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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. 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

3. 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.

One of the present cultural secretaries, Dr. Shaila Khan reported that prior to the meeting held on January 18, initially three important Executive Committee positions, including the President, the General Secretary and one out of three Cultural and Outreach secretaries were vacant because of resignations or inability to continue in their roles. She also informed that later the Treasurer and one of the two Education secretaries due to relocation to another city also had to resign. Dr. Khan informed that according to the MBA Constitution, a General Secretary/President is required to call a General Meeting. As these positions were 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.

Considering 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. Dr. Khan informed everybody present that before the meeting she had a conversation with Avishak Bala (on request of Dr. Mohammed Chowdhury) and Tashnuva Tahrin (Antora) (who was always a part of our cultural program doing all the beautiful decorations) to make sure whether they both would be interested to work with us. Salma Begum Rekha was also contacted (as she already volunteered many of her valuable time working with us actively in mostly all events in the past). They all agreed to work with us formally. As MBA always wanted to include younger generation to work with seniors adding them all was a nice blend between four seniors and three juniors executive committee members.

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, Treasurer and two Cultural and Outreach Secretaries were duly nominated, voted on, and elected. It was also discussed in this special purpose meeting that according to the constitution the newly elected committee will have to be voted in our General Body meeting which will be called soon. Further, if any member from our community is nominated by anybody or self-nominate himself/herself for any of the posts above at the General Body meeting then there will be a vote, and the winner/s will be final members of the MBA executive members for 2026.

5. Program and Event Resolutions

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

1. **The International Mother's Language Day (Ekushey Program on February 21st)** 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 **MBA committee** plans to celebrate **Pohela Boishakh** (Bengali New Year) tentatively scheduled for **April 18 or April 19** subject to venue availability.

All events shall be organized in accordance with the Committee'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, 2026:** \$155.50 (One hundred fifty five dollars and fifty censes).
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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.**

