



Guru Nanak Foundation of America, Inc.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Meeting Minutes -

Date:	May 10, 2020
Location:	Webex Meeting
Attendees:	Paramvir Soni, <i>Chair</i> ; Tajinder Ahluwalia, Gurminder Ahuja, Neeta Singh Anand, Avtar Barring, Surpal Birgi, Kawaldeep Chadha, Arvinder Goomer, 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:	Parminder Ahuja, Tejbir Phool, Mandeep Singh, Armaan Uppal

1. Manmohan Singh Kumar recited *ardaas*.
2. The Chair, noting a quorum is present, called the meeting to order at 11:03am. (The Recording Secretary verified the attendance by video and voice.)
3. Darshan Saluja offered the following motion:

That the past meeting minutes be approved as such.

Neeta Singh Anand seconded the motion.

The motion passed by vote of 17-0. (Votes were confirmed by voice vote.)

4. The Chair offered announcements.
5. The Chair raised a letter sent by the counsel for EMC2, demanding \$30,000 and threatening litigation if the amount is not paid. The Chair also noted that he and Darshan Saluja pleaded with EMC2 to reconsider, especially in light of the coronavirus, and that EMC2 was unmoved by these requests. A thorough discussion and questions followed.

Darshan Saluja offered the following motion:

GNFA will offer EMC2 \$10,000 per month, until \$30,000 is paid, and obtain a final

release of all obligations

Daljeet Saluja seconded the motion.

The motion passed by vote of 9-8, with 3 abstentions. (Votes were recorded in the chat function and also confirmed by voice vote.)

6. The Chair asked for a status update on the Audit report, which remains overdue. The Recording Secretary added that, according to the By-Laws, the Audit report is to be approved by the Board in March. Parminder Ahuja stated that the report is not complete because of the covid-19 situation and because information was not previously provided by the Finance Committee.
7. The Chair asked for a status update on the proposed amendments to the By-Laws. The coordinator of the By-Laws Committee explained that he has not attended to these proposed amendments because of his legal work. The Chair stated that he would relieve some of the work from the coordinator to give him more of an opportunity to deal with the proposed amendments. The Chair expressed his expectation that there would be an update on the proposed amendments by the next Board meeting.
8. The Chair called on the coordinator of the Capital Projects Committee. The coordinator provided an update on the building project (attached). He noted that there are two options for the Board to consider: to hire a general contractor, or to appoint the Capital Projects Committee as the general contractor. The Chair called on the coordinator of the Finance Committee to provide an update, which is relevant to the issue raised by the Capital Projects Committee. A discussion and questions followed.

Arvinder Goomer offered the following motion:

The Capital Projects Committee is appointed as the General Contractor for the New Building Project

Khushwant Singh seconded the motion.

The motion passed by vote of 15-1. (Votes were recorded in the chat function and also confirmed by voice vote.)

9. The Chair called on the coordinator of the Website Committee to provide a report. She indicated that a new website is in the works, and that the draft site will be circulated to the Board for comment and review.
10. The Chair called on the coordinator of the Membership Committee to provide a report. He urged members to renew their membership and also to encourage others to renew their membership as well.

11. The Chair recognized the Assistant Treasurer. He encouraged members to “step up” and do more seva during the covid-19 crisis.

12. Meeting disbanded.

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 are omitted. No disrespect is intended.**