
Greater Atlanta Malayalee Association(GAMA)

2025 General Body - Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025

Location: East Forsyth High School, 8910 Jot Em Down Rd, Gainesville, GA 30506

Start Time: 6:11 PM **End Time :** 8:10 PM

Attendees

General Body: GAMA General Body Members

Meeting Officers:

- **Chair/Presiding Officer:** Kannan Udayarajan
 - Nominated by General Body
 - Proposed by : Manoj Jose
 - Seconded by : Sajith Nambisan
 - Confirmed by Show of Hands
- **Secretary:** Arun Venugopal (Nominated by General Body)
 - Nominated by General Body
 - Proposed by : Sivakumar SG
 - Seconded by : Manoj Jose
 - Confirmed by Show of Hands
- **Meeting Time and Proceedings Monitor:** Sajith Nambisan (Volunteer)
- **Board of Trustees Representative :** Navin Job (Chair - Board of Trustees)

Quorum

- It was confirmed by the Board of Trustees of GAMA (Navin Job and Binu Kasim) that the quorum required for conducting the General Body was achieved.
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Meeting Agenda

Chair proposed the following as the suggested meeting agenda based on inputs gathered prior to General Body:

1. Restore GAMA's governance in compliance with Georgia nonprofit law
 2. Ensure GAMA bylaws are updated to include necessary constitutional remedies and fail-safe mechanisms
 3. Ensure operational transition to, and confirmation of, the 2026 Executive Committee
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Adoption of Agenda

- **Motion:** To adopt the meeting agenda
 - **Proposed by:** Manoj Jose
 - **Seconded by:** Antony Thaliyath
 - **Opposed by:** Jayamon Nedumpurath
 - **Outcome:** Motion adopted by show of hands
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Agenda Item 1: Restore GAMA's governance in compliance with Georgia nonprofit law

A motion was proposed from the floor regarding this topic -

- **Motion:** To elect a five-member Board of Directors to address risks to GAMA's 501(c) status, review the constitution, and convene the General Body to present findings
 - **Proposed by:** Nefin John
 - **Seconded by:** Sivakumar SG

Discussion Highlights

- **Jayamon Nedumpurath:** Stated this constituted a constitutional amendment and could not be taken forward
- **Thomas Eapen:** Remarked that this is not required
- **Sivakumar SG:** Remarked that a Board of Directors is required
- **Manoj Jose:** Emphasized that any board must be elected by the General Body and have defined terms
- **Anu Sukumar:** Referenced a court observation indicating the need for a Board of Directors for GAMA
- **Das Eranezhathu:** Requested Chair to provide clarity on how the GAMA Board of Trustees was Established in 2016

- **Kannan Udayarajan (Chair)** : Provided context and timeline of process followed to establish the Board of Trustees.
- **Thomas Rajan**: Pointed to provisions in the existing constitution
- **Mohanan Nair**: Suggested adopting a body to review the constitution
- **Prakash Joseph**: Recommended allowing the 2026 committee to decide
- **Terrence John**: Requested clarification on the current situation, including GAMA's status and BOD roles
- **George Thomas**: Asked about quorum; Chair confirmed quorum based on confirmation from Navin Job
- **Rahul Nadarajan**: Asserted that a Board of Directors is required
- **Vibha Prakash**: Requested decorum for the meeting and that the media from the meeting be deleted and not shared externally to protect privacy
- **Action Item**: Secretary to verify votes along with Navin Job

Outcome: No consensus reached in the allocated time; discussion closed and meeting moved to the next agenda item.

Motion to Proceed to Next Agenda Item

- **Motion:** To move to the next topic
 - **Proposed by:** Jayamon Nedumpurath
 - **Seconded by:** Prakash Joseph
 - **Outcome:** Motion adopted by show of hands

Agenda Item 2: Ensure GAMA bylaws are updated to include necessary constitutional remedies and fail-safe mechanisms

Initial Discussion Highlights

- **Thomas Eapen, Sivakumar SG, Manoj Jose**: Spoke in favor of constitutional updates
- **Hamsa Ibrahim**: Reiterated the need for a Board of Directors
- **Manoj Rajappan**: Separate out timelines for constitutional amendments and electing the committee responsible for developing the constitutional amendments
- **Sathi Nagarajan**: Emphasized the necessity of updating the constitution
- **Kavitha Ramachandran**: The incoming Executive Committee take up the constitution review as the first order of business
- **Usha Prasad**: Called for a study to assess the need for a Board of Directors
- **Vijay Kumar**: Motioned to proceed

Initial motion was proposed from the floor regarding this topic -

- Identify gaps in the bylaws and either empower the next committee to act or constitute a subcommittee to review the constitution
 - **Proposed by:** Mohanan Nair
 - **Seconded by:** Manoj Thomas

Discussion & Motion Amendments

- **Sathi Nagarajan:** Board of Trustees or Executive Committee should stay out of the review process
- **Brijesh George:** Defined timeline for completing the review, creating an updated version and presenting it to the general body
- **Sivakumar SG:** Needs to be done by Inauguration time (first quarter)
- **Shiny Aboobacker:** Immediate action and election of an independent committee from the General Body
- **Ziddique Aboobacker:** Proposed a six-month timeline starting January 1 and electing a committee immediately
- **George Melethe:** Supported proposal suggestions made by Ziddique Aboobacker

Final Amended Motion

That the 2026 Executive Committee, as its first order of business, conduct an election from the General Body to form an independent Constitutional Review Committee, composed solely of General Body members who are not serving on the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee. The committee shall update the GAMA constitution and present its recommendations to the General Body within six months, beginning January 1, 2026, and is authorized to seek legal counsel as necessary.

- **Proposed by :** Kavitha Ramachandran
- **Seconded by:** Manoj Jose
- **Outcome:** Motion adopted by a show of hands

Interim new business from the floor:

A request was made to the Chair by the 2025 Active GAMA Executive Committee members and Resigned Executive Committee Members, to allow time on floor to speak to the General Body. The Chair granted this time.

- **Mini Nair** and **Sathi Nagarajan**, shared their views and expressed a desire to reconcile their differences to the General Body
- **Kannan Udayarajan**, Chair of the General Body remarked that a path to a mutual agreement to reconcile all differences was achieved via mediations.

Comments from floor

- **Prakash Joseph:** Requested completion of reconciliation activities before December 31, 2025
- **Sathi Nagarajan:** Expressed readiness to proceed immediately
- **Binu Kasim:** Requested that videos and photos not be shared outside the meeting

A motion was proposed from the floor regarding this topic -

- To ratify all actions undertaken by the 2025 Executive Committee Members on behalf of GAMA, for organizing GAMA activities and to protect committee members.
 - **Proposed by:** Manoj Jose
 - **Seconded by:** Vijay Nair
 - **Outcome:** Motion adopted by show of hands

Comments from floor

- **Satheesh PK:** Move forward as a family and appreciated the committee's work
- **Antony Thaliath:** Expressed happiness for the reconciliation
- **Thomas Eapen:** Commented on the financial impacts to the parties involved
- **Hamsa Ibrahim:** Advised caution regarding sharing GAMA-related commentary on social media
- **Binu Kasim:** Requested the General Body to appreciate efforts of the 2025 Executive Committee
- **General Body** Expressed appreciation for the 2025 EC activities

Agenda Item 3: Ensure operational transition to, and confirmation of the 2026 Executive Committee

General Body Chair Kannan Udayarajan, invited Navin Job, Board of Trustees Chairman, to introduce the 2026 GAMA Executive Committee Nominees.

Navin Job requested the 2025 General Body to approve and confirm the 2026 Executive Committee nominees. The 2026 Executive Committee was approved by the General Body by a show of hands

The 2026 Executive Committee members were introduced and their positions were announced

Meeting Adjourned by General Body Chair.
