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[13TH JULY, 2026.]

AN ACT to provide for regulation and management of the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center (JPMC), Karachi and National Institute of Child Health (NICH), Karachi.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for regulation and management of the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center (JPMC), Karachi and National Institute of Child Health (NICH), Karachi, and to provide for the matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto.

Preamble.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center and National Institute of Child Health, Karachi (Regulation and Management) Act, 2026.

Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

(3) This Act shall be applicable for the regulation and management of the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center and National Institute of Child Health, Karachi during the term of the Agreement executed between the Federal Government and Government of Sindh.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context –

Definitions.

- (i) “Academic Council” means the Academic Council of the Centre and Institute”
- (ii) “Agreement” means the Operation and Management Agreement signed between the Federal Government and Government of Sindh, through the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination, Government of Pakistan and Health Department, Government of Sindh, entered into force on 8th August, 2023 for a term of twenty-five (25) years, for management and operational control of the Centre and Institute;
- (iii) “Board” means the Board of Governments of the Centre and Institute constituted under this Act;
- (iv) “Centre” Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, Karachi;
- (v) “Chairperson” means the Chairman of the Board;

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- (vi) "Department" means the Health Department, Government of Sindh;
- (vii) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Centre and Institute, as the case may be, appointed under this act;
- (viii) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;
- (ix) "Institute" means the National Institute of Child Health, Karachi;
- (x) "Member" means a Member of the Board;
- (xi) "prescribed" means prescribed by regulations or rules;
- (xii) "rules" or "regulations" means the rules or regulations made under this Act;
- (xiii) "Selection Board" means the Selection Board of the Centre and Institute, as the case may be;
- (xiv) "student" means student of the Centre and Institute; and
- (xv) "University" means the Jinnah Sindh Medical University, Karachi.
3. The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to, and shall not be in derogation with, the provisions of Agreement or any other law, for the time being in force. **Provisions of this Act in addition but not in derogation.**
4. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, judgment or decree of any Court, the Institute Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center and National Institute of Child Health shall be regulated and managed in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Agreement. **Regulation and Management of the Centre and Institute.**
- (2) If there is any inconsistency between the provisions of this Act and the Agreement, the provisions of the Agreement shall prevail.
- (3) The Department shall, during the term of the agreement, oversee all the administrative affairs of the Centre, subject to policies and decisions of the Board and shall be responsible for all the matters including but not limited to the terms and conditions of the employees of the Centre and Institute.

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(4) During the term of agreement, all new appointments in the Centre and Institute shall be made with the approval of the Board:

Provided that the services of faculty of the Centre or Institute may be utilized without affecting the career progression of the regular employees of the Centre and Institute.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, the permanent employees of Federal Government, employed prior to 30th June 2011, serving in the Centre or Institute shall be on deputation with Government, and shall be eligible for appointment in the University irrespective of their domiciles subject to the qualification or eligibility criteria of faculty posts in the Centre or Institute.

5. (1) All properties, rights and interest of whatever kind used, enjoyed, possessed, owned or vested in, or held in trust by the Centre and Institute and all liabilities legally subsisting against them, shall during the term of the Agreement, stand transferred to Government. **Properties and Persons.**

(2) All persons serving in the Center and/or Institute shall, during the term of the Agreement, shall be deemed to be the employees on deputation to Government and shall serve on the same terms and conditions as they were enjoying prior to enactment of this Act:

Provided that Government may modify or revise the terms and conditions of the employees serving prior to enactment of this Act but shall terms and conditions shall not be less favourable than those admissible prior to their transfer to Government under sub-section (1):

Provided further that the employees shall, during the term of the Agreement, be liable to such efficiency and disciplinary rules and such other rules of Government as the Board may determine:

(3) The Department shall, in respect of the persons transferred under sub-section (2) -

- (i) exercise all such administrative and financial powers as were exercisable by the Federal Government and authority subordinate to it, prior to execution of the Agreement;

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- (ii) initiate disciplinary proceedings against any such person and refer the case of competent authority for further action.
6. Subject to other provisions of this Act or any other law, for the time being force, the functions of the Centre or Institute, as the case may be, shall be as follows:-
- Functions of the Institute.**
- (i) to undertake treatment and acquire latest physical facilities necessary for carrying out investigation of general diseases in the field of medical sciences;
 - (ii) to develop methodology and standardize technique for the investigation and treatment of various general diseases;
 - (iii) to undertake undergraduate or postgraduate teaching, training and refresher courses in the principles of medical sciences with emphasis on nursing, paramedics, medics and bio-medics;
 - (iv) to undertake undergraduate or postgraduate teaching programs such as Postgraduate Diploma, Master or Philosophy, Master of Surgery and Doctorate of Medicines; Membership or Fellowship of the College of Physician and Surgeons, Pakistan or equivalent;
 - (v) to carry out and promote research, drug trials, surveys, experiments and demonstrations in the field of medical sciences, diseases pattern, their prevention and treatment;
 - (vi) to publish research papers, studies and such other works as are completed at the Centre or Institute or are prepared in collaboration with any other similar institute or agency, local or foreign or which are otherwise of substantial value to the Centre or Institute;
 - (vii) to organize seminars and conferences and to promote co-operation with national and international agencies, organizations, institutions and universities in activities falling within the purview of the Centre or Institute; and

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(viii) to undertake all such activities or do such other acts and things as may be necessary to further the objectives of the Centre or Institute, as the case may be.

7. The Centre and/or Institute shall be open to all persons of either sex of whatever religion, race, creed, caste, colour or domicile who are academically qualified for admission to the courses of study offered by the Centre and/or Institute, as the case may be, and no person shall be denied the privilege on the ground only of sex, religion, race, creed, caste, colour or domicile. **Centre or Institute open to all.**
8. (1) Government may, during the term of the Agreement, issue guidelines and principles with respect to admissions in the Centre or Institute, as the case may be. **Admission Policy.**
- (2) The Academic Council shall frame Admission Policy in consonance with such guidelines and principles.
9. (1) During the term of the Agreement, the general directions and administration of the Centre and/or Institute and its affairs shall vest in the Board which may exercise all powers and do all acts and things which may be exercised or done by the Centre or Institute. **General directions and administration of the Centre and institute.**

(2) The Board shall consist of the following:-

1.	Chief Minister Sindh	Chairperson
2.	Minister Health Department, Government of Sindh	Vice-Chairperson
3.	Two Members of Provincial Assembly of Sindh nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly	Members
4.	Secretary, Health Department, Government of Sindh	Member
5.	Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Sindh	Member
6.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad	Member
7.	Vice Chancellor Jinnah Sindh Medical University	Member
8.	Representative of Patient Aid Foundation (PAF)	Member
9.	Elected Mayor of Karachi	Member
10.	Executive Directors of Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center and National Institute of Child Health Karachi	Members

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11.	Representative of Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Karachi	Member
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(3) The Executive Director of the Center and/or Institute, as the case may be, shall also act as Secretary of the Board.

(4) The Board may associate any advisor or expert as it may consider necessary for the any particular purpose but such advisor or expert shall not have right to vote.

(5) A Member other than ex-officio Member may resign his office in writing addressed to the Board and thereupon he shall cease to hold office.

(6) A Member other than ex-officio Member, shall cease to hold office if he does not attend three consecutive meetings of the Board without nay valid reason.

(7) Unless a Member ceases to hold office, the term of office of member, other than ex-officio member, shall be three years.

(8) When a person is appointed to be a member by virtue of holding an office, he shall cease to be such member when he ceases to hold that office.

10. (1) The Board shall, during the term of the Agreement and subject to the provisions of this Act and rules or regulations and Agreement, regulate and manage the Centre and/or Institute, for its proper and efficient functioning. **Powers and functions of the Board.**

(2) The Board shall have the following powers and functions in respect of the Centre or Institute, as the case may be:-

- (a) to hold, control and administer the property, funds and resources
- (b) to borrow or raise money with the approval of Government;
- (c) to exercise supervision and over all control;
- (d) to consider and approve annual research programme, annual reports and audit statements of accounts;
- (e) to create new posts and suspend or abolish such new posts of teaching and non-teaching staff and to appoint persons thereto;

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- (f) to appoint and prescribe terms and conditions of the services of the teaching and non-teaching staff;
- (g) to cause proper books of accounts to be kept for all sums of money received and expended and for assets and liabilities;
- (h) to lay down its own rules of procedure;
- (i) to frame rules and regulations;
- (j) to appoint committees or sub-committees as deemed fit for carrying out the purpose of this Act;
- (k) to delegate any of its powers to the Secretary of the Department or Executive Director, excepting the approval of budgetary estimates;
- (l) to call or summon any officer or any report and can cause an investigation to happen on any matter of interest; and
- (m) to perform such other functions for the purpose of achieving the objectives of this Act or as may be assigned by Government.

11. The Center and Institute shall have the following Committees :-

**Committees of the
Centre and
Institute.**

i) Executive Committee:

1.	Minister for Health, Government of Sindh	Chairperson
2.	Secretary Health Department, Government of Sindh	Vice Chairman
3.	Executive Director, JPMC/NICH	Member
4.	Any other coopted member nominated by the Chairperson	

Terms of Reference of the Committee: The Committee shall decide matters of recruitment, procurement, re-audit and other matters as delegated by the Board.

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ii) Dispute Resolution Committee:

1.	Secretary, Health Department, Govt of Sindh	Chairman
2.	Representative of Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination Islamabad (Not less than Grade-20)	Member
3.	Secretary (Services), SGA&CD, Government of Sindh	Member
4.	Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Sindh	Member
5.	Executive Director JPMC/NICH/NICVD	Member/ Secretary

Terms of Reference of the Committee: The Committee shall decide all matters of dispute where the Center and/or Institute calls for attention of the Committee or the committee itself finds it in public interest to bring the matter in the committee for deliberation and decision.

iii) Technical and Advisory Committee:

The Board shall be assisted in the discharge of its duties by the Technical and Advisory Committee consisting of the following:-

1.	Executive Director JPMC/NICH, as the case may be	Chairperson
2.	Head of Department concerned	Member
3.	Any member coopted by the Executive Director of JPMC/NICH, as the case may be	Member

12. (1) In discharging of its functions and duties, the Board shall be guided on questions of policy by the instructions, if any, given to it from time to time by Government which shall be the sole judge and whether a question is a policy and the Board shall be bound to carry out such directions. **Government guidelines.**

(2) The Chairperson may, in an emergency, which in his opinion, requires immediate action, take such action as deemed necessary and shall, as soon hereafter possible, report his action to the Board.

13. (1) The Board shall meet quarterly in a year with a gap of at least three months on the dates to be fixed by the Secretary of the Board in consultation with the Chairperson: **Meetings of the Board.**

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Provided the Chairperson may convene a meeting at any time but atleast two meetings in a year will be mandatory.

(2) The Chairperson shall preside over the meeting and in the absence of the Chairperson, the meeting shall be presided over by the Vice-Chairperson and in the absence of both, the member appointed by the members present in the meeting.

(3) The quorum for a meeting shall be one=half of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one, but no quorum shall be necessary for the meeting held in lieu of the meeting which was adjourned for want of quorum.

(4) The Chairperson shall have and exercise a casting vote in the case of a tie.

(5) The Secretary of the Board shall record the minutes of meeting which shall be submitted by him at the next meeting for confirmation.

14. (1) The Executive Director to be appointed by the Board on the prescribed terms and conditions from Senior Faculty Position or Administrative Cadre or Open Market, shall possess qualification and experience as prescribed and notified by the Board in the official Gazette. The Board may further add in the minimum 20 years of experience, of which atleast seven years in exclusive administrative experience, required for appointment against the post of Executive Director.

Appointment and removal of Executive Director.

(2) The Executive Director of the Centre and Institute, as the case may be, shall be appointed for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term or part of the term only; provided that the Board can initiate the re-appointment against the post of Executive based on his performance even before the expiry of the tenure of the post of Executive Director.

(3) The Chairperson of the Board shall, in case of allegation of gross misconduct, inefficiency, corruption, violation of budgetary provision, moral turpitude, maladministration and mismanagement, remove the Executive Director, on the basis of substantiated findings of an enquiry committee after giving him an opportunity of show cause against such removal.

15. (1) The Executive Director shall be the academic and executive head of the Centre or Institute and shall manage the affairs of the Centre or Institute, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this act, rules and regulations and Agreement, and shall have the following powers and functions:-

Power and functions of the Executive Director.

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- (a) to keep in custody the record and seal of the Centre or Institute, as the case may be;
- (b) to undertake payment of monthly salaries and allowances to the employees of or the persons working in the Centre or Institute, as the case may be;
- (c) to be responsible for academic and research activities of the Centre or Institute, as the case may be, aimed at providing medical care and shall ensure that the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations and Agreement are faithfully observed;
- (d) to prepare budget estimates and supplementary budget estimates and place the same before the Board for approval and subsequently submit the same to Government;
- (e) to pass payment of bills, under any head of the budget duly approved and authorized;
- (f) to take steps for the implementation of decisions of the Board or Government;
- (g) to carry on all the correspondence of the Centre or Institute, as the case may be;
- (h) to create and fill temporary teaching and non-teaching posts for a period not exceeding six months;
- (i) to execute deeds and documents on behalf of the Board;
- (j) to perform any other duties which may be assigned to him by the Board or Government.

(2) The Executive Director shall not except with the previous approval of the Board in each case or unless already approved in the budget duly item-wise, allow expenditure on items of civil works, or capital expenditures on equipment or automobiles.

(3) The Executive Director shall be ex-officio member of a committee or sub-committee constituted or set up by the Board and shall preside over meetings of such committees.

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(4) If the Executive Director is satisfied that any proceeding of the Selection Board or the Academic Council are not in accordance with the provisions of this Act, he may report the matter to the Board whose decision shall be final.

16. (1) The Centre or Institute shall have an Academic Council which shall perform such functions as may be assigned to it by the Board under this Act, rules or regulations. **Academic Council.**

(2) The Academic Council shall consist of the Executive Director, all Professors, Associate Professors eligible to become Professors of the Centre or Institute, as the case may be.

(3) The Academic Council may associate emeritus professors or such other experts or related to health sciences as it may consider necessary.

(4) The meetings of the Academic Council shall be held as frequently as possible, but not less than four times a year.

(5) The quorum of a meeting shall be one-half of the total number of the members of the Academic Council, a fraction being counted as one.

17. (1) The Board may for efficient performance of its functions appoint such officers and staff possessing such professional technical or ministerial qualifications and experience in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed. **Appointment and terms and conditions of the officers and staff.**

(2) The Board may engage such consultant or experts as it considers necessary for efficient performance of the functions of the Centre or Institute, as the case may be.

(3) The Department may undertake the performance evaluation of any employee of the Centre or Institute, as the case may be, take appropriate measures.

18. (1) There shall be Selection Board consisting of the Secretary of the Department, Executive Director and such other members as the Board may appoint. **Selection Board.**

(2) The Selection Board shall select the persons for appointment to the posts of senior medical and technical posts including the posts of technicians, nurses, paramedical and such other ministerial staff.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Selection Board shall be not less than two-third of its members.

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(4) A member of the Selection Board, other than ex-officio member shall hold office for two years.

(5) No member of the Selection Board who is also a candidate for the post to which appointment is to be made shall take part in such proceeding of Selection Board.

19. (1) There shall be a separate Fund of the Centre and Institute known as the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center Fund and National Institute of Child Health Fund. **Fund.**

(2) The Fund shall consist of –

- (a) grants and subsidy received from the Federal, Provincial and Local Government;
- (b) donations, endowments and deposits;
- (c) income from investment and deposits;
- (d) loans raised or aid obtained by the Centre or Institute;
- (e) fees, royalties on publications of the Centre or Institute, as the case may be, and other charges for services rendered by the Centre or Institute; and
- (f) all moneys received from any donor agency of Pakistan or foreign origin.

20. The amounts credited in the Fund shall be deposited in any Scheduled Bank approved by the Board. **Crediting of the Funds.**

21. The Board may invest the Fund in any security of the Federal Government or Provincial Government or any other security approved by Government. **Investment and Utilization of the Funds.**

22. (1) The Board shall cause the accounts of Centre and Institute to be maintained in such a form and manner as may be prescribed. **Maintenance of Accounts and Audit of Accounts.**

(2) The accounts shall be audited once a year by an Auditor appointed by the Board.

(3) The annual statement of the accounts and audit report thereon shall be submitted by the Auditor for consideration of the Board for such action as deemed necessary.

(4) The Department may, in case of any requirement therein or otherwise, order the audit or re-audit of accounts of any financial year and take appropriate measure.

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| 23. | The Executive Director shall submit, with the approval of Board, to Government through the Department, such periodical returns, annual, accounts statement and statistics or information as may be required by Government. | Annual reports and periodical returns. |
| 24. | If any difficulty arises in first implementation of the provisions of this Act, Government may, on the recommendation of the Board, give appropriate direction to remove such difficulty. | Removal of difficulties. |
| 25. | No court shall have jurisdiction to entertain any proceeding, grant any injunction or make any order in relation to anything which is done or purported to have been done or intended to be done in good faith under this Act. | Bar of Jurisdiction. |
| 26. | No suit or legal proceeding shall lie against Government, the Board or any person in respect of anything which is done or purported to have been done or intended to be, or has been done in good faith under this Act. | Indemnity. |
| 27. | The Board may, with the approval of Government, make rules or regulations, by notification in the official gazette, for carrying out the purposes of this Act. | Power to make rules and regulations. |



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