



## SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

### MINUTES

#### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

12:00pm – City Hall

- I. Welcome
  - a. Roll Call:
    - i. Present: Betty Ruleman, Lindsey Ferguson, Larry Eaton, Randy Dowling, Becky Simpson and Joe Barnett
    - ii. Absent: Sandra Kinney and Austin Fesmire
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Motion was made by Randy Dowling, seconded by Becky Simpson, for the approval of the September 10, 2025 minutes.  
Motion carried
- III. New Business
  - a. Review SEUS Conference/Isahaya Visit – Randy and Larry gave the Board an overview of their visit; 40-50 Tennesseans were present at the Conference. The visit in Isahaya renewed the bond with the Mayor and officials with the sister city.
  - b. Vacancy Appointments Discussion – Larry will call Tyler Forrest and Betty will also talk to him about appointing a TWU representative. Lindsey to reach out to other contacts at Denso to see if there is any interest in joining the Board.
  - c. Planning for 2026 Chinzei Gakuin Visit – Discussion was made about looking for possible donations for the trip. Possible day trips to Dollywood, bowling, the lake, ice cream tour, or shopping. Maybe assemble a team to work on this.
- IV. Reports
  - a. Financial Report was given to the Board
- V. The meeting adjourned at 1:42pm. (Next meeting set for Tuesday, January 13, 2026)

Approved:

Betty Ruleman, Secretary  
Betty Ruleman, Secretary

1/13/26  
Date