



Guru Nanak Foundation of America, Inc.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Meeting Minutes -

Date:	February 9, 2020
Location:	GNFA Gurdwara, Trailer #9 (12917 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904)
Attendees:	Paramvir Soni, <i>Chair</i> ; Tajinder Ahluwalia, Neeta Singh Anand, Avtar Barring, Surpal Birgi, Kawaldeep Chadha, Ranvir Floura, Manmohan Singh Kumar, Taranjeet Loh, Gita Pabla, Dawinder Sidhu, Khushwant Singh, Phula Singh; Harnam Arneja, Jesse Bawa
Absent:	Gurminder Ahuja, Arvinder Goomer, Ripi Kohli-Chhabra, Daljeet Saluja, Darshan Saluja, Harmeet Singh, Priti Kaur Sood
Guests:	Tejbir Phool, Atam Parkash Singh, Mandeep Singh, Armaan Uppal

1. Manmohan Singh Kumar recited *ardaas*.
2. The Chair, noting a quorum is present, called the meeting to order at 11:21am. (*See Appendix for quorum sheet.*)
3. The Chair restated the rules of the Board meetings.
4. The Chair sought new business from the floor. Manmohan Singh Kumar requested that the Board discuss an invitation of the Indian Ambassador to GNFA. He also requested that the Board discuss the recently held Sikh Affairs Committee forum at GNFA. Tajinder Ahluwalia requested that the Board discuss a feedback form that she created. Dawinder Sidhu requested that the Board discuss the addition of new members to the Community Affairs Committee.
5. Avtar Barring offered the following motion:

The minutes of the January 26, 2020 board meeting be approved.

Tajinder Ahluwalia seconded the motion.

The motion passed by vote of 10-0, with three members. (*See Appendix for motion sheet and voting sheet.*)

6. Jesse Bawa addressed the health environment committee. She fielded questions on the role of the committee, the scope of the committee, the relationship of the committee with the Ethics and Discipline Committee, and the membership of the committee. **The Chair requested that the committee have a draft policy for the Board to review by the next Board meeting.**

Ranvir Floura offered the following motion:

The members of the healthy environment committee are: Jesse Bawa, Gita Pabla, Amreen Kaur, and Japjyot Singh, with Jesse Bawa as the coordinator.

Neeta Singh seconded the motion.

The motion passed by vote of 12-0, with one member abstaining. (*See Appendix for motion sheet and voting sheet.*)

7. Tajinder Ahluwalia addressed the sustainability committee.

Gita Pabla offered the following motion:

The members of the sustainability committee are: Gurpreet Singh Matta, Gita Pabla, Japjyot Singh, Jyoti Tulsi, Priti Sood, Atam Parkash Singh, with Tajinder Ahluwalia as the coordinator.

Manmohan Singh Kumar seconded the motion.

The motion passed by vote of 13-0. (*See Appendix for motion sheet and voting sheet.*)

8. The Board discussed the community outreach committee's activities, previously referred to as the seva committee and raised at the January 26, 2020, Board meeting.
9. The Board discussed upcoming internal and external fundraising opportunities: Vaisakhi celebration (April 12, 2020), mela (April 19, 2020), and gala (April 26, 2020).
10. The Board discussed a change to the 2020 budget: the reinstatement of the 2019 budget for the visiting raagi jathe.

Surpal Birgi offered the following motion:

The budget for visiting raagi jathe for 2020 be \$18,000.

Taranjit Loh seconded the motion.

The motion passed by vote of 13-0. (*See Appendix for motion sheet; the voting sheet is*

the same as that for Item #7.)

11. Committee reports were provided by Tejbir Phool (capital projects), Dawinder Sidhu (maintenance committee), Kawaldeep Chadha (membership), and Manmohan Singh Kumar (Sikh affairs). **The membership committee will develop a membership benefits list and membership plan for the Board approval.**
12. Board members discussed an invitation of the Indian Ambassador to GNFA. The consensus seemed to be that the current Ambassador may be invited to speak about Sikhi, but not anything political.

13. Tajinder Ahluwalia offered the following motion:

Ravinder Sian, Kirandeep Gill, and Simran Saluja join the Community Affairs Committee, until 12/31/20, 12/31/20, and 12/31/21, respectively, and the Board accept the resignation of Chandeeep Singh.

Avtar Barring seconded the motion.

The motion passed by vote of 13-0. (*See Appendix for motion sheet; the voting sheet is the same as that for Item #7.*)

14. Taranjit Loh noted that a trailer with bathroom and kitchen, worth at least \$20,000, will be donated. The unanimous view was that GNFA should accept this donation.
15. Tajinder Ahluwalia discussed a feedback form that she created and the need to reinstall the suggestion box.
16. Harnam Arneja noted that the By-Laws Committee has received two amendments to the By-Laws. He asked members to submit additional proposed amendments.
17. Dawinder Sidhu offered the following motion:

The meeting be adjourned.

Ranvir Floura seconded the motion.

The motion passed by vote of 13-0. (*See Appendix for motion sheet; the voting sheet is the same as that for Item #7.*)

Respectfully submitted by,
Dawinder S. Sidhu
Recording Secretary

*** Please note that, for ease of reading, first names are used and all professional and honorary titles are omitted. No disrespect is intended.**



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Date: 2/9/20

- Quorum Sheet -

No.	Name	Signature
1	Tajinder Ahluwalia	
- 2	Gurminder Ahuja	
3	Avtar Singh Barring	
4	Surpal Singh Birgi	
5	Kawaldeep Singh Chadha	
6	Ranvir Singh Floura	
- 7	Arvinder Goomer	
- 8	Charanjit Singh Khurana	
- 9	Kavneet (Ripi) Kohli-Chhabra	
10	Manmohan Singh Kumar	
11	Taranjeet Loh	
12	Gita Pabla	
- 13	Daljeet Singh Saluja	
- 14	Darshan Singh Saluja	
15	Dawinder Singh Sidhu	
- 16	Harmeet Singh	
17	Khushwant Singh	
18	Neeta A. Singh	
19	Phula Singh	
20	Priti Kaur Sood	
21	Paramvir Singh Soni	

Total:

COUNSEL

Name	Signature
Harnam Singh Arneja, <i>Counsel</i>	
Jesse Kaur Bawa, <i>Deputy Counsel</i>	

COORDINATORS AND GUESTS

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- Motion Sheet -

Date: 2/9/20

Time: 11:23am

MOTION BY: Arter Barring

SECONDED BY: Tajinder Arunwal

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

I MOVE THAT:

the minutes of the 1/26/20 Board meeting
be approved.

AMENDMENT ONLY

AMENDMENT BY:

SIGNATURE: _____

SECONDED BY:

SIGNATURE: _____

AMENDMENT VOTE:

FOR
AGAINST
ABSTAIN

MAIN MOTION:

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CHAIRPERSON'S SIGNATURE:

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VOTING SHEET

No.	Name	For	Against	Abstain
1	Tajinder Ahluwalia	✓		
2	Gurminder Ahuja			
3	Avtar Singh Barring	✓		
4	Surpal Singh Birgi			✓
5	Kawaldeep Singh Chadha	✓		
6	Ranvir Singh Floura	✓		
7	Arvinder Goomer			
8	Charanjit Singh Khurana			
9	Kavneet (Ripi) Kohli-Chhabra			
10	Manmohan Singh Kumar	✓		
11	Taranjeet Loh			✓
12	Gita Pabla	✓		
13	Daljeet Singh Saluja			
14	Darshan Singh Saluja			
15	Dawinder Singh Sidhu	✓		
16	Harmeet Singh			
17	Khushwant Singh			✓
18	Neeta A. Singh	✓		
19	Phula Singh	✓		
20	Priti Kaur Sood			
21	Paramvir Singh Soni	✓		

Totals:

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- Motion Sheet -

Date: 2/9/20

Time: 11:38am

MOTION BY: Ranvir flower

SIGNATURE: 

SECONDED BY: ~~Manrohan Singh~~

SIGNATURE: 

Narneet A. Singh.

I MOVE THAT:

the members of the healthy environment committee are:
Jesse Bawa, Gita Pabla, Anveer Kaur, and Jagjit Singh,
with Jesse Bawa as the coordinator.

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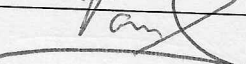
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CHAIRPERSON'S SIGNATURE:

VOTING SHEET

No.	Name	For	Against	Abstain
1	Tajinder Ahluwalia	✓		
2	Gurminder Ahuja			
3	Avtar Singh Barring	✓		
4	Surpal Singh Birgi	✓		
5	Kawaldeep Singh Chadha	✓		
6	Ranvir Singh Floura	✓		
7	Arvinder Goomer			
8	Charanjit Singh Khurana			
9	Kavneet (Ripi) Kohli-Chhabra			
10	Manmohan Singh Kumar	✓		
11	Taranjeet Loh			✓
12	Gita Pabla	✓		
13	Daljeet Singh Saluja			
14	Darshan Singh Saluja			
15	Dawinder Singh Sidhu	✓		
16	Harmeet Singh			
17	Khushwant Singh	✓		
18	Neeta A. Singh	✓		
19	Phula Singh	✓		
20	Priti Kaur Sood			
21	Paramvir Singh Soni	✓		

Totals:

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- Motion Sheet -

Date: 2/9/20

Time: 11:42am

MOTION BY: Gita Pahla

SECONDED BY: Neelishan

Singh
Kumar

SIGNATURE: _____

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I MOVE THAT:

the members of the sustainability committee are:
Gurpreet Singh Mehta, Gita Pahla, Japjays, Atam Rahn
Joyot Talsi, Rishi Seed, with Rajinder Anilwalia as the
Coordinator

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No.	Name	For	Against	Abstain
1	Tajinder Ahluwalia	✓		
2	Gurminder Ahuja			
3	Avtar Singh Barring	✓		
4	Surpal Singh Birgi	✓		
5	Kawaldeep Singh Chadha	✓		
6	Ranvir Singh Floura	✓		
7	Arvinder Goomer			
8	Charanjit Singh Khurana			
9	Kavneet (Ripi) Kohli-Chhabra			
10	Manmohan Singh Kumar	✓		
11	Taranjeet Loh	✓		
12	Gita Pabla	✓		
13	Daljeet Singh Saluja			
14	Darshan Singh Saluja			
15	Dawinder Singh Sidhu	✓		
16	Harmeet Singh			
17	Khushwant Singh	✓		
18	Neeta A. Singh	✓		
19	Phula Singh	✓		
20	Priti Kaur Sood			
21	Paramvir Singh Soni	✓		

Totals:

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- Motion Sheet -

Date: 2/9/20

Time: 12:08pm

MOTION BY: Surpal Bains
SECONDED BY: Tarang Singh

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

I MOVE THAT:

the budget for visiting regent jathas for 2020 be \$18,000.

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AMENDMENT BY:

SIGNATURE: _____

SECONDED BY:

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MAIN MOTION:

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CHAIRPERSON'S SIGNATURE:

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Date: 2/9/20

Time: 12:42pm

MOTION BY: Tejinder Ahluwalia
SECONDED BY: Arter Barrag

SIGNATURE: 

SIGNATURE: 

I MOVE THAT: Ravinder Sian, ~~and~~ Kirandeep Gull, and Simon Saluja
join the community affairs committee until 12/31/20, 12/31/20,
and 12/31/21, and the Board accept the resignation of
Chandeep Singh.

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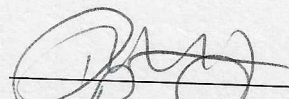
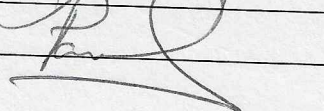
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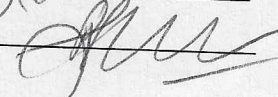
Date: 2/9/20

Time: 12:48pm

MOTION BY: Dawinder Sidhu

SECONDED BY: Ranvir Flowa

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I MOVE THAT:

the meeting be adjourned

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AMENDMENT BY:

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