

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 27, 2026

Time: 10:30 PM ET

Location/Format: In-person and Teams online meeting

1. Call to Order & Preliminary Business

- **Opening Prayer**
- **Quorum Check** (Establishment of Executive Committee quorum):
- **Attendees:** President, Fixed Asset, Religious, Maintenance, Secretary, Canteen, Treasurer, Education, Programs, Communications, Vice-president
- **Approval of Minutes:** Review and motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2026 meeting
- **Topics for discussion:**

Capital & Construction Projects

- **New Yagnashala Proposal:** The committee is weighing a long-pending proposal (since 2012) of building a brand-new structure versus modifying the existing havan room. Funding is available, and EC members to review the plans.
- **Gopuram Restoration:** Funding issues were discussed; next steps or financial resolutions need to be determined.
- **Auditorium Wall Fix:** The wall has been fixed.
- **Community Hall Flooring:** Status update is currently pending.
 - **Action Item:** Finalize the flooring color selection.

Operations, Permits & Maintenance

- **Pest Control Crisis:** A severe rodent infestation has affected the canteen, kitchen, storage, and auditorium since June 2026. Despite 5 weeks of treatment by Truly Nolan, the issue persists. A complete roof inspection is required to determine further actions.
- **Maintenance Structure & Invoices:** Annual maintenance costs about \$11K, covering a regular service contract (filters, etc.). To improve accounting, **no checks will be issued by the front office without proper invoice details.** The person submitting the invoice must clearly specify the purpose (maintenance vs. capital work).

- **Priest & Staff Updates:**

- The priest's quarters roof was fixed for **\$26K**.
- Approval is needed to buy a dryer for priest Bhavin ji. Both priest Bhavin's and priest Bhagavat's bathroom flooring were inspected and are in good working order.
- Cook Ramesh's visa is approved, and he will return to work soon.
- An upcoming all-priest meeting will review policies and annual agreements; EC attendance is optional.

Finance & Landscaping

- **Accounting Transition:** Starting **October 1, 2026**, temple accounting and bookkeeping will move away from Chona to Paul and Arvind, CA, based in Coimbatore, India.
- **Donation Received:**
 - **\$5,000** will be received from Dr. Ramesh Seela and family toward the temple roof.
 - **\$100K** received towards landscaping and outdoor seating.
- **Language School Dispute:** Members raised questions regarding language school accounting. The EC strongly stated that language school expenses should not be discussed further. Any lingering inquiries must go directly to the EC President, EC Treasurer and BOD Education chair.
- Language schools / classes must be classified separately from art and culture classes.

Governance & Approved Motions

The committee voted and unanimously passed the following motions:

- **Structural/Landscape Approval: No modifications, structures, or landscaping changes can be made without prior EC approval and proper city/county permits.** (Motion by Ketan; seconded by Sanjeev and Sadanand).
 - **Voting Result:** Passed
- **Planter Removal: Planters obstructing religious activities at the front of the temple must be removed before Dushera** due to devotee complaints regarding event obstructions. (Motion by Ketan; seconded by Sanjeev and Raji).

- **Voting Result:** Passed
 - **Awning Permit Request:** The EC formally requests the BOD to present sealed, signed documents and county/city permit approvals for the recent awning installed next to the kitchen. (Motion by Sadanand; seconded by Ketan).
 - **Voting Result:** Passed
 - **Elections:** The BOD and NEC approved that nominees must withdraw from multiple positions and confirm only one position before the election date is finalized.
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Immediate Action Items

- **EC President:** Handle security, keys, and access protocols outside of the EC meeting.
- **EC Members:** Select a tile color sample for the auditorium and surrounding rooms flooring project. Review the new Yagnashala construction proposal.
- **Facilities/Maintenance:** Arrange a complete roof inspection to address the ongoing rodent issue.

Next Meeting: October 4, 2026, at 10:30 AM in the Board Room.

Meeting Adjourned with Ending Prayer