Hindu Society of Central Florida

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Details

Date & Time	**September 2, 2026. 9:15 PM**
Location	Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
Directors Present	Shri Deepak Aggarwal Shri Babuji Ambikapathy Shri Madhu Cherukuri Shri Promod Dubey Shri Mahendra Kapadia Shri Satish Mahajan Shri Ramprasad Nitta Shri. Jogi Pattisapu Shri Muthuswami Swamy (President, EC)
Directors Absent	None

1. Call to Order and Quorum

Chair Jogi Pattisapu called the special meeting of the Board of Directors to order at approximately 9:16 PM.

The Chair stated that the meeting was convened to address a time-sensitive request from the Nomination and Election Committee (NEC) seeking clarification regarding interpretation of the Bylaws as it relates to Executive Council (EC) service during the 2026 transition period.

A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was confirmed. All Board members were present.

2. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The Board of Directors convened a special meeting to respond to a time-sensitive request from the Nomination and Election Committee (NEC) for clarification of the Bylaws. The NEC asked whether the one-year transitional term served on the Executive Council beginning January 1, 2026, should be treated as a full term for purposes of determining eligibility and validating future nominations under Article VII, Section 8 of the revised

Bylaws. The Board's guidance was needed so the NEC could proceed with its election-related responsibilities in a timely and consistent manner.

3. COMMITTEE REVIEW AND BOARD DISCUSSION

The matter was referred to the Bylaws Committee, chaired by Vice Chair Shri Satish Mahajan, which presented its findings to the full Board. The Committee's analysis concluded that the 2026 transitional year of Executive Council service should be treated as a full term for purposes of election eligibility, consistent with the staggered election cycle established for the Board of Directors and Executive Council under the revised governance structure. The Committee noted that this interpretation was intended to apply specifically to the 2026 governance transition.

In its review, the Committee also considered related provisions of the Bylaws — including rules on partial-term service, term limits, and the definition of a term as two calendar years — to ensure the recommended interpretation remained consistent with the broader framework. Following Board discussion, the interpretation was refined to apply specifically to eligibility for the Executive Council President position in the current election cycle, and the Board acknowledged that individuals previously considered ineligible under a prior interpretation may be affected, with the NEC able to revisit such cases as appropriate.

MOTION

ORIGINAL MOTION — MOVED BY VICE CHAIR SHRI SATISH MAHAJAN, SECONDED BY SHRI RAMPRASAD NITTA

"The one-year transitional Executive Committee service period beginning January 1, 2026, be considered a full term for purposes of determining eligibility under the Bylaws for this election."

Following further discussion, the motion was restated by Secretary Shri Madhu Cherukuri to reflect the Board's consensus, and the amended motion was accepted by the maker and seconder:

AMENDED MOTION — ACCEPTED BY SHRI SATISH MAHAJAN, SECONDED BY SHRI RAMPRASAD NITTA

1. The one-year 2026 transitional Executive Committee term shall be considered a full term for the purpose of determining eligibility in the current election cycle; and

2. Individuals who served a regular Governing Council term immediately preceding the 2026 transition period under the previous, old bylaws and also served during the 2026 transitional term shall remain eligible to serve one additional full term (totaling 4 years), thereby preserving the intended service opportunity during the governance transition.

VOTE

Shri Muthuswami Swamy recused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest. The motion was put to a vote and passed by majority. One Director, Shri Promod Dubey, voted against the motion and asked that his objection be formally recorded; his view was that the standard two-calendar-year service requirement should continue to govern eligibility, and that the adopted interpretation risked creating inconsistency in how eligibility is applied. His dissent was recorded in the official minutes.

Result	Motion Passed
In Favor	6
Against	1 (Shri Promod Dubey)
Recused	1 (Shri Muthuswami Swamy)

4. BOARD DIRECTION

The Board directed that this interpretation be communicated to the NEC so that the election process may proceed with a consistent understanding of eligibility requirements during the transition period. The Board also noted its intent to review certain Bylaw provisions in the future to further improve clarity.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with closing prayers.