazirabad] the Vice-Chairman or his nominee;

(iii) in the case of—

(a) the Board of Secondary Education Karachi, the Director of School Education;

(b) the Board of Intermediate Education Karachi, the Director College Education; and

(c) the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, ⁶⁷[Hyderabad or Mirpurkhas] or ⁸[Sukkur or Larkana], ⁹[Shaheed Benazirabad] the Directors of School Education and College Education;]

(iv) two nominees of the Controlling Authority.

¹ Substituted clauses by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

² Substituted words by Sindh Ord No. XIV of 1978, dated 30th August, 1978.

³ Substituted words by Sindh Act No. II of 2005, dated 6th July, 2005.

⁴ Substituted words by Sindh Act No. III of 1996, dated 22nd January, 1996.

⁵ Added words by Sindh Act No. V of 2016, dated 22nd March, 2016.

⁶ Substituted words by Sindh Ord No. XIV of 1978, dated 30th August, 1978.

⁷ Substituted words by Sindh Act No. II of 2005, dated 6th July, 2005.

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(2) The Appointments Committee shall recommend the appointment, confirmation and scale of pay of officers or employees of the Board whose scales of pay carry an initial salary of ¹[four] hundred rupees or more per mensem.

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

(4) The quorum for a meeting of the Appointments Committee shall be three.

6. (1) The Finance Committee shall consist of—

(i) The Chairman of the Board;

²[(ii) in the case of—

(a) the Board of Secondary Education Karachi, the Director of School Education;

(b) the Board of Intermediate Education, Karachi, the Director College Education; and

(c) the Board of intermediate and the Secondary Education ³[⁴[Hyderabad or Mirpurkhas] or ⁵[Sukkur or Larkana]], ⁶[Shaheed Benazirabad] the Directors of School Education and College Education;]

(iii) one representative of the Finance Department, Government of Sindh; and

(iv) two nominees of the Controlling Authority;

(2) The functions of the Finance Committee shall be—

(i) to examine the annual budget and advise the Board thereon; and

**Constitution and
functions of the
Finance
Committee.**

¹ Substituted word by Sindh Act No. XX of 1973, dated 5th December, 1973.

² Substituted clause by *ibid*.

³ Substituted words by Sindh Ord No. XIV of 1978, dated 30th August, 1978.

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- (ii) to review the financial position of the Board periodically and make recommendations to the Board for improving its finances.

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

(4) The quorum for the meetings of the Finance Committee shall be three.

7. (1) There shall be a Committee for appointment of Paper Setters and Head Examiners and shall consist of—

Constitution and functions of the Committee for appointment of paper Setters and Head Examiners.

- (i) the Chairman of the Board;

¹[(ii) in the case of—

(a) the Board of Secondary Education Karachi, the Chairman, Board of Intermediate Education, Karachi;

(b) the Board of Intermediate Education, Karachi, the Chairman, Board of Secondary Education Karachi; and

(c) the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, ²[³[Hyderabad or Mirpurkhas] or ⁴[Sukkur or Larkana]], ⁵[Shaheed Benazirabad] the Vice-Chancellor or his nominee; and

(iii) in the case of—

(a) the Board of Secondary Education Karachi, the Director of School Education;

(b) the Board of Intermediate Education Karachi, the Director College Education; and

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- (c) the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education ¹[²[Hyderabad or Mirpurkhas] or ³[Sukkur or Larkana]], ⁴[Shaheed Benazirabad] the Directors of School Education and College Education.]

(2) The functions of the Committee for appointment of Paper Setters and Head Examiners shall be to appoint Paper Setters and Head Examiners for all examinations conducted by the Board, after considering the recommendations of the Committee of Courses in this behalf. Where a Committee of Courses does not make its recommendations within the time specified by the Committee for appointment of Paper Setters and Head Examiners, the Committee will make these appointments without the recommendations of the Committee of Courses.

8. (1) There shall be a Committee of Courses for each subject or a group of allied subjects included in the courses of studies organized by the Board. Each such Committee shall consist of the following, namely:—
- Committee of Courses.**
- (i) two teachers of the subject from among the teachers of the Intermediate Education, nominated by the Academic Committee;
- (ii) two teachers of the subject from among the teachers of the Secondary Education, nominated by the Academic Committee;
- (iii) two persons having experience of Intermediate Education or Secondary Education, nominated by the Board; and
- (iv) one expert in the subject, nominated by the Chairman:

Provided that if in a subject the required number of teachers is not available, the Chairman may decide that the number of the members of the Committee of Courses for the subject concerned may be less than seven or may permit the nomination of suitable

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² Substituted words by Sindh Act No. II of 2005, dated 6th July, 2005.

³ Substituted words by Sindh Act No. III of 1996, dated 22nd January, 1996.

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persons who are not teachers, as members of a particular Committee of Courses.

(2) The term of office of the members of the Committee of Courses shall be two years:

Provided that if a vacancy occurs during the course of two years, the member appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office for the remaining term only.

(3) Each Committee of Courses shall consider academic matters relating to the subject or subjects with which it is concerned and shall recommend to the Academic Committee the courses of study and text books to be prescribed as well as the conditions to be fulfilled for passing the relevant examination in the subject or subjects.

(4) Each Committee of Courses shall have a Convener who shall be nominated by the Board.

(5) The quorum for meetings of the Committee of Courses shall be four.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations, when a person ceases to be member of a Committee, he shall cease to be a member of any Sub-Committee of which he may be a member by virtue of his membership of that Committee. **Ceasing to be a member of Sub-Committee.**

10. (1) The Board shall accord recognition, for the Secondary School Examination, to such schools as are within the jurisdiction of the Board in Sindh if it is satisfied, on the basis of the inspection report received from the Divisional Inspector of Schools of the Division concerned, through the Education Department, Government of Sindh, that the conditions prescribed for recognition have been satisfactorily fulfilled. **Recognition.**

(2) If the Board, on the basis of a report received from the Divisional Inspector of Schools, through the Education Department, Government of Sindh, is satisfied that the conditions of recognition have ceased to be fulfilled by any school, the Board may cancel the recognition.

(3) The Board may, if it considers necessary, arrange a special inspection of any school by an Inspection Committee appointed by it.

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11. (1) No expenditure shall be made from the funds of Board, unless **Audit.** the bill for its payment has been audited by the Audit Officer in conformity with the Regulations and Rules.
- (2) The statement of accounts of the Board, signed by the Secretary and the Audit Officer, shall be submitted to Government within six months of the closing of the financial year.
- (3) The accounts of the Board shall be audited once a year, in conformity with the Regulations and Rules, by Auditors appointed by Government for this purpose.