



**Sufi Ruhaniat International Board of
Trustees
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2026**

TOWARD THE ONE, UNITED WITH ALL

The Board of Trustees met by video conference on Thursday June 4, 2026, starting at 12pm PT.

BOT members attending: Pir Shabda Kahn, Jilani Cordelia Prescott, Rashida Diane Cullumber, Rahimah Sweeney, Parzival Manfred Padberg, Maitreya Jon Stevens, Baqia Diana Lyon, Yasmin Spiegel, Aliye Gallagher (partial), Kavita Sue Bond (partial), Tajali Theresa Tolan (partial)

BOT members absent:

Others attending: Basira Beardsworth, Sarah McCulloch

1. Motion regarding the financial authorization of the Treasurer

Proposed by Cordelia Jilani Prescott

Seconded by Pir Shabda

"The Board of Trustees authorizes Diane E. Cullumber, in her role as Trustee, to be a representative of the Ruhaniat in its business and legal affairs, including as a signer on all legal documents and claims. The board also authorizes her to be signer on all Ruhaniat bank accounts, including savings, checking, and Pershing accounts, with full rights to manage those accounts, including to deposit, withdraw, wire transfer, and liquidate funds."

The motion was passed unanimously. The Recording Secretary will draw up a separate document to present to banks and institutions.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Board meeting minutes from March 2, 2026 were unanimously approved as presented.

3. Financial Report

Rashida presented the Financial Report and took questions.

4. Youth Council Report

Aliye presented the Youth Council Report and took questions.

Q: Is it the case that a significant number of the groups.io are not mureeds?

A: There some members of the groups.io that are not initiated mureeds due to miscommunication over eligibility (some have dance mentors and understand themselves to be mureeds) and it is on the agenda of the next Youth Council to discuss this matter and determine any action.

5. Migration from Google groups to groups.io

Nearly all Ruhaniat listserv are organised via groups.io, but the BOT continues to use Google Groups and a Google Drive using a gmail address. Basira intends to migrate the BOT to a groups.io on a ruhaniat.org domain. This will take place in due course.

The website migration is currently delayed due to the work schedule of the web designer. He mentioned that changes in AI will impact how the migration process will work. After the technical migration takes place, it will take some time to follow-up with the content.

6. Mentorgarten update

Yasmin shared an update on the vision for the Mentorgarten and the progress of the renovation.

The caretakers Khusrau and Shakti are considering an open event for possible donors to view the progress of the work and potentially identify specific elements of the work they would like to financially sponsor.

Q: Earmarked donations have historically been challenging to process in financial terms. How would donor recognition in this way affect our financial reporting?

A: Yasmin and Rashida will liaise on what this would look like in practical terms but this would not be a barrier.

Q: Is the Mentorgarten fundraising campaign prompting donors to make restricted donations where they might have made donations to the general fund?

A: The Board has already committed the funds for the Mentorgarten project from the general fund so any restricted donations to the Mentorgarten project are relieving the general funds already committed and this is not a concern.

A representative of the Board will contact Khusrau and Shakti privately to express the Board's thanks and appreciation for their work.

7. Staff Check-in:

Basira Beardsworth and Rashida Cullumber offered informal feedback on their activities.

8. Upcoming BoT Meetings

Thursday June 4, 12pm PT, 8pm GMT

Thursday August 20, 12pm PT, 8pm GMT

Friday November 13, 12pm PT, 8pm GMT

Budget Review: Thursday December 18, 12pm PT, 8pm GMT

9. Upcoming Jamiats

- 2026 Jamiat Khas: Online, November 6
- 2027 Jamiat Aam: In-person, Minnesota, TBC
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- 2028 Jamiat Aam: Possibly Lama Foundation

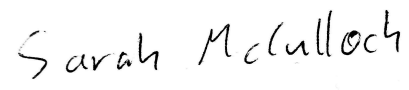
Traditionally, BOT would meet in-person before the Jamiat Khas to team-build and sit in circle together. The Board felt this would be a desirable goal to work towards.

10. AOB

The Board discussed options to mark the 100th Urs of Hazrat Inayat Khan. This will be passed to the Murshid's Circle for further consideration.

The meeting was adjourned with a dedication at 2:13 pm Pacific time.

Recorded by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah McCulloch". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter 'S' being particularly large and stylized.

Sarah McCulloch
Recording Secretary