

# Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

August, 2025

Location: Microsoft Teams



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**In attendance:** Mona Ghasemi, Asoudeh Novin, Mona Borghei, Daniel Bagheri Sarvestani, Mahdi Ghamari, Raheleh Tarani, Manizheh Babaei, Shilla Doaei, Arghavan Emami

In August, the board held an informal check-in to review members' availability and reaffirmed the plan to continue board meetings on a bi-weekly basis, while noting the need to balance weekday and weekend preferences and to potentially alternate formal and informal sessions.

A draft response letter to a July 31 Global News article on alleged Iranian threats abroad was prepared, highlighting concerns about unverified accusations and misrepresentation of a public inquiry, and this text was edited, approved, and sent on behalf of the organization. At the regular late-August meeting (with quorum present), the board agreed to restart ICC Clubhouse programs, use them as a space to develop and test topics for future mental-health-focused events, and continue collaboration with existing Palestine-solidarity organizers in Vancouver.

The board also discussed ways to increase promotion for an upcoming Persian cultural event, explore revenue-generation options, and research potential grants (including those connected to Indigenous reconciliation initiatives and support for families affected by autism).

It was decided to adjust the regular meeting time from 9:30 to 9:00 a.m. Eastern, to invite former advisory figures for consultation on fundraising and strategy, and to further define clear annual goals. Members expressed support for initiating contact with a grassroots support group for families of people with special needs, with a view to potential collaboration through the relevant committee.