



SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

12:00pm – City Hall

- I. Welcome
 - a. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: Betty Ruleman, Larry Eaton, Ersu Henry, Randy Dowling, Becky Simpson and Joe Barnett
 - ii. Absent: Lindsey Ferguson, Sandra Kinney and Austin Fesmire
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion was made by Ersu Henry, seconded by Randy Dowling, for the approval of the June 11, 2025 minutes.

Motion carried
- III. New Business
 - a. Chenzei Gakuin Recap – Betty Ruleman and Ersu Henry gave a recap on the students visit and reported that they completed a survey of their visit and results showed that expectations were exceeded in all categories, except food. The in-home visits were a huge success and having more SCRA's was extremely helpful.
 - b. Industry Representative Vacancy – Larry Eaton suggested asking Victoria White if another Denso employee would be interested. Other board members suggested asking Lindsey Ferguson or Sandra Kinney for suggestions upon their return.
 - d. Potential Isahaya Visit in October – SEUS Business Conference is October 28-29, 2025 in Tokyo, Japan. Travel for Larry Eaton, Randy Dowling, and Ersu Henry will be October 25; attend conference; travel to Isahaya on October 30; meet with Mayor, visit City Hall and school on October 31; return on November 1. A high-level translator will be needed for the trip and Yui-San has been recommended. Ersu will contact her for arrangements.

Motion was made by Ersu Henry, seconded by Randy Dowling, for the Sister Cities to fund travel and accommodations, plus a stipend for Yui-San as the translator for the trip, not to exceed \$6,000.

Motion carried
 - e. Pumpkintown – Discussion was held about still having a table at Pumpkintown.

Motion was made by Larry Eaton, seconded by Betty Ruleman, to fund the Pumpkintown booth, pending participation of Denso volunteers, including purchase of an activity.

IV. The meeting adjourned

Approved:

Betty Ruleman, Secretary

Date