

**Expected to attend:**

Siva Vimalachandran  
Keerthana Rang  
Dr. Santhakumar  
Nedra Rodrigo  
Neethan Shan  
Dr. Lambbotharan  
Pamela Kethees

**Absent with Regrets:**

Vithu Ramachandran

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION      Moved: Rodrigo                      Seconded:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from March 11, 2023 be approved with amendment that Governance model presented by Shan would be adopted and taken to stakeholder meeting.**

**MOTION      Moved Santhakumar                      Seconded: Shan**

4. Approval of PMO recommendation for payment of invoices

**MOTION      Moved: Vimalachandran                      Seconded: Kethees**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMO recommendation for invoice payment, memo#16 be approved as presented.**

5. Summary of Stakeholder Meetings/Discussion

March 21<sup>st</sup>:

TCC Board Members Rodrigo, Santhakumar, Shan and Ramachandran met with major stakeholders in the TCC Project to present an update on the project and propose fundraising and governance models.

Stakeholders present: Mohan Ramakrishnan, Dinesh Kumar, Seyon Rajadurai (Rep from Gary Anandasangaree's office)

March 28<sup>th</sup>:

The entire Board met (hybrid) with a second group of major stakeholders to discuss the project and receive feedback. The stakeholders present were – Gary Anandasangaree, Vijay Thanigasalam, Ramanan Santhirasegaramoorthy, Kubes Navaratnam, Pancha Santhalingam, Sivan Ilangko, Mohan Ramakrishnan, Muraly Srinarayanathas, Seyon Rajadurai (Rep from Gary Anandasangaree's office)

The following are takeaways from that meeting:

1. Acknowledgement there are organizational representatives on the Board specifically from CTC, NCCT and CTCC. Those organizations are to discuss and confirm their representatives on the Board, keeping in mind project delivery and fundraising are critical areas for this stage of the project. The organizations and representatives will review and confirm their choices by **April 5th**.
2. CTC, NCCT and CTCC are to have an active leadership role in the governance and fundraising committee. The governance committee has the mandate to review the current Board of Directors and structure, and through its work make recommendations for the Board to adopt. This work should outline Board renewal processes.

Some areas that the committee's work in collaboration with the Board that should be looked at:

- Roadmap for establishing the end-user governance model for the TCC once the building becomes operational.
- Building trust and being accountable to community donors in our governance process during our fundraising initiatives.
- How we can strengthen the effectiveness of the Board/staff/volunteers in successfully delivering the project.

Here is the link to the last updated Terms of Reference for the Governance Committee:

[https://tamilcentre.ca/docs/22TCC.13\\_CommitteeDocuments\\_Governance\\_ENG\\_UPDATED.pdf](https://tamilcentre.ca/docs/22TCC.13_CommitteeDocuments_Governance_ENG_UPDATED.pdf)

3. The town hall will be postponed to a later date, to be determined. (June/July)
4. The need for a dedicated full-time staff member to manage the day-to-day project administration.
5. The Board will meet to discuss and make decisions on the following by **April 8th**:
  - outlining process for updating Board members that will be consistent with our current by-laws
  - Board members are to independently assess their own capacity to manage the project and re-confirm their commitment levels
  - Board policy on elected officials serving on the Board
6. Organizational Representatives Update
  - Pamela Kethees tendered her resignation to the Board
7. Discussion on elected officials serving on the Board
8. Approval of payment to be made to Tharscika Ramaneekaran for community outreach work done to date.

**MOTION**

**Moved: Santhakumar**

**Seconded: Lambotharan**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the payment for hours worked by Tharchika for community outreach activities be approved as presented to a maximum of \$764.00, subject to the submission of appropriate invoicing**

**details.**

**MOTION CARRIES.**

9. Adjournment

**MOTION**      **Moved: Vimalachandran**                      **Seconded: Kethees**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned.**

**MOTION CARRIES.**