



*In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Universe, and Master of the Day of Judgment*

# AMERICAN MUSLIM DIVERSITY ASSOCIATION - AMDA

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*Chairman of the Board: AMER SUFI*

Term: Jan - Apr 2023

## Monthly AMDA Joint Board Meeting Minutes - 07 January 2023

Date: 01/07/2023

Time: 09:00 AM-11:00AM

### Agenda items

1. Meeting started with the name of Allah - Chairman 09:00AM -09:02AM
2. Approval of meeting minutes from last joint board meeting held on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
- Purpose Decision 09:02AM -09:05AM  
*Joint AMDA Boards members Approved minutes of the Joint Boards Meeting held on December10, 2022*
3. Financial update - Purpose Info/Discussion 09:05AM - 09:10AM
  - Bank Balance Update: Br. Kaysuzzaman /Br Moin
  - Expenditure Update: Br. Kaysuzzaman /Br Moin
  - Check-o-Matic Account Responsibility update: Br. Anam / Br Moin
  - AMDA 990 Tax Filing for 2021

### Reported:

*Total Bank Balance in all AMDA Bank Accounts as of 01/07/2023:*

*Total Expenses in December were \$12,416*

*Total Donation Received in December: \$16,388*

*Check-o-Matic Account Balance was \$169,164*

*Tax form 990 of AMDA was processed by the CPA but he recommended that to e-file we need to wait until 1/23/23 as their window was closed to e-file until then. This will ensure we get a confirmation.*

4. AMDA Expansion/Construction Update - Sub-committee: Purpose Info 09:10AM - 09:30AM

*Br Anwar gave update of Expansion Sub-committee and mentioned the cost is expected to double or triple. There was a concern, due to escalation, we won't have 50% of the funds available to start construction. Nevertheless, we must go on with Expansion as it is expected the funds will be collected once construction starts. Br Azeem explained what was done in first phase of construction to get Qarz Hasna. To pay off Qarz Hasna we got loan from university Islamic financing who put lien on personal property of some of the Board of Trustee Member. This may be explored in future if needed, but instead of pay-off in one year we should consider to two to three years.*

5. Imam Hiring Update - Sub-committee: Purpose discussion 09:30AM - 10:00AM

*Br Azeem & Brother Rafique gave update of the Imam Search Sub-committee contact with the recommended as well as back-up candidates. The prospective candidate from Pennsylvania was also contacted last to assess his interest, to which he responded that he already got a job.*

*The Sub-committee discovered that the candidate(s) rejected the offer on four reasons. 1) Salary offer was unacceptable 2) Didn't like the insecurity of one year contract 3) Didn't like the contract had "fire at will" clause 4) Did not feel AMDA community gave them a good reception. It was suggested that instead of one month notice, we should consider two months' notice.*

*Due to the above, it was decided to give the Imam hiring a "cool down" period & discuss and revisit the imam search after Ramadan. Additional proposal was, instead of offering a pay package to prospective candidates, we should ask them what their expectations are. If their demand does not reflect their qualification & experience, then the Imam search committee need not make them an offer.*

*In order to prepare for Ramadan, it was requested to check availability of Br Abdullah Ehsan to be one of the Huffaz to lead taraveeh. Of the two Huffaz assigned to lead taraweeh prayer, one is Br Tazeem Khan and other will either be Br Abdullah depending on his availability or another Hafiz.*

6. AMDA Sunday School Update - No report from Br Abedin 10:00AM - 10:05AM

7. AMDA Seerah Conference held on 2nd and 3rd December 2022

- Speakers' Hadiya & Optional \$100 per Board Member Donation request 10:05AM - 10:15AM

*Some of the members made contribution to the Speakers Hadiya during the meeting.*

8. AMDA Youth Activities proposals Discussion - Purpose to attract young generation 10:15AM - 10:20AM

*Br Masud left the meeting before the discussion started. It was requested to discuss this early next time.*

9. Request by different Islamic Organizations to allow for Friday Jumu'ah Khutbah Slot and making soft appeal for donations. Seema Ahmad, PARIS request for fundraising in odd night in Ramadan

*Purpose Decision 10:20AM - 10:30AM*

*Sr Marina recommended that the week-end fund raising to be exclusively for AMDA. It was decided that AMDA fundraising be conducted on Saturday, April 1. Br Shahid & Sr Marina to search for Speakers at the fundraising. It was recommended by Sr Marina that we contact Br Dawood Walid of CAIR, Michigan.*

10. Constitution Amendment Subcommittee Formation Update 10:30AM - 10:35AM

*Br Jami will present the names of Sub-Committee members in next meeting.*

11. AMDA Joint Board Chairperson Roster Process 10:35AM - 10:45AM

*Br Moin explained the Chairperson Roster Process as stated on AMDA website. Details available on <https://www.amda.us/chair-person-lead-member-for-joint-meeting/>*

12. Discuss current Isha Prayer time of 8 pm/ Round Table 10:45AM - 11:00AM

*No change to current Isha jamaat timing at 8pm. Members believed that after daylight saving is suspended this Isha Prayer time issue will go away.*

*Sr Afroza Akhter requested more prayer area for sisters at Jummah congregation. It was decided to ask Br Mwafiq to remove the classroom partitions after Sunday school to create more room for sisters.*

Meeting adjourned.

Next Joint Board Meeting Date: Meeting will InshaAllah be held on February 4, 2023 at 9am

## Attendees are

Date: 01/07/2023

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Board of Trustees (Term):</b>	<b>Cell Phone Number</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
1	Present	Sr. Marina Azim – Women Representation (2022-2027)	248-703-2921	mazim515@yahoo.com
2	Present	Br. Javid Khatri (2018-2023)	586-718-4234	jkhatri41@yahoo.com
3	Present	Br. Moin Asjad – Heritage Representation – Bangladesh (2020-2025)	248-854-8280	moinasjad@yahoo.com
4	Present	Br. Amer Sufi – Heritage Representation – Pakistan (2021-2026)	248-953-4789	amerx@yahoo.com
5	Present	Br Abid Rahman (2022-2027)	248-214-7122	Abid32@hotmail.com
6	Present	Br. Abul Bashar Patwary (2022-2027)	586-202-6845	abulpatwary@hotmail.com
7	Present	Br. Muhammad Azim (2022-2027)	248-703-5860	Mazim515@yahoo.com
8	Absent	Br. Ferdous M. Ghazi (2022-2027)	586-907-0562	fmghazi@yahoo.com
9	Absent	Sr. Nazneen Khan – Heritage Representation – Bangladesh (2022-2027)	248-928-6655	
10	Present	Br. Asif Salahuddin – Heritage Representation – Bangladesh (2022-2027)	248-909-1016	asifsaldin@hotmail.com
11	Absent	Br. Mohammad Faizul Momen – Heritage Representation – Bangladesh (2022-2027)	248-977-8784	Faiz208@hotmail.com
12	Present (Zoom)	Br. Mohammed Nilu – Heritage Representation – Bangladesh (2022-2027)	313-617-8159	Nilu570@hotmail.com
13	Present (Zoom)	Br. Mohammed Rafique Uddin – Heritage Representation – Bangladesh (2022-2027)	901-501-7306	jaintiapur@yahoo.com
14	Present	Br. Saria Sadique – Heritage Representation – Bangladesh (2022-2027)	248-892-4433	saria.sadique@gmail.com
15	Present	Br. Md. Anwar Hussain – Heritage Representation – Bangladesh (2022-2027)	586-531-8031	adnanhu@aol.com
16	Present	Br. Masud Hossain – Heritage Representation – India (2022-2027)	248-982-3859	rocky.hossain1990@gmail.com
17	Present	Br. Shahid Iqbal – Heritage Representation – Pakistan (2022-2027)	586-822-3398	mtimex@gmail.com

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Board of Representatives (Term):</u>	<u>Cell Phone Number</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
1	Excused	Br. Zainul Abedin (2020-2023)	313-575-7711	zabedin90@gmail.com
2	Absent	Br. Taufique A Bhuiyan (2021-2024)	313-409-9342	taufiqeb@gmail.com
3	Absent	Br. Mohammad Ashabul Anam (2021-2024)	502-262-9873	maanam03@gmail.com
4	Present (Zoom)	Br. Noor Alam (2021-2024)	248-247-4980	noorruhulalam@yahoo.com
5	Present	Br. Ahmed Khan (2021-2024)	586-907-3538	ajkhan@yahoo.com
6	Present	Br. Mohammed Matin (2022-2025)	347-418-1657	mohdamatin@gmail.com
7	Present	Br. Muhammad Mubeen (2022-2025)	248-707-4066	mubeenmw@gmail.com
8	Present	Br. Foezur Rahman Chowdhury (2022-2025)	586-248-3004	foez85100@yahoo.ca
9	Present	Sr. Afroza Akhter (2022-2025)	248-895-5228	afroza007@gmail.com

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Standing Committee (Term):</u>	<u>Cell Phone Number</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
1	Absent	Br. Mohamed Eraqi (2022-2024)	989-245-4899	
2	Absent	Br. Md. Nurul Hassan (2022-2024)	586-806-7113	
3	Absent	Br. Shahrooz Ali (2022-2024)	586-668-8263	
4	Present	Br. Tahmid Uddin (2022-2024)	586-719-7535	
5	Present	Br. Mohammed Haque (2022-2024)	947-205-0034	ziaul12@yahoo.com
6	Present	Br. Akbar Mohammed (2022-2024)	248-770-9346	
7	Present	Sr. Siddika Maleka Hussain (2022-2024)	248-808-1724	
8	Present	Sr. Ghazala Khan (2022-2024)	586-864-4521	
9	Present	Br. Muhammed Kaysuzzaman Chowdhury (2022-2024)	561-572-6209	rurin884@yahoo.com
10	Present	Br. Mohammed H Uddin (2022-2024)	586-202-0344	
11	Absent	Sr. Sajia Afroz Julie (2022-2024)	248-606-5966	
12	Present	Br. Mohammad Shahidur Rahman (2022-2024)	586-303-5546	
13	Absent	Sr. Tasnuva Chowdhury (2022-2024)	313-770-2254	
14	Absent	Sr. Sabia B. Patwary (2022-2024)	586-604-4254	

**Guest Attendee**

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