

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington
Session Meeting Minutes
22 June 2026

Moderator: Rev. David Ezekiel, Pastor

Ruling Elders:

	CLASS OF 2026		CLASS OF 2027		CLASS OF 2028
P	Ross Clover – 1st	P	Bard Boand – 2 yr	P	Anna Armstrong – 2nd
P	Debra Johnson – 2nd	P	Rich Barbour – 2nd	E	Martha Boling – Risser – 1st
E	Heather Layne – 1st	P	Bob Dick – 1st	P	Ron Furst – 1st
P	Peter Shaeffer – 1 yr	P	Molly Stine – 1st	P	Mari Franklin – 2nd
P	David Ezekiel, Moderator	P	George Landes, Jr., Clerk of Session		

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

- I. Meeting opened at 7:05pm with Joys & Concerns, followed by a prayer led by Dr. Ezekiel
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Clerk's Report – Approval of Omnibus Motion – (an omnibus motion presumes the items do not require discussion; it does not require a motion or a second and can be approved by common consent / general agreement).
 - a. Approval of minutes of Session meeting, March 23rd – attached
 - b. Membership
 - i. Active Members as of 18 May - 302
 - ii. Inactive Members – 38 total
 - iii. Added to the role of Confirmands – 3
 1. Dylan Harris
 2. Katie Schomer
 3. Liam Van Cleve
 - iv. Request for baptism – 1
 1. Mia Sophia John, daughter of Jarred Edward (grew up in PCB) & Ainsley John, grandchild of Ed & Judy John (members)

IV. SMART Goals

- a. Audio/Visual Committee – Mari reviewed AV SMART Goals for 2025 and 2026. One goal Bob wanted added was a focus on quality on our AV program. Mari said these current goals are designed to improve the quality but Mari mentioned that they need more people to expand the AV team as there are not enough members to do the AV work.

V. Review of May 2nd notes – Dr. Ezekiel discussed the Endowment Committee efforts and the process it has been making. He also raised questions that Session needs to deal with:

- a. How do we increase participation in the life of the church
- b. How do we increase giving in the life of the church
- c. How do we view PCB in 2035.
 - i. Do we need 2 worship services
 - ii. Change our focus from formal to more informal
 - iii. Which demographics do we cater to

Peter Shaefer asked if the congregation will be involved in discerning the future direction for PCB. Dr. Ezekiel agreed that the congregation will need to be included in helping determine this direction.

Dr. Ezekiel reviewed the 2 May exercise that highlighted these questions and the need for Session to address these concerns soon and not delay these discussions. Additional discussions revolved about new members, why our newest members joined, and what PCB offers to new members when compared to other churches, based on their feedback.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Building & Grounds – Ron Furst reviewed the following:
 - i. Kirsten asked if her Yamaha grand piano can be kept at the church for up to 10 years. She would like it in the Sanctuary as it would probably be “safer” there. Kirsten agreed to pay for her piano to be moved here. PCB would have to pay to maintain (tune) the piano regularly until she takes it back. Kirsten’s piano would be in the sanctuary, the sanctuary piano goes into Fellowship Hall, and the upright in Fellowship Hall would be given to Andrew Luszwick (organist). We would need a waiver against damage as well as significant repairs that an older piano tends to need. After discussing this the Session agreed to draft an agreement outlining the details of this temporary donation, after which Kirsten could move her piano to PCB’s Sanctuary.
 - ii. Security matters – Ron is working on improving PCB’s security by having Barrington police make more security checks.
 - iii. Ron mentioned that there is now space for committees to store items, if needed. He is cleaning up some areas and creating storage for others.

- b. Christian Ed – Debra asked if Session is comfortable enough with the “prayerground” concept to allow CE to try this concept at PCB. Session had a lot of discussion on this with the consensus that this is something new that we should try on a trial basis during the summer and see how it is received.
- c. Finance & Stewardship –
 - i. Financial review – Ross reviewed the financials which still remain strong.
 - ii. Endowment Committee – Rich Barbour reviewed where the Endowment committee is in its development. Michael Smith will be at Session in July to review the endowment effort in more depth.
 - iii. The 5k race was a great success, with gross receipts of \$42,000. Molly Stine said the Mission Committee met to disburse the funds from the 5k race.
- d. Personnel – Peter Shaefer said personnel is updating staff files and doing a preliminary plan for staff annual evaluations.
- e. Worship Committee – Bob Dick shared some concerns that some of our guest preachers are introducing political viewpoints that may disturb some congregants. The Worship Committee is going to take this up at their next meeting.

Meeting ended at 9:05pm by prayer led by Dr. Ezekiel. The next regularly scheduled Session meeting is 27 July at 7:00 pm

George M Landes, Jr
Clerk of Session

Rev. David Ezekiel
Moderator of Session