



Guru Nanak Foundation of America, Inc.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Meeting Minutes -

Date:	July 12, 2020
Location:	Online
Attendees:	Paramvir Soni, <i>Chair</i> ; Tajinder Ahluwalia, Gurminder Ahuja, Neeta Singh Anand, Avtar Barring, Surpal Birgi, Kawaldeep Chadha, Arvinder Goomer, Ranvir Floura; Ripi Kohli-Chhabra; Manmohan Singh Kumar; Taranjeet Loh, Gita Pabla, Daljeet Saluja, Darshan Saluja, Dawinder Sidhu, Harmeet Singh, Khushwant Singh, Phula Singh, Priti Kaur Sood; Harnam Arneja; Jesse Bawa
Absent:	None
Guests:	Armaan Uppal

1. Bhai Jugmohan Singh Ji recited *ardaas*.
2. The Chair, noting a quorum is present, called the meeting to order at 11:10am. (Attendance sheet is attached; the Recording Secretary verified attendance through voice, video, and the chat function.)
3. The Chair offered announcements on GNFA's achievements during the year, including progress on the new building, streamlined fundraising and accounting, a freshly redesigned website, and a very successful weekly food drive.
4. The Chair noted that he has accepted a new professional opportunity and, in light of these new responsibilities, is resigning effective immediately. He then asked the Vice-Chair or the Recording Secretary to conduct the rest of the meeting. He exited the meeting.
5. Phula Singh Ji asked if the Board must accept the Chair's resignation. There was no clear response to this question.
6. The Recording Secretary asked if there was any new business to be added to the agenda. Tajinder Ahluwalia raised the issue of a vacancy on the Finance Committee.
7. Daljeet Saluja offered the following motion:

The minutes of the prior meeting, held on April 20, 2020, be approved.

Gurminder Ahuja seconded the motion.

The Recording Secretary noted that motion sheets and voting sheets have not been attached to prior minutes because of the online nature of the meetings and the inability for paper sheets to be signed by the person moving the motion and the person seconding the motion. Taranjit Loh stated that he would help create online sheets to allow for virtual signing of the motion sheets.

The motion passed by vote of 13-3. (Voting sheet is attached.)

8. Dr. Darshan Saluja, the Coordinator of the Finance Committee, discussed donation options to help raise funds for the new building project: **\$11,000 per pillar, and \$1,100 per brick**. The Coordinator fielded questions. The Board members engaged in a lengthy discussion of these options.

Daljeet Saluja offered a motion in support of these two options. Gita Pabla seconded the motion. As the motion contained two options, the Board decided to vote separately for each option.

The pillar option passed by vote of 16-0. (Voting sheet is attached.)

The brick option failed by vote of 7-8. (Voting sheet is attached.)

9. Gita Pabla, the PRO and the Coordinator of the Website Committee, noted that GNFA now has full administrative rights to the other Facebook page bearing the same name. She also sought guidance on whether GNFA should post obituaries on the GNFA Facebook page. The consensus was that obituaries would be posted if requested by the family.

10. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer addressed the status of the Audit Report.

11. Harnam Arneja, the Coordinator of the By-Laws Committee, stated that the Committee still has not provided recommendations on the proposed amendments to the By-Laws. The Coordinator fielded a question about the delay.

12. Committee reports were provided by Surpal Birgi (Capital Projects Committee), Kawaldeep Chadha (Membership Committee), and Dr. Darshan Saluja (Finance Committee).

13. The Recording Secretary sought guidance from the In-House Counsel and Deputy In-House Counsel as to the status of a complaint. Both agreed that the complaint is now moot.

14. The Finance Committee indicated that Manmohan Singh Kumar is serving on the Committee and as such there is no vacancy on the Committee. The Recording Secretary and Stage Secretary both pointed out that, according to the website, a vacancy does exist

on the Committee. Further investigation would be needed to determine the existence of a vacancy.

15. Board members again discussed whether the Chair's resignation must be accepted, and what happens in the event of a Chair's resignation. The understanding seemed to be that the Vice-Chair assumes the role of the Chair on an acting basis.

16. Daljeet Saluja offered the following motion:

The meeting be adjourned.

Gurminder Ahuja seconded the motion.

The motion passed by vote of 12-0. (Voting sheet attached.)

Respectfully submitted by,
Dawinder S. Sidhu
Recording Secretary

*** Please note that, for ease of reading, first names are used and all professional and honorary titles may be omitted. No disrespect is intended.**



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- Quorum Sheet -

Date: July 12, 2020

No.	Name	Present
1	Tajinder Ahluwalia	✓
2	Gurminder Ahuja	✓
3	Avtar Singh Barring	✓
4	Surpal Singh Birgi	✓
5	Kawaldeep Singh Chadha	✓
6	Ranvir Singh Floura	✓
7	Arvinder Goomer	✓
8	Kavneet (Ripi) Kohli-Chhabra	✓
9	Manmohan Singh Kumar	✓
10	Taranjeet Loh	✓
11	Gita Pabla	✓
12	Daljeet Singh Saluja	✓
13	Darshan Singh Saluja	✓
14	Dawinder Singh Sidhu	✓
15	Harmeet Singh	✓
16	Khushwant Singh	✓
17	Neeta A. Singh	✓
18	Phula Singh	✓
19	Priti Kaur Sood	✓
20	Paramvir Singh Soni	✓

Total: 20

COUNSEL

Name	Present
Harnam Singh Arneja, <i>Counsel</i>	✓
Jesse Kaur Bawa, <i>Deputy Counsel</i>	✓

COORDINATORS AND GUESTS

Name	Present
Armaan Uppal	✓



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- Voting Sheet -

Date: July 12, 2020

Motion: Approval of the Minutes

No.	Name	For	Against	Abstain
1	Tajinder Ahluwalia	✓		
2	** Gurminder Ahuja	✓		
3	Avtar Singh Barring	✓		
4	Surpal Singh Birgi		✓	
5	Kawaldeep Singh Chadha	✓		
6	Ranvir Singh Floura			✓
7	Arvinder Goomer		✓	
8	Kavneet (Ripi) Kohli-Chhabra	✓		
9	Manmohan Singh Kumar			✓
10	Taranjeet Loh	✓		
11	Gita Pabla	✓		
12	* Daljeet Singh Saluja	✓		
13	Darshan Singh Saluja	✓		
14	Dawinder Singh Sidhu	✓		
15	Harmeet Singh		✓	
16	Khushwant Singh	✓		
17	Neeta A. Singh	✓		
18	Phula Singh			✓
19	Priti Kaur Sood	✓		

Totals: 13 3 3

* - motion made by

** - motion seconded by



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- Voting Sheet -

Date: July 12, 2020

Motion: \$11,000 Donation Amount for Pillars

No.	Name	For	Against	Abstain
1	Tajinder Ahluwalia	✓		
2	Gurminder Ahuja	✓		
3	Avtar Singh Barring	✓		
4	Surpal Singh Birgi	✓		
5	Kawaldeep Singh Chadha	✓		
6	Ranvir Singh Floura			✓
7	Arvinder Goomer	✓		
8	Kavneet (Ripi) Kohli-Chhabra	✓		
9	Manmohan Singh Kumar			✓
10	Taranjeet Loh	✓		
11	** Gita Pabla	✓		
12	* Daljeet Singh Saluja	✓		
13	Darshan Singh Saluja	✓		
14	Dawinder Singh Sidhu	✓		
15	Harmeet Singh	✓		
16	Khushwant Singh	✓		
17	Neeta A. Singh	✓		
18	Phula Singh			✓
19	Priti Kaur Sood	✓		

Totals: 16 0 3

* - motion made by

** - motion seconded by



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- Voting Sheet -

Date: July 12, 2020

Motion: \$1,000 Donation Amount for Bricks

No.	Name	For	Against	Abstain
1	Tajinder Ahluwalia		✓	
2	Gurminder Ahuja	✓		
3	Avtar Singh Barring	✓		
4	Surpal Singh Birgi		✓	
5	Kawaldeep Singh Chadha	✓		
6	Ranvir Singh Floura			✓
7	Arvinder Goomer		✓	
8	Kavneet (Ripi) Kohli-Chhabra	✓		
9	Manmohan Singh Kumar			✓
10	Taranjeet Loh		✓	
11	** Gita Pabla	✓		
12	* Daljeet Singh Saluja	✓		
13	Darshan Singh Saluja	✓		
14	Dawinder Singh Sidhu		✓	
15	Harmeet Singh		✓	
16	Khushwant Singh		✓	
17	Neeta A. Singh		✓	
18	Phula Singh			✓
19	Priti Kaur Sood			✓
Totals:		7	8	4

* - motion made by

** - motion seconded by



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Motion: To Adjourn

No.	Name	For	Against	Abstain
1	Tajinder Ahluwalia	✓		
2	**Gurminder Ahuja	✓		
3	Avtar Singh Barring	✓		
4	Surpal Singh Birgi	✓		
5	Kawaldeep Singh Chadha	✓		
6	Ranvir Singh Floura			✓
7	Arvinder Goomer			✓
8	Kavneet (Ripi) Kohli-Chhabra	✓		
9	Manmohan Singh Kumar			✓
10	Taranjeet Loh	✓		
11	Gita Pabla	✓		
12	* Daljeet Singh Saluja	✓		
13	Darshan Singh Saluja			✓
14	Dawinder Singh Sidhu	✓		
15	Harmeet Singh	✓		
16	Khushwant Singh	✓		
17	Neeta A. Singh			✓
18	Phula Singh			✓
19	Priti Kaur Sood			✓

Totals: 12 0 7

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