



Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

MEETING OF THE MANAGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
10843 KENNEY STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650
ON MAY 4, 2025, 12:30 PM PST.

Minutes

The 7th meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday May 4, 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	Absent¹	Not Notified
3	Rameshor Bhandari	Immediate past President	Absent	Notified
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	Present	
14	Chakrapani Mishra	Director	Present	
15	Milan Nyaupane	Director	Present	
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	Present	
21	Sapana Sedhain Thapaliya	Director	Absent	Notified

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



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Also, present if any:

Only board members were present at the meeting.

2. Roll Call:

President Shrestha called the meeting to order at 12:35 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 4th and 6th meetings of the Managing Board of Directors were unanimously approved.

4. Agendas of the meeting:

- Financial Report & Status on Opening a CD Account with Everest Federal Credit Union (EFCU)
- Preparation for Upcoming Festivals (Buddha Jayanti)
- Update on Aishwarya Vigyan Program (Scheduled for June 24–30)
- Additional Agenda Items (Ongoing Work Briefing and Temple Service Price List)

5. Discussion/Decision(s):

- a. Treasurer Mr. Laxman Ghimire presented the financial report for the month of April 2025. The total income for the month was \$22,566.65, while operating expenses was \$12,980.04, resulting in net savings of \$9,676.61 for the month. As of April 30, 2025, the total bank balance of SPFU stood at \$1,288,747.20. The meeting was also discussed that the gas bill was unusually high for the month. In response, the meeting included a discussion on implementing smart technology solutions to better monitor and control gas usage, especially during non-operational hours, in order to improve efficiency and reduce costs.

Additionally, the meeting decided to halt the previous decision to open a Certificate of Deposit (CD) account with Everest Federal Credit Union (EFCU). However, it was agreed to deposit up to \$50,000 with EFCU in order to establish and develop a banking relationship, which may be beneficial for potential loan needs in the future.

- b. The meeting discussed the upcoming Buddha Jayanti festival, which falls on May 11 and 12, 2025. It was decided to celebrate the event on Sunday, May 11, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Due to the unavailability of our regular Nepali monk, the committee agreed to invite two Sri Lankan monks, Jyoti and Sumana, to lead the prayers and meditation session. Round-trip transportation will be arranged for both monks. The celebration will also include participation from the Pathshala children, who will join in the prayer/meditation session. A preparation meeting is scheduled for Saturday, involving all available board members, to decorate the Buddha statue room and ensure it is attractive and festive for the occasion. Kabindra Panta and his family decided to sponsor the prasad and provide pizza for the children on the day of the celebration.



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- c. The meeting included an in-depth discussion about the upcoming Aishwarya Vigyan Program, scheduled to take place from June 24 to June 30, 2025. Senior Vice President Siddhartha Silwal, who is also serving as the event sub-coordinator, emphasized the importance of the program and shared updates on the ongoing promotion and outreach efforts. He noted that awareness of the event is strong across Southern California, but there is a need to increase registrations, starting with the board members themselves. Board member Chakrapani Mishra highlighted the significance of Jeevan Vigyan expressing his personal commitment as a practitioner and supporter. The Joint Treasurer echoed the importance of the event and shared his plan to attend with all four members of his family. He also encouraged the board to reach out directly to SPFU trustees and life members to boost engagement and participation. President Bimal Shrestha strongly emphasized the urgency of early registration. He urged all board members to register immediately and mentioned that he has a potential participant list, but the effort must begin with the board to set an example.
- d. Ongoing Work Briefing and Temple Service Pricing – This item was added as an additional agenda during the meeting. President Bimal Shrestha provided a brief update on ongoing repair and maintenance efforts, including Garage lighting, floor painting and set up of supply rack inside storage room in dining room. Additionally, President Shrestha informed the board that the contractor for the donor nameplate cover is scheduled to begin work next week. He also mentioned that he will be addressing the Notice of Compliance (NOC) received from the City of Norwalk regarding the front light pole. Lastly, the temple will be replacing the dryer used by Guru, as part of the ongoing improvement efforts.

The meeting also included a discussion on the temple service price list. The proposed service pricing was presented during the meeting and, after some modifications, was officially approved. It was also acknowledged that outside temple service offerings will need to be further developed in the future, considering factors such as travel distances and Guru's service fees, which can vary based on location and complexity of requests.

6. Adjourn:

Since there were no additional agenda items, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM PST.

Sign and submitted by:

Tulasi Ram Gyawali
Secretary