Hindu Society of Central Florida

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Emergency Meeting Details & Attendance

Field	Detail
Date & Time	**June 28, 2026 11:05 AM**
Location	Board Room, Temple Hall, Casselberry, FL (Hybrid – In-Person & Zoom)
Directors Present	Shri Deepak Aggarwal – In person Shri Babuji Ambikapathy – In person Shri Madhu Cherukuri – In person Shri Promod Dubey – In person Shri Mahendra Kapadia – In person Shri Satish Mahajan – In person Shri Ramprasad Nitta – In person Shri Jogi Pattisapu – In person
Guests Present	Shri Anil Deshpande – In person Shri Shashi Kamat – In person Shri Indrasena Kasireddy – In person Shri Dev Sharma – In person Shri Yash Sachdev – In person Shri Sharad Mehta – ***Joined via Zoom*** (partially)
Directors Absent	Dr. Muthuswami Swamy, EC President (departed prior to the meeting due to a family matter; his position was conveyed to the Board through the Chairman)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Shri Jogi Pattisapu called the Emergency Meeting of the Board of Directors to order after confirming a quorum. He explained that the meeting was convened after the Board became aware that construction to expand the Pathashala building had progressed substantially before being budgeted and presented to the Board for review. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the facts, evaluate governance implications, receive guidance from experienced former leaders, and determine an appropriate path forward while maintaining a constructive, solution-oriented discussion.

2. Purpose

Because the Board had not been informed or requested for approval of this project, the meeting was called to review the circumstances, assess organizational considerations, and determine appropriate next steps consistent with the Board's fiduciary responsibilities.

3. Background

Members reviewed how the project had come about and how it evolved:

4. The original concept, as understood by the Board, was a small, covered platform or shaded outdoor area to support the Society's growing robotics program, using materials already on hand that had been intended for use with the Murugan sanctuary and related structures.
5. Over time, the scope of the project expanded into an enclosed, approximately 20-foot by 20-foot room as an extension to the existing Pathashala building, including a concrete slab, framed walls, drywall, electrical wiring, and air conditioning.
6. Members noted that the Society's language and enrichment programs have grown substantially in recent periods (with enrollment figures for the Tamil program cited at roughly 120 students, and other language and art classes cited at approximately 50–60 students each), which had created a genuine need for additional space.
7. Per the report provided by the Treasurer, Shri Alagappan, the total cost associated with the addition was approximately $11,000–$12,000.
8. Discussion clarified that this item had not come before the Board or the Executive Committee for formal review, budget approval, or the competitive-bid process contemplated under the Society's bylaws for expenditures of this size, and that a Seminole County building permit had not been obtained for the work.

9. Board Deliberations

Members emphasized that the Society's Bylaws should be followed both in their specific provisions and in their broader governance of intent. The discussion focused on communication, transparency, and stewardship. Members agreed that earlier communication would likely have enabled timely review of project scope, budgeting, permitting requirements, and alternatives before construction commenced. The Board agreed that the principal concern was not the educational purpose of the project, but rather that the Board had not been afforded the opportunity to fulfill its oversight responsibilities before work progressed.

10. Organizational Considerations

Members discussed protecting the Society from unnecessary regulatory, insurance, financial, operational, and reputational risk while maintaining a positive working relationship with Seminole County. Given anticipated future capital improvement projects, members agreed that resolving the matter cooperatively and transparently would best serve the Society's long-term interests.

11. Executive Committee Update

The Chairman advised that Dr. Swami, EC President had acknowledged responsibility for the project occurring during his tenure and expressed willingness to cooperate fully with whatever corrective action deemed appropriate, including pursuing county approval, modifying the structure, removing improvements if necessary, or implementing another appropriate resolution. Members appreciated this constructive approach and the willingness to personally repay the Society for all expenses of building and, if decided, to remove the addition.

12. Advisory Comments

Invited former leaders generally recommended proactively engaging Seminole County, documenting corrective actions, strengthening communication between the Executive Committee and Board, and ensuring that future construction and capital projects are presented for Board review before implementation. Many of these leaders expressed significant disappointment in putting the Society at risk with the county and bypassing governance for a physical addition to a building.

13. Board Consensus

No formal motion was presented, and no vote was taken. The discussion reflected broad consensus that the matter required prompt attention; consultation with Seminole County should occur as soon as practical; future construction projects and significant capital expenditures should be communicated to the Board before implementation whenever Board review or governmental approval may be required; and communication between the Executive Committee and Board should be strengthened.

14. Next Meeting

The Board agreed to reconvene on Tuesday, June 30, 2026.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all participants. The meeting concluded with a prayer