

SMHS's Executive Committee's ("EXCO") Proposed Resolution to be Tabled at the 99th Annual General Meeting of the Singapore Malayalee Hindu Samajam ("SMHS")

Title:

Formation of the Sri Ayyappan Guruvayurappan Temple (SAGT) Committee ("SAGT Committee") as a Special Committee under Article 24.26 of the Singapore Malayalee Hindu Samajam Constitution to oversee the Temple Development Project.

Background:

The 2nd Meeting of the Board of Directors of Samajam Company Limited ("SCL") held on 31 March 2023 noted the formation of a Protem Committee to explore and discuss the development of a new Hindu Temple. The SCL Board had then resolved to formally name this as the "Sri Ayyappan Guruvayurappan Temple (SAGT) Building Committee".

Subsequently, the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth ("MCCY") informed and advised the Executive Committee (EXCO) of SMHS that, in view of SMHS's history, religious standing, and track record, the proposed temple project should fall under the ambit of Singapore Malayalee Hindu Samajam ("SMHS") and not SCL. Accordingly, the SAGT Committee will now be constituted under the SMHS structure.

Formation of the SAGT Committee:

The following individuals are proposed by EXCO to constitute the initial members of the Sri Ayyappan Guruvayurappan Temple (SAGT) Committee:

Advisor: JayaPrakash Nair

Chairman: Rajesh Unni

Deputy Chairman: Jayakumar Narayanan

Legal Advisor: Chandra Mohan Nair

Head, Construction: Pallipurathu Gopinath Roy

Head, Fund Raising: Swapna Dayanandan

Head, Finance: Sreejith Sasindaran

Secretary: Chandran Nair

Other individuals may be co-opted into the SAGT Committee and designated specific roles as the Temple project progresses, subject to the approval of the SMHS EXCO.

Scope and Powers of the SAGT Committee:

1. The SAGT Committee shall be responsible for all matters related to the development of the proposed Sri Ayyappan Guruvayurappan Temple Project ("Temple Project"), including but not limited to planning, design, approvals, fund raising, construction, employment of professionals, building contractors and other contracts for services in relation to the construction of the Temple Project, and administration.
2. The SAGT Committee shall have the authority to make decisions on operational, and project matters necessary for the execution of the Temple Project, subject to the financial and governance limits stipulated by the SMHS Constitution.
3. All major decisions relating to immovable property transactions, financing above SGD 500,000, and any other matters requiring General Body approval as per the SMHS Constitution shall be referred to and approved by the General Body of SMHS.
4. The Committee shall report quarterly to the SMHS EXCO on the progress of the Temple Project until its completion .
5. The SAGT Committee may , from time to time, form subcommittees and/ or ad hoc committees, and co-opt members or advisors with specialised expertise as required, subject to EXCO's endorsement.

Resolution to be Passed:

"Resolved that the General Body hereby approves:

1. The formal establishment of the Sri Ayyappan Guruvayurappan Temple (SAGT) Committee ("SAGT Committee") under the Singapore Malayalee Hindu Samajam (SMHS), replacing its prior formation under Samajam Company Limited (SCL), as required and advised by the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY); and
2. The appointment of the above named individuals to the SAGT Committee, with powers and scope as set out above, subject to the oversight and governance of the SMHS Executive Committee and the provisions of the SMHS Constitution.

Sunitha Premnath
Secretary, for and on behalf of SMHS EXCO.
(Proposer)

Syam Kumar Prabhakaran
Vice President
(Seconder)