



Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SHREE PRETORIA HINDU SEVA SAMAJ HELD IN THE SPHSS BOARDROOM:

DATE: Tuesday 22 April 2025

1. OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 4:06pm with a prayer. The President welcomed all the attendees.

2. QUORUM

The meeting was declared duly constituted by the President as the requisite quorum as prescribed by clause 17 of the Samaj Constitution had been met.

3. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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| President | Sanjay Govind (SG) |
| General Secretary | Jayniksha Ramjee (JR) |
| Assistant Secretary | Minoti Bhatt (MB) |
| Chief Financial Officer | Nipun Jeeva (NJ) |
| Head of Facilities Management | Vineet Rama (VR) |
| Admin Office | Rakesh Kara (RK) |
| Head of Special Projects | Harshad Dajee Pema (HDP) |
| Head of Education | Miheer Joshi (MJ) |
| Deputy President | Himal Ramjee (HR) |
| Head of Youth Affairs (Navyug Mandal) | Yamini Bhima (YB) |
| Health, Welfare and Gender | Manisha Lakha (ML) |

Apologies/Absent:

None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MINUTES

None

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

Approved by Manishabhen and seconded by Vineetbhai

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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| 7.1 | INCOMING |
| 7.1.1 | Email from community members regarding the volume of the morning and evening Aarti broadcast was high; The volume has been reduced. It needs to be ascertained what the bylaws state for acceptable “noise levels”. A response will be sent to the community members as soon as the regulatory decibel has been ascertained. |
| 7.1.2 | Email from RISHI for use of Mandir on Saturday, 12 April 2025 |
| 7.2 | OUTGOING |
| 7.2.1 | Invitation to bhajan groups for a meeting regarding coordination and communication of events The meeting took place on 1 April 2025 |
| 7.2.2 | Email to City of Tshwane regarding proposed rezoning and consolidation of Marabastad land The correct official had been identified. The proposal will follow a process whereby the documents will be circulated to the various departments at the Council for comment. |
| 7.2.3 | Email sent to HC, Durga Dass, regarding event review |
| 7.2.4 | Email to RISHI granting permission for use of Mandir |
| 7.2.5 | Letter to Residents Association to open gates for Hanuman Chalisa event Gates were opened early. A thank you letter must be sent out by Rakeshbhai to the association |

| 8. | MATTERS ARISING | RESPONSIBLE |
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| 8.1 | Costs for the funeral undertakers A notice informing the community the estimated comparative costs of a funeral between service providers will be sent out to the community in due course. The community have been using the cheaper funeral undertaker. There were no complaints from the bereaved families. | VR, SG |
| 8.2 | Toshiba Offer (Copier) Deferred to October 2025 due to the closure of the Bal Mandir School. | HR |

9. OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

The Admin and Priest Bookings report was presented.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly financial report as at 31 March 2025.

| Income and Expenses | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Description | Amount |
| Monthly Income | 339 508 |
| Monthly Expenses | (383 881) |
| Monthly Deficit | (44 373) |
| Cash Position | |
| Cheque Account | 101 618 |
| Money on Call | 20 773 |
| Call | 6 609 895 |
| Petty Cash | 1 929 |
| Total | 6 734 215 |

The **Financial Statements** is being audited. The potential date for the AGM must be sent out to the community.

11. EDUCATION REPORT

A parents meeting was held on 9 April 2025 to inform parents of the numbers at the school. The Bal Mandir will close at the end of 2025. It is anticipated that there would be a maximum of only fifteen students, if the Bal Mandir does not close. A letter is to be sent to the parents and the community. Furthermore, the bad debts have been increasing.

Gujarati School requested funding for the children to attend the Gujarati Day to be held in Johannesburg. Transport will be arranged for the children.

All Bursaries have been paid to the students for the 2025 calendar year.

12. RELIGION & CULTURE REPORT

Ram Navmi was held on 6 April 2025. Bhajans were rendered by four bhajan groups.

Hanuman Jayanti was held on 12 April 2025, bhajans was rendered by Laudium Mandir Bhajan Mandal

Hanuman Chalisa was held on 13 April 2025.

Upcoming Events:

Mandir Anniversary, The Mandir anniversary falls on the Wednesday, 14 May, however it was decided to celebrate the occasion on **Sunday, 18 May 2025, 10:30am to 12pm**. As the Sunday Mandir Bhajan Group hosted the Shiv Chalisa, the Laudium Mandir Bhajan Mandal the Hanuman Jayanti, it was proposed that the Bal Bhakta Bhajan Mandal render bhajans for the Mandir Anniversary.

Activities for Following Months

Murti Pratishtha – anticipated date, June 2025. The murtis are in route to South Africa. Still awaiting quotations for the building material.

Shravan Programme – 27 July, 3, 10 and 17 August. It has been decided to support local group participation for the four Sundays. Two groups still to confirm

13. FUNERALS AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT \ SPECIAL PROJECTS

Marabastad Land – Fencing and gates have been put up. The land will be levelled further and then prepared for the brick paving.

Advertising along the property boundary to be considered as a passive income generation. Refer to Minutes of the Special AGM dated 3 April 2025 for further information.

Mandir Kitchen renovation is in progress.

Tenant's flat – the leak in the kitchen will be seen to.

14. SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT

No activities were held for the month of April.

Upcoming Activities for Next Month

Details not provided.

Activities for Following Months

Women's day – 9 August 2025

15. NAVYUG REPORT

Hanuman Chalisa – held on 13 April 2025 was well executed by the youth. An analysis must be done of the expenditure to get an indication of the event cost for future events. Majority of the items were donated and many community members volunteered their time and expertise.

Upcoming Events:

The Navyug Bhajan Mandal is partaking in the Hanuman Chalisa recitals in Sandton, on 26 April.

The Navyug is due to have an election.

16. GENERAL / NEW MATTERS

1. Constitution

It needs to be ascertained whether the number of months, within which the AGM must be held, can be changed in the constitution.

The SPHSS website must be updated with the amended Constitution dated 21 May 2023.

2. There has been a request to host a **night market** at the SPHSS premises over a weekend.

Vineetbhai, Sanjaybhai, Himalbhai and Nipunbhai to meet with the potential event holders

3. **Exco members** needs to be chosen and rotations to be done.

17. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting dates: Tuesday, 20 May, 24 June, 22 July, 19 August, 23 September, 21 October, 18 November 2025, at 4pm.

18. CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed with a prayer at 6:10pm

SANJAY GOVIND
PRESIDENT

JAYNIKSHA RAMJEE
SECRETARY-GENERAL