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Official Meeting Minutes – Special-Purpose Executive Committee Meeting

Mississippi Bangla Academy (MBA)

Date: January 18

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Meeting type: Online

Governing Authority: MBA Constitution, Article 5, Section 1

1. Call to Order

The special-purpose meeting of the Executive Committee Members (ECM) of the Mississippi Bangla Academy (MBA) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 18, in compliance with Article 5, Section 1 of the MBA Constitution.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to address executive vacancies resulting from the inability of previously designated members to fulfill their responsibilities and to ensure continuity of governance, financial transparency, and compliance with the Academy's constitutional and nonprofit obligations.

Prior to the meeting held on January 18, three important Executive Committee positions, including the President, the General Secretary and Treasurer, were vacant as a result of resignations or inability to continue in their roles. According to the MBA Constitution, a General Secretary/President is required to call a General Meeting. As this position was vacant, it was not constitutionally possible to hold a general election in Fall 2025 or thereafter before filling this position. Furthermore, the Fall picnic 2025 was not held under the MBA banner, and therefore holding a general election during any other community program was not constitutionally permitted.

In light of these vacancies, the remaining committee members (Dr. Shaila Khan, Dr. Iftekhar and Tito, and Ms. Farhana Akter Lima) convened a special-purpose meeting on January 18, 2026, to fill the vacant executive positions.

2. Agenda

The meeting agenda included the following items:

1. Filling vacant executive committee positions
2. Discussion and resolution regarding upcoming programs and events
3. Financial status report

4. Election of Executive Committee Members

In accordance with the MBA Constitution, the present Executive Committee unanimously elected the following individuals to serve in the respective positions:

- **President:** Iftekhar Tito
- **General Secretary:** Alamgir Hossain
- **Treasurer:** Salma Alamgir Rekha
- **Education Secretary:** Farhana Akter Lima
- **Cultural and Outreach Secretaries:**
 - Shaila Khan
 - Avishak Bala
 - Tashnuva Tahrin (Antora)

This action was taken in full compliance with **Article 5, Section 1** of the MBA Constitution, which states that vacancies shall be nominated, voted upon, and confirmed at such a meeting. Accordingly, the President, General Secretary, and Treasurer were duly nominated, voted on, and elected. The newly elected committee shall carry out its responsibilities until the next general election, which, as outlined in the Constitution, should be held at the end of the year, preferably in December.

5. Program and Event Resolutions

After due discussion, the Executive Committee unanimously resolved the following:

1. The **Ekushey Program will not be observed this year**, as it conflicts with the month of Ramadan.
2. An **Eid-ul-Fitr Reunion Party** will be organized on **March 28 or March 29**, subject to venue availability.
3. The Academy plans to celebrate **Pohela Boishakh**, tentatively scheduled for **April 18 or April 19**.

All events shall be organized in accordance with the Academy's nonprofit mission and community service objectives.

6. Financial Report

The President presented a financial status report documented on spreadsheets to the Executive Committee.

- **Reported by:** Iftekhar Tito, President
- **MBA Account Balance as of January 18: \$135.50**

The report was received and entered into the official records for transparency and future reference.

7. Communication and Next Steps

Formal announcements and detailed information regarding approved events will be distributed via official email upon finalization.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **12:30 p.m.**