



# Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

MEETING OF THE MANAGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
10843 KENNEY STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650  
ON August 3, 2025, 12:30 PM PST.

## Minutes

The 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday August 3, 2025, at 12:30 PM at the office of the Foundation in 10843 Kenney Street, Norwalk, California 90650.

### 1. Attendance:

S. N	Name	Position	Roll Call	Remarks*
1	Bimal Shrestha	President	Present	
2	Ram Babu Pandey	President-Elect	Present	
3	Rameshor Bhandari	Immediate past President	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Notified</b>
4	Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal	Senior Vice president	Present	
5	Upendra Sapkota	Vice President	Present	
6	Tulasi Ram Gyawali	Secretary	Present	
7	Suman Dhakal	Joint-Secretary	Present	
8	Laxman Ghimire	Treasurer	Present	
9	Dilli Prasad Thapaliya	Joint Treasurer	Present	
10	Ajit Babu Ghimire	Director	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Notified</b>
11	Amrit Mahat	Director	Present	
12	Bhawani Pandey	Director	Present	
13	Bhuwa Niure	Director	Present	
14	Chakrapani Mishra	Director	Present	
15	Milan Nyaupane	Director	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Notified</b>
16	Muna Pyakuryal	Director	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Notified</b>
17	Nanda Lal Gautam	Director	Present	
18	Prabin Ghimire	Director	Present	
19	Ram Sharan Pandey	Director	Present	
20	Sanju Sapkota	Director	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Notified</b>
21	Sapana Sedhain Thapaliya	Director	Present	

\*If absent without notification, how many times absent annotated by superscript number.



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## **Also, present if any:**

Only board members were invited to the meeting; however, SPFU Board of Trustees member Shyam Joshi, was also present.

## **2. Roll Call:**

President Shrestha called the meeting to order at 12:50 PM PST in person. Following the roll call, it was noted that a quorum was present. Secretary Gyawali started the formal proceedings.

## **3. Approval of the previous minute:**

- Meeting Minute of the 9<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Managing Board of Directors was approved with some minor modification.

## **4. Agendas of the meeting:**

- A. Financial Report
- B. Preparation for Upcoming Festivals & Pujas
  - Shree Krishna Astami
  - Teej
- C. Nepali Pathasala Updates
- D. Review of Sub-Committees and Responsibilities
- E. Additional Agenda Items (if any)

## **5. Discussion/Decision(s):**

**A.** Treasurer Mr. Laxman Ghimire presented the financial report for the month of July 2025. The total income for the month was \$24,958.28, while operating expenses was \$6,802.54, resulting in net savings of \$18,155.74 for the month. As of July 31, 2025, the total fund balance of SPFU stood at \$1,325,366.57.

**B.** The meeting discussed the following upcoming festivals:

Janai Purnima (August 9, 2025):

Since this agenda was already discussed in detail during the previous meeting, the discussion was limited to the prasad menu, after which the meeting moved forward.

Shree Krishna Astami & Teej Dar (August 16 & 23, 2025)

Event flyers for both programs have already been published.

For Astami, it was decided to request the same sponsorship amount as last year from the family making their son Lord Krishna (Nand Utsav Prayojak). The program will include puja in the morning, followed by special bhajans and Krishna puja in the evening.

Regarding Teej, the meeting discussed the teej dar and puja arrangements according to the published flyer. The teej dar celebration is expected to be grand.

Since both events fall on Saturdays, attendance is projected to reach around 2,000 people in total. To support these events, the meeting set a fundraising target of \$25,000. Fundraising was initiated by the board members during the meeting itself.



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C. Nepali Pathasala Principal and SPFU Board Joint Secretary, Mr. Suman Dhakal, provided updates on the ongoing Fall 2025 session. He reported that there are currently 100 students enrolled, with enrollment expected to reach around 115 students. An additional class will be introduced for upper-grade students. Ms. Rachana Pandey will be joining as an additional dance teacher. Since this is the festive season in Nepal, the Fall session will emphasize fun activities for the Pathasala children.

The meeting also discussed the possibility of allowing promotional flyers or flags to be displayed outside the temple grounds for a fee. This would serve as a business opportunity for local realtors and small businesses. The details will be discussed later and will make a standard policy.

## D. Additional Agendas:

### **Review of Guru Choodamani Pathak**

As an additional agenda item, President Mr. Bimal Shrestha initiated the review of Mandir Guru Acharya Choodamani Pathak. His annual contract, with a monthly salary of \$3,800, expired on June 17, 2025. All board members expressed positive feedback regarding his service and performance. The board unanimously agreed to renew his contract retroactively, effective from June 17, 2025, with a revised monthly salary of \$4,000, continuing through June 16, 2026. The \$200 per month increase (approximately 5%) was noted as a fair and competitive raise for California.

### **Fundraising and Donor Name Plate Update**

President Mr. Bimal Shrestha introduced another agenda regarding fundraising and updating the donor's name plate with each donor's name and contribution amount on the board. He also mentioned that he had spoken with Realtor Mr. Bhakta Thapa, the Founding President of SPFU. Mr. Thapa suggested requesting donors to establish monthly payments directly into the mandir account. This approach would not only demonstrate a steady income stream but also strengthen the mandir's ability to qualify for a larger loan for land acquisition.

### **Sunday Post-Cleaning Duty Schedule**

Additionally, the meeting was discussed and decided to schedule at least two board members every Sunday to oversee and assist with post-cleaning activities. This duty will be included as part of the regular supervision schedule and must be coordinated alongside Nepali Pathasala activities.

### **Yoga Activities in the Mandir Main Hall**

Since puja and yoga activities cannot be conducted harmoniously at the same time in the mandir, the meeting decided that yoga activities will not take place in the mandir main hall while devotees are engaged in prayer.

## 6. Adjourn:

Due to time constraints, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM (PST).

Sign and submitted by:

Tulasi Ram Gyawali  
Secretary