



SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

12:00pm – City Hall

- I. Welcome
 - a. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: Betty Ruleman, Lindsey Ferguson, Sandra Kinney, Randy Dowling, Anna Barrios, and Joe Barnett
 - ii. Absent: Larry Eaton, Becky Simpson, and Austin Fesmire

- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion was made by Lindsey Ferguson, seconded by Joe Barnett, for the approval of the November 12, 2025 minutes.
Motion carried

- III. New Business
 - a. Vacancy Appointments Discussion –The city manager, mayor and vice manager will be having a lunch meeting with the Denso executives and will discuss the open position with them.
 - b. Planning for 2026 Chinzei Gakuin Visit – Anna Barrios informed the board there is enough money in the program budget for one excursion but the MOU has two listed, so there is a need for financial support and any additional involvement would be welcome. There are to be 20 students scheduled to be on campus July 12-26, 2026 with 2 faculty members coming with them. TWU will hire 4 local SCRA's again. Anna will bring the most updated schedule to the next meeting.
 - c. Lecture Series from the Asian Culture Center – Board discussed having 3 of the most popular events; Bento Box making, Sushi making (perhaps on International Sushi Day of June 18) and Sandra will contact Mana to make a suggestion for a cultural class. The classes are suggested to be in March, June and September; if available. Classes will need venues – Food Hub, Higher Education Center and the Museum were suggested locations.

- IV. The meeting adjourned at 1:07pm. (Next meeting set for Tuesday, February 3, 2026)

Approved:

Betty Ruleman
Betty Ruleman, Secretary

2/3/26
Date