



# Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj

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*"Satyameva Jayate" - Truth Alone Prevails*

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

**DATE: Wednesday 19 March 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

|                                       |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 Nipunbhai and seconded by Miheerbhai

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

|            |  |
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| <b>7.1</b> | <b>INCOMING</b>  |
| 7.1.1      | Email from Manger Care Centre requesting a donation or sponsorship<br>A fair amount of donations have been granted to the community. Based on the Care Centre not being close to Laudium, it was decided not to make a contribution at the moment. |
| 7.1.2      | Invitation by the Divine Life Society for centenary celebrations. A request was made to share the invitation to the community.<br>The invitation will be sent out on Monday, 24 March 2025.  |
| <b>7.2</b> | <b>OUTGOING</b>  |
| 7.2.1      | Invitation to the High Commissioner of India (HCI) for Shivratri.<br>The invitation was accepted and attended. Representatives were highly impressed with the poojas performed.  |
| 7.2.2      | Email to City of Tshwane regarding proposed rezoning and consolidation of Marabastad land  |
| 7.2.3      | Email to RISHI granting permission for use of Mandir   |

| <b>8.</b> | <b>MATTERS ARISING</b>  | <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> |
|-----------|---|--------------------|
| 8.1       | <b>Costs for the funeral undertakers</b><br>The list of referee doctors will be updated. Dr Zaheer Ismail has quoted a NIL charge.<br>The notice informing the community with the estimated cost of a funeral will be sent out to the community and every quarter to inform of any price changes. | VR, SG             |
| 8.2       | <b>Treasurer position</b><br>The election is in two months' time. A shuffle of the exco will be made and additional members will be identified before the next meeting.   | All                |
| 8.3       | <b>Toshiba Offer (Copier)</b><br>The contract will be looked at by Himalbhai.   | HR                 |
| 8.4       | <b>Marabastad Land</b><br>A meeting was held today, 19 March 2025. The Council indicated that land will be cleared by next week.<br>Sanjaybhai visited a parking lot in the Pretoria City Centre to get an understanding of the workings of the business.   | SG, HR, HDP        |

## 9. OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

The Admin and Priest Bookings report was presented. The heading should be changed to read February.

As Dipika Bhana had sent through photos of the sports event immediately, the HCI could post the photos on all their social media sites the next day. A master content loader is needed. Only a sample of the photos will be uploaded. Himalbhai, Yaminibhen, Vineetbhai and Miheerbhai will meet with Dipikabhen to discuss the policy/way forward with media matters.

Facebook still needs to be activated. The old Facebook profile has been blocked. Therefore, a new profile will be created.

The WIFI coverage is being looked at by Himalbhai. Extenders/boosters will be used to increase coverage.

Whenever material is being printed, a physical proof must be made available by the printers to the exco/organising committee for review.

## 10. FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly financial report as at 28 February 2025.

| <b>Income and Expenses</b> |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Description</b>         | <b>Amount</b>    |
| Monthly Income             | 265 209          |
| Monthly Expenses           | (363 027)        |
| <b>Monthly Deficit</b>     | <b>(97 818)</b>  |
|                            |                  |
| <b>Cash Position</b>       |                  |
| Cheque Account             | 145 991          |
| Money on Call              | 20 695           |
| Call                       | 6 572 099        |
| Petty Cash                 | 2 856            |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>6 741 641</b> |

The **Financial Statements** have been sent to the auditors. A full audit will be conducted for 2024. Himalbhai will follow up with the auditors as to when the audit report will be available in order to plan for the AGM.

## 11. EDUCATION REPORT

Not discussed.

## 12. RELIGION & CULTURE REPORT

The **Bhoomi Pooja** was held on 23 February 2025 for the Navagraha and Shivling stapna.

**Shivratri** was held on 26 February 2025.

**Holi** was held 13 March 2025.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Ram Navmi** - 6 April 2025, 9:00am to 12:30pm. Program has not been finalised yet.

**Hanuman Jayanti** - 12 April 2025 – An event is still being decided on.

**Hanuman Chalisa** - 13 April 2025 – will be hosted by the Navyug Mandal at the hall.

### **Activities for Following Months**

**Murti Pratishtha** – 25 May 2025. Planning is being done by Sunilbhai. The murtis should be ready by the end of April.

## 13. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Not discussed.

## 14. SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT

**Valentines Day Celebrations** took place on 1 March 2025.

### **Upcoming Activities for Next Month**

Details not provided.

### **Activities for Following Months**

None yet

## 15. NAVYUG REPORT

**Sports Event** – held on 2 March 2025 at the Range Pedal Courts in Erasmia. This event was sponsored by the High Commissioner of India.

Upcoming Events:

### **Hanuman Chalisa** – 13 April 2025

All arrangements were discussed including bhajan group participation, Maha Prasad preparation and volunteer assistance.

In the future it was suggested that a poster be created advertising all fund-raising initiatives and giving the public equal opportunity to contribute.

It would be preferred that all donations for all activities especially religious activities and the mandir be provided anonymously.

The executive should be consulted and would remain the arbitrator in these fund-raising initiatives.

## 16. GENERAL / NEW MATTERS

### **1. Camp for Welfare of Indian Community**

Not discussed

### **2. The High Commissioner of India** – will be making available additional funds to host more functions

## 17. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting dates: Tuesday, 22 April, 20 May, 24 June, 22 July 2025, at 4pm.

## 18. CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed with a prayer at 6:45pm

**SANJAY GOVIND**  
**PRESIDENT**

**JAYNIKSHA RAMJEE**  
**SECRETARY-GENERAL**