Hindu Society of Central Florida

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Details & Attendance

Field	Detail
Date & Time	**June 17, 2026 6:34 PM**
Location	Board Room, Temple Hall, Casselberry, FL (Hybrid – In-Person & Zoom)
Directors Present	Shri Deepak Aggarwal – ***Joined via Zoom*** Shri Babuji Ambikapathy – In person Shri Madhu Cherukuri – In person Shri Promod Dubey – ***Joined via Zoom*** Shri Mahendra Kapadia – In person Shri Satish Mahajan – In person Shri Ramprasad Nitta – In person Shri Jogi Pattisapu – In person Shri Muthuswamy Swami (President, EC) – In person
Additional Attendees	Shri Eshwar (Vice President, Executive Committee) –In person Shri Alagappan (Treasurer, EC) – ***Joined via Zoom***
HSCF Foundation Guests (IEB Session)	Shri Sharad Mehta – HSCF Foundation Member – In person Shri NC Murthy – HSCF Foundation Member – ***Joined via Zoom*** Shri Anshu Jain – HSCF Foundation Member – ***Joined via Zoom*** Shri Srinivas Seela – HSCF Foundation Member – ***Joined via Zoom*** Shri Chakri Toleti– HSCF Foundation Member - ***Absent*** (Members left after the IEB discussion)
Directors Absent	None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by the Chair, Shri Jogi Pattisapu. Quorum was confirmed prior to commencement. The meeting opened with a brief acknowledgement of attendees in the boardroom and on the call.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Approval of the previous meeting's minutes was not taken up during this session.

PART I — HSCF FOUNDATION (INVESTMENT ENDOWMENT BOARD)

Note: Per Board direction, the Investment Endowments Board (IEB) is hereafter referred to as the HSCF Foundation in all governing documents and communications.

A. Purpose and Governing Documents

Shri Babuji Ambikapathy presented four HSCF Foundation governing documents, circulated for review in advance, for the Board's consideration. Key elements of the framework include:

- Three asset categories: Emergency Assets, Special Projects, and Reserve Amounts.
- Funds may be Restricted or Unrestricted, with a minimum threshold for restricted contributions (subject to future Board revision).
- All funds are pooled into a single investment account, with subledgers tracking individual donor restrictions.
- Restricted special-project funds require Board approval prior to acceptance; the Foundation's scope excludes routine temple premises improvements (such as roofing or structural work), which remain with the Board of Directors.
- An Emergency Assets category permits short-term bridge funding to active construction projects, subject to full repayment within a set timeframe.
- The Board of Directors remains the supreme governing authority; the Foundation operates under delegated authority, with the BOD Finance Chair holding a permanent seat on the Foundation Board.

B. Foundation Account

The Board discussed a proposal to bring an existing investment account under HSCF Foundation governance for ongoing management on the Society's behalf, with appropriate board oversight and documented approval required for any withdrawal.

C. Foundation Board Composition

Initial Foundation Board member terms were confirmed as follows:

- Shri Chakri Toleti — 1-year initial term
- Shri NC Murthy — 2-year initial term
- Shri Srinivas Seela, Shri Anshu Jain, and Shri Sharad Mehta — 3-year initial terms
- Shri Babuji Ambikapathy — concurrent with his BOD term as Finance Chair

Shri Sharad Mehta proposed increasing the Foundation Board size from 5 to 7 members for broader participation; quorum remains at 3. A formal bylaws amendment will be pursued by November 2026.

MOTION — HSCF FOUNDATION GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

To approve the four HSCF Foundation governing documents, as circulated, with amendments: (1) naming updated to "HSCF Foundation"; (2) an emergency bridge-loan category added; (3) Foundation Board size increased to 7 members.

Seconded by: Shri Promod Dubey

Result: APPROVED — Unanimous. Governing documents to be circulated for signature.

Following the vote, an Appreciation Dinner fundraiser was proposed for Saturday, November 7, 2026 (the eve of Diwali).

PART II — REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1. Nominations & Election Committee

The Chair reported that the Nominations & Election Committee (NEC), constituted in January 2025, is ready to begin the election process for open positions coming up in 2027.

> **MOTION — ELECTION PROCESS AUTHORIZATION**
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> To authorize the Nominations & Election Committee to proceed with the election process, including publishing open positions, compiling the membership list, and related activities.
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> Result: APPROVED — Unanimous.

A procedural question regarding the bylaws-specified timing for constituting the election committee was referred to the Bylaws Committee for review.

2. Religious Committee Update

- A recent spiritual lecture program was well-attended and warmly received; a repeat invitation will be extended.
- An upcoming multi-day program in Telugu is planned for late June / early July, with the visiting group providing food.
- A separate program with a Vaishno group, in collaboration with Shri Vallabhacharya, is planned for the following month.
- A Samoohik Gayatri / Chandi Havan outdoor program is being considered post-Navratri, along with a program featuring Swami Bodhinath.
- Two priest candidate resumes are under review, with any recommendation to come to the Board before interviews proceed.
- Efforts continue to bring in speakers who connect with younger, English-speaking audiences.
- An International Yoga Day program was scheduled for the following Sunday.

3. Kitchen / Ratham Pathway Update

The Board received a brief status update on the kitchen and Ratham pathway projects. Inspection sign-off and contractor coordination remain in progress, and a community volunteer has offered to assist with related work.

4. Roofing Project & Gopuram Repair Update

- Roofing work is approximately 99.9% complete. Lightning rod installation is complete, including over the Ratham storage area. Remaining item: installation of a pad for roof lighting.
- The total roofing contract cost was confirmed at $209,000.
- Hall gutter work: the parking lot/west side is complete; the kitchen/east side has gutters installed with remaining finishing work in progress.
- Leak status: an active leak near the storage building is being addressed with professional sealant; two known community-hall leak locations continue to be monitored; a bathroom leak has been identified and fixed; the audio room is still being checked.

- Gopuram repair: a specialty sealant manufacturer has been identified, and a formal quote is being obtained for the Board's review. The temple's shilpi (traditional craftsperson) is expected to be involved in the repair, consistent with practice at peer temples.
- A Vastu Pooja is planned prior to the start of repair work; the date will be set once the repair timeline is confirmed. Repair work is estimated to take 2–3 weeks.
- A 20-year warranty is a priority consideration as the Board evaluates vendor options.

5. Canteen / Kitchen Outdoor Area

- Design concepts for an outdoor kitchen cleaning and patio area, and a separate covered outdoor seating area, continue to be developed.
- Cost estimates for the covered seating structure are under review and will depend on final scope.
- The Board confirmed that any construction will require a county permit and formal architect/engineering drawings before work begins; the Board will vote once plans are finalized. No approval has been given at this time.

6. Board–Executive Committee Coordination

The Board discussed ways to strengthen ongoing coordination and information-sharing between the Board and the Executive Committee, including establishing a standing monthly financial report from the EC Treasurer, Shri Alagappan, at every BOD meeting. The EC President reaffirmed the Executive Committee's commitment to the Society's work, and the Board agreed to continue refining communication processes going forward.

7. Landscaping Project — Phase 1 Update

- Phase 1 landscaping work (general clean-up and alignment with the maintenance plan) is underway.
- An irrigation well equipment issue was identified, with vendor recommendations being reviewed to improve system reliability.
- A multi-year landscape plan, covering the festival calendar, routine lawn and grounds care, and tree maintenance, will be circulated to the Board for input, with an eye toward the Society's 25th anniversary in 2030.
- A future vision to convert the retention pond into a wet pond with a water feature was discussed; this would require a separate county permit.

8. Temple Manager — Preliminary Discussion

The Board discussed the potential future hiring of a Temple Manager, and agreed that establishing documented operating procedures should come first. This topic, along with priest staffing positions, will be placed on a future Board agenda for structured discussion.

9. IT & AV / Sound System Update

- The Wi-Fi infrastructure upgrade is complete, with fiber connectivity now live and improved call quality confirmed by meeting participants.
- The Board reviewed the current condition of the hall sound system and discussed a plan for a modernized, professionally managed system with limited, designated operator access.
- Target completion is August 15, 2026, ahead of the Independence Day program.

MOTION 1 — AV/SOUND SYSTEM PROJECT

To approve the AV/Sound System project as a Board priority, authorize obtaining three formal vendor proposals, and permit fundraising for the project. Final expenditure will be reviewed and approved by the Board upon receipt of proposals.

Amendment: Project must include a 3-year maintenance provision, with system access limited to designated operators.

Result: APPROVED — Unanimous.

MOTION 2 — COORDINATED FUNDRAISING

Individual Board and EC members shall not solicit or accept donations for specific projects until the Board has formally approved such fundraising, in order to ensure coordinated outreach.

Result: APPROVED — Unanimous.

10. Security & Maintenance

- Police presence during regular events may be adjusted modestly as conditions allow, with full coverage maintained during major events.
- A maintenance surcharge of 10–15% on donations was proposed, with a formal motion to be brought at a future meeting.
- An equipment checkout policy was proposed to improve accountability for shared equipment.

11. General Body Meeting — June 28, 2026

- Quorum for the upcoming General Body Meeting (GBM) requires broad participation; Board members are encouraged to help reach fellow members ahead of the meeting.
- A key GBM agenda item will be an update on the Vasanta Vatika Senior Housing Project.
- An EC newsletter will be distributed electronically by July 1, 2026.
- A joint BOD and EC meeting is planned to follow the GBM to address pending items including canteen finances, landscaping, and the membership database.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

#	Motion / Resolution	Result
1	Approve HSCF Foundation governing documents (4 documents), with amendments: naming, bridge-loan provision, 7-member board	APPROVED — Unanimous
2	Authorize Nominations & Election Committee to proceed with the election process	APPROVED — Unanimous
3	Approve AV/Sound System project as a Board priority; obtain 3 vendor proposals; authorize fundraising	APPROVED — Unanimous
4	Prohibit individual solicitation of donations for specific projects without prior Board approval	APPROVED — Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

#	Action Item	Owner	Target
1	Circulate HSCF Foundation governing documents for signature	Shri Babuji Ambikapathy	Immediately
2	Confirm Appreciation Dinner (Nov 7) and venue	Shri Jogi Pattisapu	Immediately
3	Send NEC authorization communication to begin election process	Shri Madhu Cherukuri	Immediately
4	Circulate multi-year landscaping plan to Board for feedback	Shri Jogi Pattisapu	Within 10 days
5	Test hall audio system and report findings to the Board	Shri Madhu Cherukuri	Before July BOD meeting
6	Obtain 3 formal AV system proposals	Shri Eshwar	Before July BOD meeting
7	Obtain architect drawings for outdoor seating area; present to Board for vote	Shri Ketan Patel / Shri Deepak Aggarwal	As available
8	Present monthly financial report at each BOD meeting	Shri Alagappan	July 2026 onward
9	Add Temple Manager and priest staffing items to July Board agenda	Shri Jogi Pattisapu	July 2026
10	EC newsletter — each member submits a one-page update	All EC Members	July 1, 2026
11	Present Gopuram sealant vendor quote and assessment to the Board	Shri Sadanand / Shri Deepak Aggarwal	Upon receipt
12	Schedule Vastu Pooja once Gopuram repair timeline is confirmed	Shri Ramprasad Nitta	Upon confirmation