



SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

12:00pm – City Hall

- I. Welcome
 - a. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: Betty Ruleman, Sandra Kinney, Randy Dowling, Anna Barrios, Larry Eaton, Becky Simpson and Joe Barnett
 - ii. Absent: Lindsey Ferguson and Austin Fesmire
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion was made by Randy Dowling, seconded by Sandra Kinney, for the approval of the January 13, 2026 minutes.
Motion carried
- III. New Business
 - a. Planning for 2026 Chinzei Gakuin Visit – Anna Barrios supplied the most updated schedule to the Board, pointing out a few areas of Free Time to be filled and transportation to be finalized. She also submitted a financial assistance request in the amount of \$3500 for 2 SCRA's and two meals. Motion was made by Randy Dowling, seconded by Joe Barnett, to approve funding the Chinzei Gakuin-Tennessee Wesleyan Language and Culture Program for a maximum of \$5,000, which includes the requested \$3,500 and any additional funds needed for the program and events.
Motion carried
 - b. Lecture Series from the Asian Culture Center – Randy Dowling presented the Board with the level of sponsorships of the Asian Culture Center in order to participate in the lecture series. He informed the Board that the previous year's level was the Jade level. Sandra Kinney volunteered to complete the application and work on scheduling the lectures.
Motion was made by Randy Dowling, seconded by Betty Ruleman, to participate at the Jade level of sponsorship again for \$2,500.
Motion carried
- IV. The meeting adjourned at 12:52pm. (Next meeting set for Thursday, March 19, 2026)

Approved:

Betty Ruleman
Betty Ruleman, Secretary

Date 2/3/26