

**The Presbyterian Church of Barrington  
Session Meeting Minutes  
15 December 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	Z	Ross Clover	P	Rich Barbour
P	Anna Armstrong	P	PK Johnson	P	Bob Dick
Z	Bard Boand	P	Debra Johnson	P	Molly Stine
P	Mari Franklin	Z	Heather Layne		
P	Robert Reilly				
P	David Ezekiel, Moderator		George Landes, Jr., Clerk of Session		

P=Present    A=Absent    E=Excused    Z=Zoom

- I. Dr. Ezekiel opened the meeting at 7:10pm with Joys & Concerns followed by an opening prayer.
  
- II. Clerk's Report – Approval of Omnibus Motion
  - a. Approval of minutes of Session meeting, October 27th – attached to agenda
  - b. Approval of minutes of training meeting, October 25th – attached to agenda
  - c. Approval of minutes of the congregation meeting, November 23rd – attached to agenda
  - d. Updated copy of the By-Laws - attached to agenda
  - e. As of October 27, 2025 – 310
    - i. Additions – none
    - ii. Deaths – 1
      1. LaVerne Sams – 10-28-2025
    - iii. Transfers / Removals – 6
      1. Transfers to other congregations – 1
        - a. Diane Reich – to the Arlington Heights PC
      2. Transfers to the Inactive Roll – 2
        - a. Liesl Helminiak – at her request

- b. Laila Franklin – at her request
    - 3. Deletion from the Membership Rolls – 3
      - a. Bernie Reich, Jr – at his request (moved)
      - b. Dave and Caroline Nelson at their request
    - iv. Resulting membership as of December 15, 2025 – 303
  - f. Request for baptism – 1
    - i. Alice Mary Johnson – daughter of Courtney & Erik Johnson 12-28-2025

III. Session reflections on the Saturday, October 25th conversations were shared. The thought was to wait until the new Session members join and then Ross to give an update on his presentation so that all are up to date. Dr. Ezekiel said that several congregants mentioned that congregants were not as aware that things are a bit more tenuous than they thought. Other comments included that PCB had not positioned itself in financial structural strength for the long term.

It was also discussed that as our older, more affluent members pass away, it will take more members to make up the financial shortfall created when PCB's older members pass away. Robert Reilly thought that one option is for some of the local Presbyterian Churches to merge thus having fewer, but stronger more robust, churches. While not something that would happen in the near future, it is an option to explore in the longer term.

Other ideas basically focused on improving the marketing of PCB on various avenues where PCB is not present.

#### IV. Committees

- a. Committee Reports received
  - i. Finance & Stewardship – Rich Barbour discussed the November financials which are in great shape expenses vs budget. The expectation is that we will be very close to break even. Molly Stine reviewed stewardship stats as they stand today and where we are vs 2026 budget.
  - ii. Hospitality & Stewardship – Susan Thiess will be the chair in 2026 in place of Gil Semmen who is retiring.
    - 1. Expenditures exceed budget
      - a. H&S has exceeded their budget. Additional expenditures are for the Advent Dinner (\$1342.78) and the Card Party (\$359.52).
      - b. Thoughts regarding committees overspending their budgets included the thought of committees addressing their budgets in their monthly reports, as well as alerting Session when a committee is overspending and getting Session's input for managing the overspend. Session suggested a form be used by committees submitted with their monthly reports

outlining their YTD spend vs budget and what they anticipate their annual spend vs budget will be.

- iii. Personnel – Robert Reilly, retiring chair, requested Session approval for the updated Personnel Manual. Robert moved the Personnel Manual be approved, motion was seconded, and approved by Session.

Robert also asked that Session approve a salary increase for Dr. Ezekiel of \$4,000, effective 1 April 2026. Motion was seconded and approved by Session.

Finally, Robert asked Session to appoint a new chairperson for the Personnel Committee, as noone currently on the committee wants to be chair.

- b. Other Reports – the Session is responsible for overseeing and directing the ministry of deacons, trustees, and all organizations of the congregation on behalf of the congregation (G-3.0201c).
  - i. Trustees – With the elimination of the Trustees, their responsibilities will be absorbed by session. Reasonable due diligence and verification with the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office was conducted (just so that there are no surprises).
  - ii. Nominating Committee – Bob Stine, chair
    - 1. The work of the Nominating Committee is complete and resumes in April/May 2025.
  - iii. Stephen Ministers – Anna Armstrong & Laura Semmen, co-leaders

## V. Items for Information

- a. Installation / ordination of elders and deacons.
  - i. Those to be ordained to office are:
    - 1. Martha Boling-Risser (elder)
    - 2. Wendy Burdick (deacon)
    - 3. Ericka Fuerte (deacon)
    - 4. Ron Furst (elder)
  - ii. Those to be installed to office on January 11th are:
    - 1. Elders
      - a. Bard Boand (class of 2027);
      - b. Anna Armstrong, Ron Furst, Martha Boling-Risser, and Mari Franklin (class of 2028)
    - 2. Deacons

- a. Ericka Fuerte, Wendy Burdick, and Julie Steffen (class of 2028)
  - b. Session decided that the annual meeting will be 25 January 2026. Materials for the meeting will go out to congregants by 11 January 2026. Committee reports are due 7 January 2026. To Patti Fugle.
  - c. Dr. Ezekiel gave Steve Alton and Robert Reilly a parting gift thanking them for their work on Session and working to move PCB forward.
- VI. Upcoming Items – January agenda
  - a. Setting a date for elders / deacons training
    - i. Specific topics to cover
  - b. Review/approval of the Annual Statistical Report
  - c. Election of Clerk (annual term)
  - d. Election of Treasurer (annual term)
  - e. Appointment of committees and committee members
    - i. Please check with your team and see if they wish to continue
    - ii. Adoption of a Building & Grounds committee job description
  - f. The Endowment Funds organization
  - g. Continuing the discussions/presentations of SMART Goals
    - i. January – Nominations
    - ii. February – Communications
    - iii. March – Missions
    - iv. April – Christian Education
    - v. May – Worship
    - vi. June – Audio/Visual
    - vii. July – Finance / Stewardship
    - viii. August – Personnel
    - ix. September – New Members
    - x. October – Personnel

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm by prayer led by Dr. Ezekiel. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Session is Monday, January 26th, 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