

**MINUTES OF THE 87<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE MAHAPOLA HIGHER EDUCATION  
SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND**

**DATE & TIME:** 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2021 AT 7.40 A.M.

**VENUE:** MINISTRY OF TRADE, NO.22, VAUXHALL STREET,  
COLOMBO 2.

**PRESENT:**

1. HON. DR BANDULA GUNAWARDENA MINISTER OF TRADE	FOUNDER TRUSTEE
2. MRS. BHADRANIE JAYAWARDHANA	EX OFFICIO TRUSTEE
3. PROF. KAPILA PERERA	EX OFFICIO TRUSTEE
4. MR. S.V.D. KESARRALAL GUNASEKARA	APPOINTED TRUSTEE
5. DR. RAVI LIYANAGE	APPOINTED TRUSTEE

**EXCUSED**

1. HIS LORDSHIP THE CHIEF JUSTICE HON. J. JAYASURIYA P.C.	EX. OFFICIO TRUSTEE
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**BY INVITATION**

- (i) Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director MTF
- (ii) Ms. R. Arulanandan, representing S S P Corporate Services (Private) Limited, Secretaries

**PRELIMINARY**

The Board decided to consider the Hon. Chief Justice as excused having noted the contents of his letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

In the absence of Hon. J, Jayasuriya, P.C., Chief Justice, Hon. Dr Bandula Gunawardena, Minister of Trade was appointed as Chairman pro tem to preside over the meeting.

**PROCEEDINGS**

**1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 86<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2021**

The Minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Mahapola Higher Education Trust Fund held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 which had been circulated were approved by the Board. Proposed by

Dr. Ravi Liyanage and seconded by Mr. S.V.D. Kesarralal Gunasekera, the Chairman signed the minutes as a correct record of the proceedings.

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

3. **BOARD PAPER NO.1**  
**AMENDMENT OF MAHAPOLA ACT NO.66 OF 1981**

Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director tabled Board Paper No.1 in connection with the above.

Mr. M.P. Bandara informed the Board, that as approved by the Board of Trustees and the COPE directions the Mahapola Act is proposed to be amended and the draft of the amendment submitted to the Legal Draftsman to prepare the amended bill to be submitted to Cabinet.

The Board was informed that the proposed amendments are:

- (i) Change of the subject Ministry of Mahapola from the Ministry of Higher Education to the Ministry of Trade (before the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment approved by the Cabinet, it was under the Ministry of Trade).
- (ii) Change the Chairmanship of the Fund, COPE directives and the approval of the BOT. Chairman Ex-officio members held Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka proposed to be changed and a retired Judge of the Supreme Court to be appointed as a member and the Chairman of the Board.
- (iii) Name of the Fund to be re-named as "Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund.

Mr. P. Bandara, Director informed the Board that the Ministry of Trade is working on the proposed amendment to the Act to be submitted to the Cabinet early.

A copy of the draft amended Act was tabled for the information of the Board. The Board was informed that the Hon Chief Justice has written to the Secretary to the President that he cannot be the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

4. **BOARD PAPER NO.2**  
**APPROVAL FOR THE DRAFT CABINET MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNCOLLECTED REVENUE OF THE DEVELOPMENT LOTTERIES BOARD (DLB)**

Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director tabled Board Paper No.2 in connection with the above.

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