



Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

MEETING OF THE MANAGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
10843 KENNEY STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650
ON July 13, 2025, 9:30 AM PST.

Minutes

The 9th meeting of the Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA was held on Sunday July 13, 2025, at 09:50 AM 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 | Absent | Notified |
| 3 | Rameshor Bhandari | Immediate past President | Present | |
| 4 | Dilli (Siddhartha) Silwal | Senior Vice president | Absent | Notified |
| 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 | Absent | Not Notified¹ |
| 12 | Bhawani Pandey | Director | Absent | Notified |
| 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 | Absent | Notified |
| 19 | Ram Sharan Pandey | Director | Present | |
| 20 | Sanju Sapkota | Director | Present | |
| 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 Advisory Committee member and Platinum Patron, Veda Bhakta Joshi, was also present.

2. Roll Call:

President Shrestha called the meeting to order at 09:55 AM 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 8th meetings of the Managing Board of Directors was unanimously approved.

4. Agendas of the meeting:

- A. Financial Report
- B. Preparation for Upcoming Festivals & Pujas
 - Shravan Mondays
 - Nag Panchami
 - Janai Purnima
 - Shree Krishna Astami
 - Teej
- C. Post-Event Analysis of Aishwarya Vigyan Program
- D. Nepali Pathasala
- E. Expediate land search process
- F. Pledge donation collection
- G. Additional Agenda Items (if any)

5. Discussion/Decision(s):

- A. Treasurer Mr. Laxman Ghimire presented the financial report for June 2025, including a summary of the Aishwarya Vigyan event held from June 24–30, 2025. The event generated total income of \$63,814.99 from registrations and contributions, with total expenses of \$58,815.87, resulting in net savings of \$4,999.12.

Excluding the event, the general income for the month was \$25,312.96 (including \$11,783.37 from the NCC Fund), and operating expenses totaled \$10,550.13, leading to net savings of \$14,762.83.

- B. The meeting discussed the following upcoming festivals:

Shravan Mondays:

The meeting proposed organizing combined Rudrabhishek Puja on the following Mondays — July 14, 21, 28 and August 4 & 11 — with both morning and evening sessions, in observance of the holy month of Shravan.



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It was decided that the temple will provide the puja samagri, and a suggested donation of \$51 will be requested from those participating in the Rudrabhishek Puja. Mrs. Sapana Sedhain Thapaliya was requested to lead the coordination of these Monday puja events. The meeting also agreed to have two gurus present during each Monday morning session.

Additionally, the need for more volunteers was discussed. All board members are encouraged to make themselves available and attend the temple during these Mondays. At least two board members should be present for each shift — morning and evening.

Our Temple Guru Acharya Choodamani Pathak was also present during this discussion.

Nag Panchami (July 29, 2025):

The meeting confirmed that there are enough Nag posters available at the temple for the upcoming Nag Panchami celebration. It was decided that the Nag posters will be distributed free of cost. However, a donation box will be placed next to the display, and devotees may contribute voluntary donations as they wish.

Janai Purnima (August 9, 2025):

August 9, 2025, also marks the 94th birthday of our Platinum Patron and Advisory Committee member, Veda Bhakta Joshi. During the meeting, Mr. Joshi graciously announced his intention to donate \$10,000 in honor of his birthday. The meeting decided to celebrate Janai Purnima with a series of events, including a morning Mahasnan at Seal Beach, followed by Rishi Tarpani Puja, Raksha Bandhan, and Janai exchange at the temple. In addition, Mr. Joshi's 94th birthday celebration will be held at the temple from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Janai (sacred threads) will be distributed with voluntary donations, allowing devotees to contribute as they wish. The meeting also agreed to have two gurus present on this morning.

Shree Krishna Astami and Teej Dar:

The meeting was decided to celebrate Shree Krishna Astami on August 16, 2025, and Teej Dar on August 23, 2025. Event flyers will be published accordingly, and further details will be discussed during the August monthly meeting.

- C. The meeting included a discussion on the overall activities carried out by the newly elected Managing Board of Directors of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA (SPFU) from January through June 30, 2025, as well as a post-event evaluation of the Aishwarya Vigyan program held from June 24 to 30, 2025.

All board members shared positive feedback on the Foundation's recent activities and emphasized the importance of prioritizing quality events within the temple over the number of events. The board also suggested staying focused on the primary goal of securing land for the proposed Nepali Cultural Center (NCC) project and recommended renewed efforts in fundraising, including outreach to both existing and new donors.



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Overall feedback from board members and participants was positive. However, some concerns were raised regarding communication gaps in the management of the event. The fundraising activity initiated by Jeevan Vigyan representative was unexpected. While it appeared to be driven by sincere intent, it would be more appropriate and effective if such efforts were coordinated with the board in advance.

At the conclusion of the discussion, all board members agreed to express their gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the event. It was noted with pride that this was the first time the Jeevan Vigyan event was successfully organized outside of Nepal, marking a significant milestone for SPFU.

- D.** Nepali Pathasala Principal and SPFU Board Joint Secretary, Mr. Suman Dhakal, provided an update on the upcoming Fall 2025 session of Nepali Pathasala. He mentioned that the session will run from July 27 to December 14, 2025. Tuition fees will remain the same as the previous session — \$125 for regular classes and an additional \$25 for music/dance classes.

This session will emphasize regular academic instruction along with cultural events, games, fun-filled activities, and talent shows. The meeting also discussed the need for additional volunteers to support both classroom activities and food management in the kitchen. Additionally, the importance of post-class cleanup every Sunday was emphasized.

Principal Suman Dhakal stated that he will organize a separate meeting soon with all relevant parties to address volunteer coordination and overall Pathasala management.

- E.** At the end of the meeting, President Mr. Bimal Shrestha emphasized that the primary focus moving forward will be on the NCC project. He informed the board that a meeting with the realtor team will be scheduled soon to expediate the land search process. He also noted that it will be challenging to initiate effective fundraising unless clear progress is made toward the next steps of the project. Additionally, he reminded the team to complete the website update tasks that were previously assigned.

6. Adjourn:

Due to time constraints, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 PM (PST).

Sign and submitted by:

Tulasi Ram Gyawali
Secretary