

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Council of Sacramento Valley Islamic Organizations (COSVIO)

**February 22, 2025 – 11 am – 1 pm**

SALAM Islamic Center

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### Attendees

Ahmed Siddiqui, ICNA	Omar MoheyEldin, SALAM
Yassar Dahbour, Palestine American League	Suhir Haranay, Islamic Society of Rancho Cordova
Saiful Haque, ICNA	Irfan Haq, Tarbiya institute
Ahmed Nemr, MAS	Arwa Houry, SALAM
Naiyerah Kolkailah, CAIR-SV/CC	Omar Chaudhry, ICNA
Ishfaq Qurashi, ICNA	Tamer Ahmed, COSVIO
Fauziya Faruk, CAIR-SV/CC	<i>Guest: Omar Awad</i>
<i>Guest: Shadi Qutub</i>	

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start Time: 11:00 AM

**Member Organizations:** 6 organizations present

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the **February 22, 2025**, meeting at SALAM were reviewed and approved unanimously.

#### Meeting Conduct & Structure

- A reminder was given that COSVIO meetings follow a structured format where agenda items are presented, discussed by member organizations, and voted on if needed.



- All organizations are welcome to attend, but only dues-paying members can vote.

### **Membership Update**

- COSVIO currently has **9 active member organizations**: Tarbiya Institute, CAIR-SV, MAS Sacramento, SALAM Islamic Center, ICNA, MCF, Islamic Society of Rancho Cordova, Greater Sacramento Muslim Cemetery, and Masjid Annur.
- Downtown Masjid has submitted an application but has not paid the \$800 membership fee.
- Several other organizations attend as observers and are encouraged to join officially.

### **Board Updates**

- COSVIO Board now meets weekly due to Unity Eid planning.
- Outreach meetings were held with Muhajer Foundation and Al-Mumtaz Institute to encourage membership.
- Br. Omar MoheyEldin is applying for grants to support COSVIO's 2025 Unity Picnic and 2026 Unity Eid.

### **Unity Eid 2025 Planning**

- Two parking lots secured to resolve last year's issues.
- Number of security check-in lanes increased from 4 to 20.
- Website (sacunityeid.com) includes FAQ, policies, program, donation page, and volunteer sign-up.
- Volunteers still needed. Member organizations are asked to help recruit.
- Entertainment expanded to include Preacher Moss, a Quranic recitation performance, and live entertainment.
- Emphasis was made that Eid prayer remains the heart of the event, with celebrations around it.

### **Fundraising Efforts**

- Current shortfall: ~\$12,000.
- LaunchGood campaign: Ongoing.
- Sponsorships secured: 2 Platinum, 2 Bronze.
- Ongoing partnerships with local businesses (e.g., Dave's Chicken, Leatherby's).
- Request made for member orgs to donate, share flyers, and encourage their community to support financially.

## Imam Collaborative Initiative

- Proposal to form a **Council of Imams** to build community cohesion and support for imams.
- COSVIO would serve as a resource and facilitator—not a governing body.
- A leadership summit with boards + imams is proposed for Summer 2025.
- Br. Omar Awad, a professional consultant, introduced the strategy and benefits based on models from NJ and Houston.
- Emphasis on imam training, resource-sharing, and aligning on community priorities.

### Feedback:

- Several leaders supported the idea but emphasized that imams must form and lead the council themselves.
- Suggested framing around shared benefit, not control.
- Recommendations included a luncheon, non-political framing, and early buy-in from both boards and imams.

## Community Updates

Each member organization shared updates on their recent and upcoming activities, including:

- **ICNA Relief:** Ramadan packages, youth programs, upcoming April 12 event, and national convention in July.
- **MAS:** Reorganizing MAS Center and MAS-SSF; potentially hiring a nationally known imam.
- **Tarbiya:** New full-time school opening August 11; property almost paid off; new wellness center planned.
- **SALAM:** Preparing for Ramadan; launching new Center for Higher Islamic Learning in July.
- **CAIR-SV:** Hosting Black History Month events, Ramadan outreach, and Capitol Iftar on March 10; MDAC on April 28 and May 12.
- **GSM Impact:** Presented an anti-boycott campaign focused on the "Sadaf" brand and proposed community mobilization around this initiative.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:20 PM