# Hindu Society of Central Florida

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

## Meeting Details

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| **Date & Time** | **July 26, 2026 10:10 AM** |
| **Location** | Board Room, Hindu Temple Hall; Casselberry, FL |
| **Directors Present** | Shri Deepak Aggarwal (joined few minutes after the start of the meeting)<br>Shri Babuji Ambikapathy<br>Shri Madhu Cherukuri<br>Shri Promod Dubey<br>Shri Mahendra Kapadia<br>Shri Satish Mahajan<br>Shri Ramprasad Nitta<br>Shri. Jogi Pattisapu<br>Shri Muthuswami Swamy (President, EC) |
| **Directors Absent** | None |
| **Additional Attendees** | Shri Eshwar (Vice President, Executive Committee) – Joined in person few minutes after the start of the meeting) |

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM with an invocation. A quorum was present.

## 2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 28 Emergency Board Meeting, the June 30 Follow-up Voting Meeting, and the July 12 Regular Board Meeting. A brief additional period was allowed for factual corrections or editorial comments.

**RESOLUTION**

**Resolution:** Tentatively approve the minutes of the June 28 Emergency Board Meeting, the June 30 Follow-up Voting Meeting, and the July 12 Regular Board Meeting, subject to

timely written corrections or objections and return of any substantive revisions to the Board.

**Result:** Approved on a tentative basis, with one abstention relating to the June 28 meeting minutes.

## 3. RATHAM STORAGE BUILDING AND SITE COMPLETION

The Board received a progress update on the Ratham Storage Building. Construction was reported as substantially complete, with final site work, inspection, and operational commissioning remaining before regular use.

The Board emphasized proper coordination of grading, drainage, landscaping, safety, and operating procedures before the project is formally closed.

## 4. KITCHEN EXPANSION PROJECT

The Kitchen Expansion Project was reported as nearing completion, pending final fire-protection work, County review, and inspection. The Board also reviewed project accounting and requested a complete financial reconciliation before final close-out.

The discussion reinforced the need for consistent invoice documentation, responsible-party approval, and clearly established vendor payment terms.

## 5. TEMPLE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The main Temple roof replacement was reported complete, and the permit had been signed off. No continuing roof leaks had been observed. Remaining electrical and lighting restoration work was to be coordinated with the roofing contractor so the roof warranty and waterproofing would be preserved.

The Board directed that the completed roof project be financially closed out separately from other facility work, including Community Hall drainage, interior restoration, HVAC improvements, and Gopuram-related evaluation.

## 6. COMMUNITY HALL GUTTERS, DOWNSPOUTS, AND DRAINAGE

The Board reviewed the status of Community Hall gutter and drainage work. Corrective work had been completed on an identified downspout and drain condition, while broader inspection and documentation of the remaining drainage system were still needed.

The Board also emphasized safe contractor cleanup and correction of any drainage conditions affecting pedestrian areas.

## 7. TEMPLE INTERIOR REPAIRS, HVAC DUCTWORK, AND HUMIDITY CONTROL

The Board reviewed remaining interior restoration needs and broader concerns involving aging ductwork, humidity control, and indoor air quality. Qualified professional evaluation was considered necessary before selecting a long-term solution.

**RESOLUTION**

> **Resolution:** Have qualified experts evaluate a feasible, maintainable, and cost-effective method for dehumidifying the Temple or hall air and obtain estimates for replacement of the existing duct system together with appropriate dehumidification and air-purification or filtration options.
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> **Result:** Passed unanimously.

## 8. VEHICLE ACCIDENT DAMAGE AND INSURANCE CLAIM

The Board received an update concerning accidental damage to the Community Hall/canteen area. The insurer had accepted responsibility, and the repair scope and supporting claim documentation were being finalized following structural review.

The Board reaffirmed a centralized process for insurer communications and documentation so the claim could be completed consistently and efficiently.

## 9. GOPURAM MOISTURE INVESTIGATION AND RESTORATION OPTIONS

The Board reviewed the ongoing Gopuram moisture investigation as a project separate from the completed Temple roof replacement. Contractor proposals reflected materially different scopes, and an additional technical review was considered necessary before selecting a repair approach or establishing a budget.

The Board favored a measured approach that considers religious, structural, safety, and long-term maintenance requirements.

## 10. EMPLOYEE SUPPORT AND KITCHEN STAFF COORDINATION

The Board discussed an employee-support matter and workplace coordination within kitchen operations. Management was asked to continue reviewing appropriate alternatives and to clarify reporting relationships, supervisory responsibility, and work expectations. No final financial commitment was approved.

## 11. RODENT AND PEST-CONTROL CONDITIONS

The Board reviewed pest-control concerns near food-service and storage areas. Continued preventive measures, professional evaluation, correction of identified entry points, and confirmation of resolution were supported.

## 12. STAFFING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The Board reviewed several staffing and administrative needs, including recruitment of a Temple Manager, evaluation of additional priest positions, weekend priest coverage, and possible bookkeeping support.

The Board emphasized defined duties, transparent selection processes, clear reporting relationships, and further review before any new engagement.

## 13. HALL RENOVATION AND LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLANNING

The Board discussed a coordinated evaluation of the existing Community Hall, including its major building systems and interior finishes. The near-term renovation study was kept separate from longer-range expansion concepts.

**RESOLUTION**

**Resolution:** Direct the Construction Director to conduct a six-week evaluation of economical Community Hall renovation needs, including major interior and building-system components, and report back with findings and estimated costs.

**Result:** Passed.

The Board also reviewed possible shoe-rack alternatives, tabled the Raj Gopuram concept for the foreseeable future, and discussed the Yajna Shala and a future Community Hall/classroom expansion as longer-range concepts. No construction expenditure or new-project authorization was approved during this discussion.

## 14. PROPERTY ACCESS AND ADJACENT PROPERTY ACQUISITION

The Board reviewed safer access alternatives for the rear acreage and the possible strategic value of adjoining property. Further technical and planning review was supported; however, no offer, contract, or expenditure was authorized. Any future property-acquisition proposal would require the applicable General Body approval.

## 15. SENIOR HOUSING COMMUNITY - VASANTHAVATIKA PHASE 2

The Board received an update on Vasanthavatika Phase 2. Infrastructure work was nearing completion, while the clubhouse remained under a separate commercial-development review.

The project team discussed proceeding with model homes while final pricing, governing documents, and prior-depositor communications were completed. No binding sales commitment was authorized during this meeting.

## 16. MEMBERSHIP DATABASE AND ELECTION SUPPORT

The Board received an update on membership-data cleanup and election support. Work was continuing to correct incomplete and duplicate records, improve contact information, and assist members with profile updates.

The Board also supported evaluating longer-term alternatives for the current membership-management platform after completion of the immediate election-related work.

## 17. SECURITY AND FACILITIES SAFETY

The Board reviewed continuing security-system improvements and several facility-safety items. The discussion addressed system access, emergency-alert capability, doors and signage, accessibility assistance, and unobstructed placement of life-safety equipment.

For public-safety reasons, specific system configurations and vulnerability details are not included in this public version.

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair concluded the business portion of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned following closing prayers.

# APPENDIX A - SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

| # | Resolution | Result |
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| 1 | Tentative approval of the June 28, June 30, and July 12 meeting minutes, subject to timely written corrections or objections. | Approved with one abstention relating to the June 28 meeting. |
| 2 | Evaluate dehumidification options and obtain duct-replacement and air-purification/filtration estimates. | Passed unanimously. |
| 3 | Conduct a six-week evaluation of economical Community Hall renovation needs and costs. | Passed. |