Hindu Society of Central Florida

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Details & Attendance

Date & Time	**April 26, 2026 9:58 AM**
Location	Board Room, Hindu Temple Hall, Casselberry, FL (Hybrid – In-Person, Zoom & Phone)
Directors Present	Shri Deepak Aggarwal Shri Madhu Cherukuri Shri Promod Dubey – ***Joined via Phone (intermittent)*** Shri Mahendra Kapadia Shri Satish Mahajan Shri Ramprasad Nitta Shri Jogi Pattisapu Shri Muthusamy Swami (President, EC) – ***Joined later via Phone***
Additional Attendees	Shri Eshwar (Vice President, Executive Committee) – Joined in person partway through meeting
Directors Absent	Shri Babuji Ambikapathy
Quorum	Confirmed at start of meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:58 AM by the Vice Chair and the meeting opened with a prayer.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The previous Board of Directors meeting minutes (April 8, 2026) were presented for approval in two formats: a detailed Internal version and a generic Public version. The minutes were approved without amendment.

MOTION: Approve the previous meeting minutes (April 8, 2026) – both Internal and Public versions – as presented. | **Moved By:** Shri Madhu | **Seconded By:** Shri Mahendra | **RESULT: Approved unanimously. No opposition.**

Chairman's Remarks – Past Quarter Highlights

The Chair offered overall remarks on the past quarter, characterizing it as dynamic, productive, and well-received by the devotee community. Major events delivered successfully through the quarter included the New Year's Day function, Ugadi, Tyagaraja Aradhana, Thaipoosam and Lord Murugan sanctuary 1st anniversary celebrations, Rama Navami, Tamil New Year, Hanuman Chalisa programs and Kirtana sessions, among others.

India Fest 2026: The Chair extended particular appreciation to the Executive Committee leadership, the volunteer team, the canteen team, and the BOD members who supported India Fest the day prior (April 25). Approximately 40 individual cultural programs were presented across an all-day event, with strong representation across multiple regional languages and traditions. The Antakshari segment, in particular, was noted as a creative success that brought together devotees from many regional communities. The quality and creativity of the programs reflected positively on the temple's mission to promote Indian culture and pass it to the next generation.

Governance model: The Chair credited the two-tier BOD + EC governance structure introduced under prior leadership for expanding the volunteer base and distributing the workload – a model that continues to serve HSCF well.

Senior Housing Project (Vasanta Vatika) – Community Update

The Board reviewed and approved a community communication summarizing the current status of the HSCF Senior Housing Project. The communication will be distributed to the broader devotee community through the EC Communications team within the coming weeks.

Key Highlights for the Community

- The 37-unit 55+ gated senior community continues to progress on schedule. Site infrastructure work (storm and sanitary sewer, water main installation) is currently underway.
- Indicative pricing for individual units starting from $550,000, subject to change as construction progresses and final material costs are confirmed.
- The clubhouse is anticipated to be available for events in Spring / Summer 2027.
- Optional buyer upgrades being explored include ADA-compliant features and a dedicated Pooja space (insulated/AC garage conversion), subject to appropriate county approvals.
- All unit purchases require active HSCF membership.
- HSCF retains a first right of refusal on resales; rentals are not permitted.
- All proceeds from the project, after documented costs, return to HSCF as a charitable donation in support of HSCF's long-term endowment and programs.

MOTION: Approve the Senior Housing community communication, with corrections incorporated, for distribution to the HSCF community as a project update. | **Moved By:** Shri Madhu | **Seconded By:** Shri Deepak (1st), Shri Pramod (2nd) | **RESULT: Approved unanimously.**

BOD Point Person – Senior Housing

Shri Pramod Dubey has accepted the Chair's request to serve as the BOD-side point person for the Senior Housing Project. Going forward, all BOD-routed inquiries on the project will be coordinated through Shri Pramod, working with the builder and the Executive Committee. Shri Pramod will also

return to the Board within the coming weeks with a recommended buyer-selection process – to be presented to the community at a Senior Housing Town Hall meeting.

Upcoming Combined EC + BOD Meeting

The Board confirmed that a combined Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026 – the first quarterly combined meeting of the term.

Each Director will prepare a short committee update for the combined meeting, covering committee membership, focus area, and current progress. These updates will also feed into the upcoming HSCF Quarterly Newsletter.

Several broader items will be discussed at the combined meeting, including:

- HSCF Quarterly Newsletter – content and distribution timeline.
- Senior Housing Project Town Hall – community update meeting.
- June General Body Meeting – date confirmation and required notice.
- Annual Banquet / Fundraiser – timing (a Diwali-season window has been suggested).

Capital Projects – Status Updates

Roof Replacement Project

The temple roof replacement project (approved March 2026) is progressing well. PVC fleeceback membrane installation has reached the central temple window line, with final completion of the membrane expected within approximately one week (weather permitting), followed by metal flashing and final sealing. Total estimated completion is approximately two weeks from the meeting date.

The project remains within its approved budget. As a safety measure, only the project leads (Shri Deepak Aggarwal and Shri Sadanand) are authorized to approve any roof access until the project is formally complete.

Lightning protection: Lightning rod replacement is included within the approved roofing project scope. The Board also discussed adding whole-building electrical surge protection at the utility meter as a complementary mitigation; options and pricing will be brought back to the Board for review.

Window sealing: An estimate is being obtained to reseal or replace the central temple windows in parallel with the roof installation. Havan Room window scope will be addressed in a subsequent phase.

Gopuram treatment: Following completion of the main roof, the Gopurams will be pressure-washed, sealed, waterproofed, and painted. A specialist consultant has been engaged in an advisory capacity for this work.

Community hall leaks and gutter repair are also included in the roof leak project and bids are being obtained for final approval soon.

Interior repairs and cosmetic work estimates will be forthcoming after exterior work is completed.

Other Capital Projects

- Kitchen Project: progressing within plan; no additional spend anticipated.
- Ratham Storage building: finishing details – the entry transition will be completed using pavers on a properly prepared base, per the approved design and the Ratham team's sign-off.

Membership Initiatives

The Membership Committee shared early thinking on enhancing the value proposition of HSCF membership. Concepts being explored include archana for member anniversaries and birthdays, modest discounts on canteen purchases and event services, member parking, and a tiered framework for hall rental discounts – broadly aligned with HSCF's historical practice.

Operational pre-condition: The committee identified that meaningful member benefits depend on a unified membership platform that captures family relationships, key dates, and supports member self-service. The Technology Committee will research solutions and bring a recommendation to the Board.

A formal proposal consolidating the benefits framework, along with the membership platform recommendation, will be presented to the Board in a future meeting.

NEC Election – Follow-up

The Secretary provided an update on the post-election follow-up activities discussed in prior meetings. The voter list has been received from the election platform. The next step is to cross-reference the 139 sealed returned envelopes against the voter records to confirm whether any of those individuals also voted online. Findings will be reported back to the Board. The 139 returned envelopes remain sealed and unopened in the Secretary's custody.

Long-Term Strategy and Planning

The Long-Term Strategy and Planning Committee's horizon is 2028 and beyond – envisioning what HSCF should look and feel like as the current Board's term concludes. Priority themes being developed by the committee include:

- Aesthetic and physical impression of the temple grounds – landscaping, cleanliness, and a welcoming environment.
- Engagement of younger devotees – ensuring the next generation feels invested in HSCF's future.
- Land planning – assessment of whether to acquire additional land, and how best to use existing property in service of HSCF's long-term mission.

The committee's next meeting is targeted within the coming weeks; members of the community with input on long-range vision are welcome to share their thoughts with the committee chair.

Financial Stewardship

The Board reviewed first-quarter financial activity and reaffirmed the governance practices established at the prior meeting:

- All project-dedicated donations (including roof project donations) are routed to the HSCF Trust Account for proper segregation.
- Capital project disbursements are being made from the Trust Account in accordance with the bylaws. Deposit slips and checks to operate this account were requested.
- Donor acknowledgments and end-of-year statements continue to be issued in support of donor tax records.

Donations received toward the Roof Replacement project remain ahead of the project's approved budget, providing appropriate cushion for closely related scopes within the same project (e.g., lightning

rod replacement, Gopuram treatment, and window sealing). The Board confirmed that all of these scopes fall within the originally approved roof capital project.

EC & Operations

- Routine operations – priest team, canteen team, and visitor services – remain stable. A detailed operations report will be circulated as part of the upcoming combined-meeting package.
- Two priest candidates (interviewed during a recent India trip) are under consideration for HSCF; the slate is being finalized in coordination with the EC.
- Havan programming for the upcoming Navratri season is being planned, with member participation opportunities.
- Internal patching and ceiling work in the temple sanctum (where prior leaks affected the deity surrounds for Rama, Krishna, and Balaji) will be sequenced after the building exterior is fully watertight.

Board Meeting Cadence

The Board agreed to maintain its standard meeting duration. Going forward, Board-only meetings will be held monthly, with combined EC + BOD meetings continuing per the quarterly schedule. This cadence allows committees adequate working time between meetings while preserving regular alignment between the BOD and the EC.

Next Meeting

Detail	Information
Next meeting	Sunday, May 3, 2026 – Combined EC + BOD Meeting at HSCF Temple

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 11:39 AM.

Summary of Resolutions

#	Resolution / Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Outcome
1	Approve previous meeting minutes (April 8, 2026) as presented.	Shri Madhu	Shri Mahendra	Approved unanimously
2	Approve the Senior Housing community communication, with corrections incorporated, for distribution to the HSCF community.	Shri Madhu	Shri Deepak (1st), Shri Pramod (2nd)	Approved unanimously