

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2026

Time: 9:00 PM ET

Location/Format: Microsoft Teams (Online) Meeting

1. Call to Order & Preliminary Business

- **Opening:** The meeting commenced with an opening prayer.
- **Quorum Check:**
 - **Present:** President, Secretary, Program Chair, Fixed Assets Chair, Canteen Chair, Education Chair, Treasurer.
 - **Absentees (Informed):** Religious Chair, Maintenance Chair.
 - **Absentees (Uninformed):** Vice-President, Communications Chair.
 - *Note: Quorum was not met.*
- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the August 30, 2026 meeting were reviewed. No formal motion was passed due to the lack of a quorum.
 - **Action Item:** Lakshmi to share the August 30 minutes with the EC via email for approval.

2. Maintenance & Operations

- **Landscaping & Yagashala:**
 - Devotee feedback was mixed; some questioned the visibility/exposure caused by recently cut trees, while others expressed appreciation for the new plants.
 - Detailed planning for the landscape and the Yagashala was deferred to a future meeting.
- **Maintenance Plan:** Discussion on establishing a formal ongoing and upcoming maintenance plan was deferred.
- **Property & Community Operations (Trash Disposal):**
 - The committee discussed the cardboard compactor setup. Waste Management notes it is strictly for dry cardboard/paper, whereas county residential trucks typically crush waste on the go.
 - Questions were raised regarding whether the compactor was installed without consulting Waste Management.

- **Action Item:** Clarification and additional information are required; the issue will be escalated to the Board of Directors (BOD).
- **Patashala:** The EC President noted that the BOD has been consistently providing updates on the Patashala.

3. New Business & Event Planning

- **Navaratri Program:** The event flyer review is complete.
 - **Action Item:** Ashish to distribute the Navaratri flyer.
- **Annakut 2026:** The event is officially confirmed for November 14, 2026. The flyer review is complete.
 - **Action Item:** Ashish to distribute the Annakut flyer.
- **Educational Programs:** Brainstorming for a new class proposal was deferred.
- **Dress Code Policy:** The policy flyer is currently under review.
 - **Action Item:** Once finalized, Lakshmi will forward the flyer to Ashish for distribution.
- **Seating Area Shade:** The EC President shared that Deepak Ji and Jogi Ji are actively working on sourcing a shelter/shade structure for the outdoor seating area.
- **Cybersecurity:** A reminder was issued regarding recent spam emails spoofing the EC President's email address. Members were instructed not to open or reply to these messages.

BOD Escalations (2027 Election Nominees & Bylaws):

The EC President will present the following member concerns to the BOD regarding the 2027 election nominee list:

1. **Term Limits:** Clarify if the 4 one-year transition positions elected in 2026 (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary) count as a full term. If a person is re-elected, does it count as completing two full terms? What is the mandated cool-down period?
2. **Eligibility Cut-off:** Clarify why a member who obtained life membership on June 1, 2025, was deemed eligible to contest the election, given the bylaws state a May 31 cut-off date.
3. **Conflict of Interest:** Address whether the dependent of an HSCF employee living under the same roof is eligible to run. Because current bylaws do not explicitly address this

conflict of interest, the EC requests that the BOD collaborate with the EC to draft and implement a formal bylaws amendment covering conflicts of interest.

4. Round the Table

- **Raji:** To send out the promotional flyer for the Annakut cultural programs.
- **Sanjeev:** To coordinate setting up a voter registration table during major temple events to encourage civic engagement and US citizenship responsibilities.

5. Adjournment & Next Steps

- **Immediate Action Items:**
 1. Resolve and discuss the Waste Management compactor issues with the BOD.
 2. Follow up on outstanding funds: The *Srirama Navami Mahaprasadam* sponsorship amount has not yet been received. The EC President will contact the sponsors directly.
- **Closing:** The meeting concluded with closing prayers and remarks.
- **Next Meeting:** Scheduled for **September 27, 2026, at 10:30 AM** in the Board Room.
- **Meeting Adjourned with Ending Prayer.**