

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington
Session Meeting Minutes
25 August 2025

Moderator: Rev. David Ezekiel, Pastor

Ruling Elders:

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

P=Present A=Absent E=Excused

We are meeting in-person. If you are unable to attend, a Zoom link is available.

I. Joys & Concerns

II. Opening Prayer

III. SMART Goals

- a. SMART Goals are still needed from
 - i. Audio-visual – in progress
 - ii. Worship – in progress
 - iii. Hospitality & Fellowship
- b. Session SMART Goals – in progress
- c. PCB SMART Goals

IV. Clerk's Report – Approval of Omnibus Motion

- a. Approval of minutes of special Session meeting, July 28 – attached to agenda
 - i. Membership - As of June 22, 2025 – 311 (corrected)
- b. Request for weddings – 1

i. Kelly Gerrard – June 20, 2026.

V. Reports

a. Committee Reports

- i. Audio-Visual Committee – Heather Layne, chair
- ii. Christian Education – George Steffen, chair
 - 1. Adult Ed – Jill Minner
 - 2. Children, Youth, & Young Adults – Bill Shaeffer
 - a. Report attached to agenda
- iii. Communications – Mari Franklin, chair
 - 1. Report attached to agenda
- iv. Finance & Stewardship – Rich Barbour, chair
 - 1. Financials are attached to agenda
- v. Hospitality & Fellowship – Gil Semmen, chair
- vi. Mission – Jodie Harmsen, chair
- vii. New Members – Anna Armstrong, chair
 - 1. Report attached
- viii. Personnel – Robert Reilly, chair
 - 1. Report attached
- ix. Worship – Chris Raaths, chair
 - 1. Report attached to agenda

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. Deacons – Emily Dowell & Bob Stine, co-chairs
- ii. Trustees – Ron Furst, chair
 - 1. Information on the building – attached to agenda
- iii. Nominating Committee – Bob Stine, chair
- iv. Stephen Ministers – Anna Armstrong & Laura Semmen, co-leaders
 - 1. Report attached to agenda

VI. Old Business

a. Trustees – Grant research

i. Motion – That the Session authorize Ron Furst, Rich Barbour, and George Landes, Jr., to formally incorporate the Presbyterian Church with the State of Illinois.

- ii. Background – Ron Furst has been actively engaged in searching for grants to which PCB might apply. Some of these grants are administered by the Federal Government, others by the State of Illinois. PCB is incorporated through Cook County, an old provision of Illinois law

for churches and non-profits. That means PCB does not have a State Identification Number, which is needed for the applications. By formally incorporating with the State of Illinois, PCB will be assigned such a number and can proceed with grant applications.

b. Registered Agent

i. Motion – That the Session name the Clerk of Session as the Registered Agent for PCB with the State of Illinois and that the corresponding duties be added to the Clerk’s job description.

ii. Background – When incorporating with the State of Illinois, this is the person to whom all correspondence will come and who will attest on a yearly basis that the church is still an active entity. Failure to attest can mean that the property is presumed to be abandoned, returned to the rolls of taxable property, and then sold for non-payment of back taxes.

c. Child protection policy – Session needs to act on at least one of the following for our insurance renewal which is due September 1st.

i. Received from Children/Youth/Young Families in June 2025 – attached

ii. Proposal from Personnel – attached to agenda

VII. Upcoming Items

a. Session training

i. Date – September 20th, 900a – 1200nn

ii. Topics

1. Financial Future of PCB

a. Ross Clover – congregational trends and metrics

2. 2026 budget – a preview

3. The roadmap ahead

a. Pastor David – The future direction of PCB and how will we get there

b. Discussion point – Why do we want new members

4. How & when do we present these finding to the congregation?

5. Lunch – please confirm your intention so that we might be good stewards of the amount we need to order.

b. Policies to work on

i. Boundary training / anti-harassment

ii. Anti-racism

iii. Manual of administrative operations – slowly progressing

VIII. Mark your calendars

a. September 14 – outdoor worship / church picnic / Fall Kickoff

b. September 20 – Session training

- c. September 21 – Christian Ed offerings begin at 1115a
- d. September 22 – Session meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of Session is Monday, September 22nd, at 7:00 pm.

George M Landes, Jr
Clerk of Session

Rev. David Ezekiel
Moderator of Session