



Nishtarian Society UK

# Minutes of Nishtar Society Executive Members Meeting

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Time:** 13:30 hrs

**Venue:** Draycote Hotel

**Funded by:** President of NSUK

## **Attendees:**

- Professor Amjad Shad (President, NSUK)
- Dr Riaz Malik
- Dr. Farhan Rashid
- Dr. Maaz Tareen
- Dr. Ahmed Faraz Bhatti
- Professor Mohammad Mukhtar (Invited Guest)
- Dr. Rashid Bhatti (Invited Guest)
- Dr. Anwar ul Haq (Invited Guest)
- Mr Shahid Sahu (Legal Expert)
- Dr. Sadiq Tasneem
- Dr. Mohammad Ajmal
- Dr. Shafqat Bukhari
- Dr. Nudrat Hashmi
- Dr. Durre Shahwar
- Dr Athar Sheikh
- Dr Muhammad Farhan Rasheed

## **Apologies:**

- Dr. Zammad Chishti
- Dr. Sajid Mahmood
- Dr. Awais Khalil
- Dr. Najaf Siddiqi
- Dr. Mohammad Sohail

(All these members sent pre-commitment apologies for not being able to attend the meeting)

## **Meeting Summary**

### **1. Introduction of Members**

The meeting commenced with the introduction of all executive members and invited guests.

### **2. Oath Taking Ceremony**

Professor Amjad Shad administered the oath to the following members who could not take the oath in the previous Manchester meeting:

- Dr. Ahmed Faraz Bhatti
- Dr. Farhan Rashid
- Dr. Maaz Tareen

### **3. Prayer for Dr. Iftikhar ul Haq**

A prayer was held in memory of Dr. Iftikhar ul Haq, an eminent Nishtarman who was working as a neurosurgeon in Canada, who passed away a few days ago.

### **4. Discussion on 100 Days Agenda**

Professor Amjad Shad discussed the 100 Days Agenda, which included the following key points:

#### **4.1 Formation of a Constitutional Committee**

A constitutional committee was established, comprising:

- Professor Amjad Shad
- Professor Mohammad Mukhtar
- Dr. Irfan Raees

#### **4.2 Joint Secretary and Vice President Posts.**

It was agreed by all members that the positions of Joint Secretary and Vice President should be included in the constitution.

### **4.3 Structure of NSUK.**

The structure of the Nishtarian society should recognise the participation of Nishtarians from Ireland and it was suggested by the members to change the name of the society from NSUK to NSUKI. Members also agreed to register the organisation as a charitable organisation. This requires appointment of trustees ranging from a minimum of five people to a maximum of nine. The following names were agreed.

1. Dr. Rasheed Bhatti
2. Dr. Sadiq Tasneem
3. Dr. Mohammad Ajmal
4. Dr. Shafqat Bukhari
5. Dr. Nudrat Hashmi

### **5. Schedule of Future Executive Committee Meetings.**

- June: London
- July: Manchester
- Quarterly meetings there after

It was agreed that executive members should attend at least 3 out of 4 meetings and provide a valid reason for any absence.

### **6. Virtual MDTs**

Setup of monthly Virtual Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings with Nishtar Medical University, Pakistan. The following committee members will be responsible for initiating these meetings.

- Dr. Farhan Rashid
- Dr. Maaz Tareen
- Dr. Najaf Siddiqi

A road map for all MDTs will be published well in advance.

### **7. Financial Briefing**

#### **7.1 Briefing on Current Account Situation of NSUK:**

Dr. Nudrat Hashmi provided a comprehensive briefing on the current account situation of the NSUK account. She presented an overview of the account balance, recent transactions, and overall financial health. Her analysis highlighted the areas of strength and potential concerns that need to be addressed to maintain financial stability.

## **7.2 Detailed Briefing on Expenditures of the Organization:**

Dr. Nudrat Hashmi continued with a detailed briefing on the organization's expenditures. She outlined the major expenses incurred over the past period, categorized them by type, and provided insights into cost-saving measures. The briefing included a breakdown of operational costs, program expenses, and miscellaneous expenditures, along with recommendations for more efficient budget management.

## **8. Website Design, Social Media Coverage, and Data Collection**

Dr. M Farhan Rasheed provided a briefing on the following points:

- **Website Design Proposals:** He outlined various proposals for the design and functionality of the new NSUK website.
- **Social Media Coverage:** Plans for expanding NSUK's presence on different social media platforms were discussed.
- **Data Collection of New Members:** Strategies for collecting data from new members were proposed, including the development of a survey form.

The proposed survey form for future data collection was approved by all members.

## **9. Website Design and Management Committee**

A committee for website design and management was formed, including:

- Dr. Ahmed Faraz Bhatti
- Dr. Durre Shahwar
- Dr. M Farhan Rasheed (Lead)

## **10. Registration Committee.**

Setup of a Registration Committee to expedite the registration of NSUK as a charitable organization. The following members were nominated:

- Dr. Sadiq Tasneem
- Dr. Ahmed Faraz Bhatti
- Dr. Durre Shahwar

## **11. Updating the Nishtarian Database:**

Currently, over a thousand Nishtarian doctors are working in the UK, but our database includes only about two hundred of these professionals. To bridge this gap, we are committed to expanding our database to include as many Nishtarians as possible. To facilitate this, we have developed an electronic registration form designed specifically to collect the necessary information efficiently and effectively.

## **12. Nishtar House Agenda**

Members agreed on the President's proposal to work on buying a house either in Manchester or Birmingham with a preference for Manchester once the funds are available. The accommodation will be provided for Nishtarians coming from Pakistan to the United Kingdom for their studies. Trustees will be responsible for the functioning of the Nishtar House. Dr. Shafqat Bukhari and Dr. Nudrat Hashmi will manage the charity account.

The meeting was adjourned with a consensus on the discussed points and the next steps to be taken. Next meeting was agreed to be held in London on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2024.

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### **Minutes Prepared by:**

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