

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington
Session Meeting Minutes
27 July 2026

Moderator: Rev. David Ezekiel, Pastor

Ruling Elders:

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

P=Present A=Absent E=Excused

I. Meeting opened with Joys & Concerns followed by an opening prayer led by Dr. Ezekiel.

II. Clerk's Report – Approval of Omnibus Motion –

a. Approval of 22 June 2026 Session minutes which were attached to agenda

b. Membership

i. Active Members

1. As of June 22, 2026 – 302

2. Deaths – 1

a. Linda Long July 15, 2026

ii. Resulting active membership as of June 21, 2026 – 301

iii. Inactive Members – 38 total

iv. Request for baptism – 2

1. Emma Vick, daughter of Molly and Josh Vick, on August 30, 2026.

2. Jackson James Dowell, son of James and Brittany Dowell on September 20, 2026.

III. Committee Reports

a. Audio-Visual – Heather Layne, chair Peter Shaeffer gave an update on the IT/AV work being done to improve these departments, fixing numerous issues and

improving the infrastructure while making the two systems more effective and efficient. We have received a proposal that will be reviewed by the committee this Wednesday to determine next steps to fix these issues.

- b. Communications – Mari Franklin, chair. Improving communication with people having weddings, funerals, etc at PCB to manage expectations, while also ensuring internal support is available to help. Chrystal Caruthers, a communications professional, has agreed to help the Communications Committee improve its focus and establish more goals and initiatives that dovetail with the needs of PCB.

Bob brought up several events (like 4 July parade) that PCB no longer participates in, which prompted a discussion as to why PCB is not in some of these events anymore. Communications agreed to take this on, and Bob agreed to put together a document outlining the reasons why we should be participating in these events. A more organized approach to participating in these events needs to occur, to include why we participate in a particular event, what PCB gets out of it, what is involved in joining these events, etc.

- c. Facilities – Ron Furst updated facilities activities:
 - i. Repairs to the courtyard were completed, and the new kitchen stove has been received.
 - ii. Quotes for the parking lot are coming in.
 - iii. Verizon is adding equipment to the steeple and they have agreed to upgrade the siding on the steeple.
- d. Finance & Stewardship – Molly Stine, chair
 - i. Financial review – attached to agenda. Ross Clover reviewed the finances with income remaining ahead of this time last year. Church finances remain healthy and while expenses are up, giving is up even more.
 - ii. Endowment Committee – attached to agenda. Discussed the document the legal team of Buckley Fine developed for the Endowment Fund. An updated version is attached to the agenda. Discussion occurred regarding the 4% max that can be distributed annually, and whether this is interest generated or also principal. Session approved the Endowment Funds Resolution with the caveat that the committee define what principal is in section 16.
- e. New Members – Anna Armstrong, chair. Meet and greet next Sunday for those interested in possibly joining PCB.
- f. Missions – Jodie Harmsen, chair
 - i. 5K race update. Committee has begun working on next year's race after an extremely successful race in 2026. Aron Van Cleave and Jodie Harmsen will manage the race again in 2027.

- ii. Aron Van Cleave is looking for someone to lead, or co-lead with him, the Crop Walk in October.
- g. Personnel – Peter Shaeffer, chair. Working through the Personnel Manual ensuring guidelines outlined in the manual are being followed. Working on staff budget for 2027.
- h. Other Reports –
 - i. Deacons – Bob Stine, moderator. Has been remembering shut-ins and even sent flowers just to let them know their church is thinking of them.
 - ii. Leadership Nominations Committee – Bob Stine, chair. Working on soliciting members for committees for next year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm by prayer led by Dr. Ezekiel. Next scheduled meeting of the Session is 24 August 2026 at 7:00 pm.

George M Landes, Jr
Clerk of Session

Rev. David Ezekiel
Moderator of Session