



# Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

MEETING OF THE MANAGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
10843 KENNEY STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650  
ON APRIL 5, 2025, 05:00 PM PST.

## Minutes

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Saturday April 5, 2025, at 05:00 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	Present	
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	Present	
11	Amrit Mahat	Director	Present	
12	Bhawani Pandey	Director	Present	
13	Bhuwa Niure	Director	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Notified<sup>1</sup></b>
14	Chakrapani Mishra	Director	Present	
15	Milan Nyaupane	Director	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Notified<sup>1</sup></b>
16	Muna Pyakuryal	Director	Present	
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<sup>1</sup></b>
21	Sapana Sedhain Thapaliya	Director	Present	

\*If absent, notified or not and how many times absent annotated by superscript number.



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

This was a combined meeting of the Board Members, Advisory Committee Members, and Trustee Executive Committee. The meeting was attended by Trustee Executive Committee Chair Mr. Akraj Pandey, along with members Mr. Dilli Thapa, Mr. Shyam Joshi, and Ms. Sushila Pandey. Additionally, Advisory Committee Members Mr. Rishi Dhakal, Ms. Indira Tripathi, Mr. Madan Pathak, and Dr. Badri Bhandari were also present.

## **2. Roll Call:**

President Shrestha called the meeting to order at 05:40 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 minutes:**

- Meeting Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Managing Board of Directors were unanimously approved.

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

- Welcome to our Advisory Committee Members
- Financial Report & Updates on Collection of Pledged Amounts from Shiv Mahapuran and NCC Project
- Nepali Pathshala Update
- Status on Opening a CD Account with Everest Federal Credit Union (EFCU)
- Preparation for Upcoming Festivals (Ram Navami, Nepali New Year 2082, and Buddha Jayanti)
- Update on Aishwarya Vigyan Program (Scheduled for June 24–30)
- Update on Ongoing and Completed works of SPFU including Repairs and Maintenance
- Additional Agenda Items (If any)

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

- a. As this was the first meeting following the formation of the Advisory Committee (AC), President Shrestha formally congratulated and welcomed its newly appointed AC members. Of the seven individuals appointed, four-Mr. Rishi Dhakal, Ms. Indira Tripathi, Mr. Madan Pathak, and Dr. Badri Bhandari - were present at the meeting.
- b. Treasurer Mr. Laxman Ghimire presented the financial report for the month of March 2025. The total income for the month was \$19,788.94, while the operating expenses amounted to \$16,060. An additional interest income of \$3,209.86 was recorded. The net savings for March totaled \$6,938.80. As of March 31, 2025, the total bank balance of SPFU stood at \$1,266,129.51.



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- c. The meeting included a discussion on the Nepali Pathasala and its growing demand within the community. Principal Mr. Suman Dhakal and Coordinator Mr. Shyam Joshi presented an update on the current status of the program, including details regarding lunch sponsorship. Mr. Joshi reported that there are currently 107 students enrolled, marking the highest number in the history of Nepali Pathasala. Mr. Dhakal further informed the committee that the Pathasala is implementing safety policy training for teachers to enhance student well-being and classroom preparedness.
- d. During the fifth Board meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the proposal to open a new Certificate of Deposit (CD) account with Everest Federal Credit Union (EFCU) and fund it with \$200,000. However, the Board sought formal approval from the Trustee Executive Committee before proceeding and subsequently sent an email requesting their consent. As approval was not granted by the Board of Trustees at that time, the deposit action was placed on hold pending further discussion at the sixth Board meeting.

Since the sixth meeting was a joint session with the Trustee Executive Committee, the matter was reopened for further discussion. Despite extensive deliberation, the issue remained unresolved. President Shrestha has proposed allowing the Trustee Board an additional seven days to reach a decision. If no response is received from the Executive Committee within that time frame, the Management Board will conduct further research and proceed to make a decision in order to move the process forward.

- e. The meeting included a discussion regarding the upcoming festivals—Ram Navami and the Nepali New Year. It was decided that a four-hour-long Akhanda Kirtan would be organized on the day of Ram Navami. Additionally, a Satyanarayan Puja will be held on the day of the Nepali New Year. Since the New Year falls on a Monday, the Board agreed to host a Meet and Greet event on the preceding Sunday, allowing broader community participation.
- f. The meeting included an in-depth discussion about the upcoming Aishwarya Vigyan Program, scheduled to take place from June 24 to June 30. The primary focus was on strategies to ensure the success of the event by encouraging greater community participation. To facilitate effective planning and execution, the meeting resolved to form a Main Organizing Committee under the coordination of Honorable Consul General Mr. Rishi Dhakal, with Mr. Siddhartha Silwal, Senior Vice President of the Management Board Committee, serving as Sub-Coordinator.

The goal is to form a 199-member committee, which will automatically include representatives from the Board of Directors, Trustee Executive Committee, and Advisory Committee, as well as members from local organizations. The meeting also emphasized the need for expanded outreach and promotion within the community to boost engagement and participation.

- g. The President Shrestha provided a brief update on the ongoing repair and maintenance efforts and requested the Board's approval to construct a donor nameplate cover board as part of the facility improvements.



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- h. At the meeting's conclusion, Advisory Committee members were given the opportunity to share their suggestions and feedback.

Mr. Madan Pathak recommended increasing the height of the fence surrounding the premises, expressing concern that dogs from the other side have been jumping over, causing fear among children. He emphasized that this poses a safety issue, as it appears the dogs are entering the temple grounds.

Mr. Rishi Dhakal took the opportunity to speak further about the upcoming Aishwarya Vigyan Program, suggesting the organization of a separate meeting with local organization leaders to ensure broader collaboration and success.

Dr. Badri Bhandari extended his gratitude for his nomination to the Advisory Committee. He also provided thoughtful input regarding the basic functionality of the organization, offering suggestions for improving the structure and efficiency of meetings and operations.

Ms. Indira Tripathi also expressed her appreciation for her nomination and shared ideas on how to elevate the temple's operations and community presence to the next level.

## 6. Adjourn:

Due to the time constraints, the meeting was adjourned at 08:02 PM PST.

Sign and submitted by:

Tulasi Ram Gyawali  
Secretary