

Islamic Association of Eastern North Carolina  
Minutes for the Monthly Meeting of the Majlis Shoora  
April 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm  
Location ~~Masjid ~~Greenville, North Carolina

**Present at the Meeting:**

Member Attendance	Yes	No
Mohamed Abdo	X	
Eslam Ali	X	
Mohamed Shams	X	
Magdy Taha	X	
Assef Thaher	X	
Bahjat Zayyad	X	
Samar Badwan	X	
Nada Fadul	X	

**Special guests:**

Brother Farhad Ahmed, Sister Noria Namez, Brother AbdulRahim

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The Meeting was called to order by Brother Mohamed Shams, President of the Majlis Shoora. Brother Shams opened the meeting with an introduction to the special guests and reminded everyone that the guests were to give the necessary information asked by the Shoora and then only observe the remainder of the meeting

**Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved unanimously by all attending Shoora Members with the additions of the following:

1. Under New Business - Security Cameras/Monitors
2. Under New Business - Alarm System
3. Under New Business - Janaza (Burial)
4. Under New Business – Chaplain Contact at hospital for Muslims who are sick

**Approval of Minutes from previous meeting on March 27, 2016**

Minutes from the March 27, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Changes were given to the Secretary for correction and the President will review said changes, approve and post to the Masjid's Website.

**Committee Reports**

Zakkat Committee- Brother Farhad provided accounting reports and expenses for the masjid to the Shoora and will work with the zakkat committee members and Brother Mohammad Abdo the Shoora Treasurer directly for accounting issues. Brother Farhad will provide the treasurer Mohammad Abdo with a debit card to make purchases for the masjid easier.

**Old Business**

**The return of election materials to the Shoora:**

Majlis Shoora Members discussed the return of election items to the Majlis Shoora for the purpose of safeguarding the registered voters information pursuant to privacy laws. The Secretary was asked to handle this task via the internal channels to seek the return of the said information. The secretary spoke

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with an individual from the election committee and it was agreed the information would be given to the Shoora to safeguard and utilize only for masjid business such as Ramadan iftars, EID, etc.

**Masjid's Website** is the Majlis Shoora's responsibility to post informational items, minutes and announcements for the Community. Sister Samar Badwan and Brother Shams collaborated with Brother Mushabar in the posting the minutes and will continue this collaboration with other Community items.

**Friday Khutba Speakers Group** - Brother Shams updated the Shoora that he and Brother Eslam spoke with the Imam about having alternate Khutba Speakers and the Imam agreed. The Imam and the khutba speakers will collaborate and coordinate for the best of masjid members.

**Repair Update** - Brother Assef Thaher has updated the Shoora with repairs made inside the masjid.

### **New Business**

**Prison Outreach Program**, Brother Shams invited Brother Abdul Rahim and Sister Noria who are assets to our community to provide previous knowledge and experience of the process for the Prison Outreach Program. Shoora Member Bahjat Zayyad agreed to be Chairperson of the Program. Brother Abdul Rahim and Sister Noria provided information to the Shoora regarding their involvement with the Prison Outreach Program and the process to become a volunteer. They will assist Brother Bahjat with this process and the recruitment of other volunteers. Sister Noria asked the Shoora to allocate travel/gas money in the amount of \$50 because of traveling to the women prisons. Brother Bahjat and Brother Eslam motioned to approve the allocation and Brother Mohammad Abdo seconded and it was approved by the Shoora. Brother Shams asked Brother AbdulRahim Sister Noria about the Radio Program (1340 AM) they host every Saturday from 12:30pm-1:30pm and how the Shoora can utilize and assist the radio program. The Shoora will continue to discuss ways to positively utilize this program for our community.

**TV Monitor for upstairs and Sisters Section update-** Brother Assef updated the Shoora members with the information that there were already a TV monitor available and he would get an estimate for labor costs to install the tv in the sisters section. This will let all Community Members view and hear the Imam during Jummah prayer and other events. Brother Mohammad Abdo also said that he had a tv available to donate for masjid for the upstairs area.

**Alarm System/Security Cameras-** Brother Assef explained to Shoora about upgrading the Alarm System for the masjid and will update the Shoora on the cost at the next Shoora meeting. Brother Assef explained to Shoora that the security cameras and monitors were already available and the labor cost is all that was needed. Brother Assef told the Shoora members that he will donate the money for the labor cost. An update about the installation will be provided at the next Shoora meeting.

**Parking Lot Update-**the gravel parking lot needs repair for the effective use of the Community Members. Brother Magdy Taha updated the Shoora members that he had contracted several contractors. One contractor was able to assess the parking lot and give an estimate, but Brother Magdy said that Asphalt would be used instead of concrete and he will continue to contact other contractors. Brother Bahjat suggested that Brother Magdy find out the cost difference between Asphalt and concrete and update the Shoora member at the next meeting. Sister Nada suggested that the cost for adding sidewalks for safety around masjid parking lot should be taken into account. The shoora members agreed and Brother Magdy will look into the cost of adding sidewalks and report at next shoora meeting.

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**A Monthly Dinner Update** Sister Nada and Brother Assef are still working on the details for the monthly dinners and will update the Shoora members further at the next meeting. The Majlis Shoora is enthusiastic these monthly dinners will foster stronger bonds within the Community.

**Ramadan Planning:**

Sister Samar and Brother Magdy explained to the Shoora the importance of providing fellowship and unity within the community of Greenville and extending and invitation to our nonmuslim friends during Ramadan. They will provide names for the shoora of the non muslim invitees so the Shoora can extend personal invitations for the iftar dinners during the second and third weeks of Ramadan. The Shoora will provide a proper box to collect Zakat from our community. The Zakat will be distributed immediately to those in need within the Community. Fundraising for the Masjid will take place during Ramadan.

**Janaza –** Brother Shams brought up the issue of the burial plot and explained that it was free for family members to bury their loved ones. If the family members wished to bury their loved ones somewhere other than the muslim burial plot that the masjid would not pay for the cost. Brother Shams motioned for a vote and it was seconded by Brother Bahjat. The Shoora members agreed that private burials would not be compensated by the masjid.

**Chaplain –** Brother Eslam brought an idea to have a point of contact with the Chaplain at Vidant Hospital for muslim patients who need assistance from the muslim community. It was agreed by the Shoora members that Brother Eslam would be the contact. An update by Brother Eslam about the process will be given at the next Shoora meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10pm by Brother Shams, seconded by Brother Bahjat and ended with supplication.

**Next Shoora Meeting will be on**

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