

**The Presbyterian Church of Barrington  
Session Meeting Minutes  
22 September 2025**

Moderator: Rev. David Ezekiel, Pastor

**Ruling Elders:**

	<b>CLASS OF 2025</b>		<b>CLASS OF 2026</b>		<b>CLASS OF 2027</b>
P	Steve Alton	A	JC Clarke	P	Rich Barbour
Z	Anna Armstrong	A	Ross Clover	P	Bob Dick
P	Bard Boand	P	PK Johnson	P	Molly Stine
P	Mari Franklin	Z	Debra Johnson		
P	Robert Reilly	Z	Heather Layne		
P	David Ezekiel, Moderator	P	George Landes, Jr., Clerk of Session		

P=Present    A=Absent    E=Excused

- I. Dr. Ezekiel opened the meeting with a devotional, Joys & Concerns, followed by an opening prayer
  
- II. Clerk’s Report – Approval of Omnibus Motion
  - a. Approval of minutes of Session meeting, August 25th – attached to agenda
  - b. Membership
    - i. As of August 25, 2025 – 311
    - ii. Additions – none
    - iii. Deaths – 1
      1. Ross Bogue – September 13, 2025
  - c. Resulting membership as of September 21, 2025 – 310
  
- III. Reports
  - a. Proposed 2026 Budget – Income vs expenses is about \$15k ahead of budget. The 2026 budget was reviewed and discussed, with a large focus at looking at ways to attain the 2026 budget.
  - b. Committee Reports –

- i. Audio-Visual Committee – Wants to submit to Session to have a program to teach people how to operate the AV system we have. When Heather Layne Session will discuss this.
- ii. Christian Education – First meeting is on 24 September.
  - 1. Adult Ed – Jill Minner
  - 2. Children, Youth, & Young Adults – Bill Shaeffer
    - a. Report attached to agenda. While nursery will be open, we will no longer have a paid person manning the nursery as there are not enough people using it. Also looking at putting a screen in the nursery so parents can watch the service while attending to their children in the nursery.
- iii. Communications – Mari Franklin, chair. Moving ahead with promotion of Music On The Hill (MOTH) posters to include posting them on line. Getting word out to the community about MOTH and youth is also on this agenda.
- iv. Finance & Stewardship – Financials are attached to agenda
- v. Hospitality & Fellowship – Gil Semmen, chair. Picnic was very well received and a great success.
- vi. Mission – Jodie Harmsen, chair. Wants to change the name of the 5k race to the Ross Bogue 5k Memorial Race Run for the Hills. Susan Thiess will be the new chairwoman on this committee, and she has already started the planning for the 2026 race.
- vii. New Members – Report attached to agenda. New Member Committee is looking at alternate means to address the Q&A session after the service for new members.
- viii. Personnel – Report attached to agenda. Will try to have a draft of the Personnel Manual for October’s Session meeting. Personnel also reminded Session that the second Sunday in October is pastor appreciation Sunday.
- ix. Worship – Report attached to agenda. Bob Dick reviewed several of the items in the report. This included an explanation as to why Worship Committee decided not to show on the TV screens the hymns and scripture readings. Worship Committee explored how to involve the congregation in what committees are doing. The thought was this can be presented during offering collection time.
- c. Other Reports –
  - i. Trustees – Ron Furst, chair
    - 1. George Landes and David Ezekiel met with the Trustees on Monday, September 15, to discuss dissolving the Board of Trustees and for the Session to absorb all their remaining responsibilities into a Building & Grounds Committee, effective January 1, 2026.

2. Process – at the October meeting, Session will act upon a draft motion to change the By-Laws of the congregation that formally dissolves the Trustees. Presumably in late November or early December, the Session will call a congregational meeting at which the proposed amendment will be presented to the congregation for action.
  3. Results – the Session is constitutionally charged with overseeing all aspects related to the corporate matters of the congregation – legal, incorporation, financial, etc. The Trustees are tasked with the administration and care of the property, under the oversight of the Session. In short, nothing will change excepting that the Session will form a Building & Grounds Committee to do the same work.
- ii. Nominating Committee – Bob Stine, chair
    1. Terms for Nominating Committee members:
      - a. One year term – class of 2026
        - i. Bob Stine
        - ii. Jack Mumaw
        - iii. Bard Boand
        - iv. Debra Johnson, Jack, Bard, Deb (starting Jan 1, 2026 and ending Dec 31, 2026)
      - b. Two Year Term – class of 2027
        - i. Gil Semmen
        - ii. Janet Frisch
        - iii. Linda Huesing
    2. This change will necessitate amending the By-Laws. Draft language for the amendment will come at the October meeting. The presumed result will be forwarded for action by the congregation at the November/December congregational meeting.
  - iii. Stephen Ministers – Anna Armstrong & Laura Semmen, co-leaders
    1. Report attached to agenda.

#### IV. PCB SMART Goals

- a. Goals for the whole church – attached to agenda

#### V. Upcoming Items

- a. October session agenda
  - i. Setting the 2026 budget
  - ii. Motions for amending the By-Laws
    1. Trustees
    2. Nominating Committee

3. A couple of minor clarifications of language
- iii. Setting the date for a congregational meeting
  1. To act upon amendments to the By-Laws
  2. To act on the report of the Nominating Committee
  3. Setting the date for installation of new elders and deacons
- b. Session training
  - i. Rescheduling the Session/Deacon/Trustee conversation
    1. It was necessary to cancel the September 20th, date. The proposed date for the joint meeting is Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> which was OK with Session.
- c. Policies for Session to develop (G-3.0106)
  - i. Sexual misconduct policy. It shall include the topic of sexual misconduct, and child sexual abuse prevention training for Session members at least every thirty-six months. (This will most likely be a combination of the one most recently adopted for the insurance carrier and one developed by the Personnel Committee).
  - ii. A child, youth, and adults with vulnerabilities protection policy. (The portion regarding child and youth has already been adopted.)
  - iii. An antiracism policy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm by prayer. The next regularly scheduled meeting of Session is Monday, October 27th, at 7:00 pm.

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George M Landes, Jr  
Clerk of Session

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Rev. David Ezekiel  
Moderator of Session