Hindu Society of Central Florida
Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2026

Directors Present: Shri Deepak Aggarwal, Shri Madhu Cherukuri – via Zoom, Shri Mahendra Kapadia – via Zoom, Shri Satish Mahajan, Shri Ramprasad Nitta, Shri. Jogi Pattisapu, Shri Muthuswami Swamy (President, EC)

Directors Absent: Shri Babuji Ambikapathy, Shri Pramod Dubey

Visitors: Shri Eshwar Boddepalli (VP, EC) partial, in-person

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:58 am and conducted in a hybrid format (in-person and via Zoom). The meeting started with an opening prayer. A quorum was confirmed.

1. Minutes: Minutes of the January 25 meeting, distributed earlier, were approved unanimously.

2. Executive Committee Update: Shri Swami provided an update of the EC discussions and events, including:
    a. A successful Keerthana event.
    b. Briefing on an incident during Republic Day celebration.
    c. Safety and Security is a priority and private or sheriff's deputies have been hired for events during the last two weekends.
    d. Various EC members have started on various projects within their scope of responsibility with their newly formed committees.
    e. List of projects that the EC is or will consider was presented.

    Action Items:

    1. Regularly schedule security for each weekend, at least through March. Estimated Completion: By upcoming weekend of 2/14/26.
    2. Prioritize the list of projects, including summary of scope, estimated duration, and cost. Rank at least up to three projects in each area, such as for temple, hall, grounds, etc. areas. Board will discuss the prioritized list for priority, value and funding. Expected completion: Next BOD meeting date, 2/22/26.
    3. Provide draft budget from EC which includes the priorities that will be highlighted above.

3. Status update of kitchen renovation and ratham storage project: Brief discussion but largely postponed as Shri Dubey was not present. Shri Swami noted that Prasad Bhavan was closed on 2/2/26 and expected to reopen 2/19/26. Renovation is in full progress. There is a potential that plumbing issues may cause a delay by a day or two.

4. BOD Committees: Those BOD members that had committee members to be verified of their status as HSCF members noted that they had been made aware by those individuals that their membership has been now paid.

Shri Mahajan noted that Shri Madhanagopal has agreed to officially serve on Apellate Committee and Audit – Bylaws Committee and may help other committees as a volunteer.

Action Items:

1. Shri Madhu will work with Smt Lakshmi of EC to verify that payments have been made and the individuals now meet the criteria for committee membership. Expected completion: 2/22/26
2. Shri Kapadia will complete formulating the Religious Committee upon his return from India. Expected completion: 2/22/26

5. Conflict of Interest Form: Shri Madhu has shared the forms to all BOD members who will provide them to their subcommittee members.

   Shri Swami noted an objection that some language on the form needed to be tightened up, such as timeframe or other specifics. It was agreed by the BOD members present that it would be acceptable for a BOD member to write-in additional language that may make the agreement more specific or timebound while maintaining the requirement of confidentiality of certain matters and exposing any conflict of interest in temple matters.

   Action Item:
   Review and potentially revise Conflict of Interest Form. Expected Review: June/July 2026

6. Security Update: Shri Satish noted that a draft of the Emergency Operations Plan has been provided to Chair and Secretary for input while some other items may be added to the Plan.

   Action Item:
   Provide a draft to BOD members. Expected completion: 2/28/26

7. Budget due this month (pre-planning): As noted above in EC Update, EC will create and present a draft budget to BOD. BOD members will review budget and consider modifications, including adding BOD items requiring funding.

   Action Item:
   Review status at February 22 meeting with knowledge that final approval will likely be in March.

8. Youth/Young devotee involvement & empowerment: Shri Jogi discussed that two of the younger members of his committee have already provided input. He also noted that the BOD should target lowering the average age of directors by five years within the next ten years.

9. Open items for future discussion: Items noted as above.

10. Open forum: Each director was given an opportunity to briefly discuss items of importance to them. Shri Nitta noted that progress is being made to collect pledges. Shri Aggarwal discussed options to cover the sidewalk adjacent to the kitchen for use by kitchen staff. It was suggested that a short wall, about three feet, and some downward covering from roof of a foot or two with screening between the two should be included in the plans.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.