

**Islamic Association of Eastern North Carolina**  
**Minutes for the Closed Meeting of the Majlis Shoora**  
**June 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm**  
**Location ~Masjed ~Greenville, North Carolina**

**Present at the Meeting:**

Member Attendance	Yes	No
Mohammed Shams	X	
Eslam Ali	X	
Hani Antar		X
Zia urRehman		X
Rashad Wahib	X	
Wasila Musa	X	
Magda Hindi	X	

**The Meeting was called to order by Brother Shams, Chair of the Majlis Shoora at 6:30pm. Brother Shams opened the meeting with duaah.**

**A Shoora note to the community:** The Shoora wishes to clarify that the Eid incident was beyond our control and not due to a lack of organization or irresponsibility. All necessary arrangements were made with the ECU facilities in advance, which were secured and paid for, ensuring a great experience as we did on Eid Al-Fitr. The location was chosen for its spaciousness, ample parking, open restrooms and based on the community's feedback. Unfortunately, from what we have inquired, the reason explained to us for this mishap was that the ECU worker overslept and then went to the wrong location with the keys to open the gate, which delayed our access to the field and parking lot. Despite making numerous calls to their office, no one answered that morning due to it being a Sunday. We understand the frustration caused but as Muslims, we believe everything is ultimately controlled by Allah SWT and Allah SWT has a purpose for any misfortune that is bestowed on His servants, Alhamdulillah. We will consider all factors to prevent such issues in the future. We are always open to any suggestions and welcome any recommendations from our brothers and sisters to better serve our community.

## Agenda Items:

- **Masjid funds and financial statement:** Shoora members discussed the allocation of funds to cover the expenses of maintaining the masjid and addressing any emerging financial issues.
- **Distribution of Zakat money:** The Shoora deliberated on the procedures and methods for efficiently distributing zakat funds, ensuring that the money reaches those in need.
- **Year Review and Performance:** The Shoora reviewed the previous work needed in the masjid, along with the tasks that have been completed. This included fixing the leak, which has been successfully resolved. The Shoora also discussed the Imam's responsibilities and his efforts in keeping the community engaged and connected to their faith. Other topics included the security system, outdoor lighting, and the land. Additionally, the Shoora discussed past and present challenges, agreeing to explore alternative approaches and solutions to better meet the community's needs.
- **The cleaning expenses:** Alhamdulillah, the Shoora employed a Muslim couple to clean the masjid twice a week. Brother Frahad, the treasurer, raised concerns about the high cleaning costs. After discussing the issue, the Shoora decided that during the summer, when the Islamic Sunday School and youth programs are not in session, it would be sufficient to have the cleaning done once a week.
- **Preparation for up coming youth program:** The Shoora deliberated on the youth program for the coming year and explored strategies to enhance and motivate greater participation from our community's youth.
- **New school year:** Shoora talked about the upcoming school year, including preparations, needs, improvements, and all the logistics required to ensure a successful school year, inshaa Allah.
- **Eid incident and its outcome:** The Shoora addressed the unfortunate incident that occurred on Eid Day, which was beyond our control. The Shoora examined the issue, addressed all the concerns of our community members and agreed to seek alternative locations and facilities in the future to ensure that all the needs of our

community are met and honored, making Eid Day a pleasant and joyful experience for everyone.

- **Dealing with the hacking of the community announcements (WhatsApp):** The Shoora addressed the recent hacking incident that impacted some community members. The Shoora is exploring methods to secure the masjid's website and other platforms used for announcements and advertisements related to our masjid and community. In addition, looking into creating a communication outlet in a secure way.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by Brother Shams and he ended it with a dua.**