



**Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
12-2pm Eastern, July 25, 2025  
In-person: Radford University, Washington Hall 101 & 102

**Present:** Stacie Vecchietti (President), Misty Lewis (Vice President), Andrew Diamond (Treasurer), Bethany Cecere (Secretary), Erin Lieb (Trustee), Stephen Shanahan (Trustee), Jenian Taynton (Trustee), Pooja Jhunhunwala (Trustee), Anthony Quandt-Judd (Trustee), Claire Nutt (Senior Youth Representative), Amy Nordeng (Risk Manager), Ivy Breivogel (Board Administrator), Chris Breivogel (Director), Rebecca Wald (Director Elect)

**Absent:** Mia Lazar (Trustee), Maren Merkel (Junior Youth Representative)

**Joining us:** Joyce Munro (SUUSI Foundation Board Treasurer)

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**Opening**

- Check-in
- Chalice Lighting
- Call to order 12:11pm

**Welcome new board members**

- Recognition and gratitude for Jenian, Pooja, Maren, and Rebecca!

**Consent Agenda**

- 2025-04-05 SUUSI Board Meeting Minutes

→ **Motion to approve the board meeting minutes in the consent agenda**, seconded, approved unanimously

**Officer and Committee Reports**

- Secretary / Nominating and Elections Committee
  - New Board members!

- Next year, we need to be proactive before SUUSI to schedule times for youth reps to visit youth classes. No youth aged 6-10 voted this year.
- A lot of people voted in person this year
- Suggested to have the youth ballot also available at the dining hall tabling
- Treasurer / Finance Committee / SUUSI Foundation Board
  - We don't know yet how Core Staff did staying within their budgets
  - Likely to have a deficit this year, but not as large as at WCU
  - Word is getting around about the Foundation and people are learning about the [SUUSI Sustainer](#) initiative and giving
- Bylaws and Policies Committee
  - Misty is now the Committee Chair!
  - A Community Member has requested follow-up on policy about Middlers being allowed to check themselves out for lunch
- Outreach Committee
  - Using a link to have people upload their photos and share with Outreach
  - If anyone knows SUUSI community members who might want to join the Outreach Committee, let Pooja know
- Risk Manager
  - Youth Staff asked about a photo release for SUUSI
  - It's been a good week for risk management
  - We may want to designate that scooters can only drive through doors with the automatic buttons - there was an injury
- Director
  - Budget: if we are going to reduce our costs further in the future, it may mean cutting programs. We have already done a lot of small cuts everywhere and will not be able to do much more of that

### **Reflections on Radford / Site Selection Plan**

- Bylaw IV.14.C : Select a site for the next Summer Institute "in a timely manner"
- Radford University seems prepared and excited to bring us back next year, for our regular time (the third full week in July)
- Radford University is more expensive than Western Carolina University, and there are costs here that are not charged at other schools. But, the cost of SUUSI now is in line with the cost of inflation from before our time at Western Carolina

### **Review, update, and sign Board Covenant & Affirmation**

### **How we will determine dates for 2025-26 scheduled Board meetings**

- Our goal is to get the meetings for the year scheduled before the end of the summer.

- Upcoming orientation for new members in September

### **Committee Appointments**

- Board members will complete the committee interest form, appointments to come.
- Foundation Board Appointments
  - Policy 2.2.1.E: “The members of the SUUSI Foundation Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members, one of which is the SUUSI Board Treasurer, one of which is either the SUUSI Board President or Vice President, one of which is an additional SUUSI Board member appointed by the SUUSI Board of Trustees, and four (4) at-large members appointed by the SUUSI Board of Trustees.”
  - Nominees: Nicole Tearno, Joyce Munro, Michael Tino, Andrew Diamond, Misty Lewis, Mia Lazar, and Ian Hochberg.

→ **Motion to approve the new Foundation Board members as presented**, seconded, approved unanimously

### **Closing**

- Adjourn 1:48pm

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**Minutes recorded by:** Ivy Breivogel, Board Administrator, 7/25/2025

