

Presbytery Review Committee
Minutes
April 2026

The General Assembly's Presbytery Review Committee met by web meeting on Friday, March 6, 2026. The 2026 Committee included RE Ron Bengelink, RE Jane Bodden, RE Jim Conners, RE Cheryl Followell, RE Janet Goodman, RE Keith Hopkins, RE Chris Rhodes, TE Jason Steele and TE Mark Willems. As Chair, Ron Bengelink explained the task ahead and the importance of it to both the historical and legal requirements of our EPC denomination. He described the process, as well as the time constraints, for our task to review and document the corrections or additions to all of the 2025 meeting minutes of the sixteen presbyteries now operating in the EPC.

Two members of the Committee read the minutes of four presbyteries, and each documented their findings of any *Exceptions, Notations Requiring a Response*, or *Notations* for each Presbytery. Although only *Exceptions* were reported to the 46th meeting of the General Assembly, the findings in all three categories were reported to the office of the Stated Clerk of the EPC. The Chair then participated in a video conference with those two readers and, with the effective support of Vanessa Mullendore of the GA office staff, the three agreed on those findings to report for 2026. These video conferences covered the review of two presbyteries each time and were scheduled on two days each week between March 19 and April 14. All Committee members were instructed to use the recently developed PRC Handbook as the primary resource for identifying possible violations of the *Book of Order*, the *Rules for the Assembly*, and the *Acts of the Assembly* during their review. This Handbook has also been made available to all Presbytery Stated Clerks to ensure that both the Presbytery Clerks and the PRC members were using the same set of expectations for the accuracy of those Minutes.

This year, the Chair reviewed and documented the number of churches in each presbytery who had not sent any required representatives to any of the three Stated Meetings of that presbytery in 2025. The Chair also reviewed the responses from the various presbyteries to those Exceptions cited to them by the 45th General Assembly regarding their 2024 presbytery minutes.

After the review of presbytery responses to the Exceptions issued by the 45th General Assembly in 2025, those responses are recommended by Common Consent to be approved for the cited presbyteries, including:

Alleghenies
Central Carolina
Central South
Coastal Mid Atlantic
East
Florida & Caribbean
Great Plains

Gulf South
Mid-America
Midwest
Pacific Northwest
Southeast
West

1. The Committee reports that the situation when **no** representatives from a given church attended any of the Stated Meetings for the year 2025 was 20%, (with a variation between presbyteries of from 0% to 34%) and therefore significantly higher than that reported in 2024!
2. The Committee reports the specific findings for the submitted Minutes of each Presbytery of their 2025 Stated Meetings as follows.

Alleghenies

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies be approved with the following **exceptions**:
 - a. Period of time for term of service not specified-TE Andy Moore, Assistant Pastor, Bellefield EPC. Mtg. 54, pg. 1308-1309, 11C, **G.** 10.6.A; *Acts of Assembly* 02-04.4
2. The Committee will forward the following **notations requiring response** to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Alleghenies Presbytery.
 - a. Minutes list TE and RE attendance totals but do not explicitly state compliance with the constitutional 1:2 TE to RE ratio requirement. Mtgs. 53/54/55/56, Attendance sections, **G.** 19-2A.4b; *Acts of Assembly* 05-08
3. The Committee will forward the following **notations** to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Alleghenies Presbytery.
 - a. Error in date of budget: should be 2026, not 2025. Mtg. 56, pg. 1434, 16A
 - b. Error in date of next meeting: should be 2026, not 2025. Mtg. 56, pg. 1435, 19
4. General advice to the presbytery

None
5. Commendations

Good procedural clarity in documenting motions and actions taken by presbytery throughout the meetings. Excellent work!

Central Carolinas

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central Carolinas be approved with the following **exceptions**:
 - a. No Disparity Correction action taken. Mtgs. 8/9/10, B 19-2A.4b, *Acts of Assembly* -05-08
 - b. No area of responsibility specified for TE Tim Carey. Mtg. 8, pg. 17, 30-31, **G.** 10-5, *Acts of Assembly* 02-04

- c. Membership of the Presbytery's Ministerial Committee not reported. **G.** 21-2
2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Central Carolinas Presbytery.
 - a. Each Presbytery Meeting page number begins with 1 and runs consecutively. It is not clear if the minutes are copied from the numbered pages of the official book. Mtgs. 8/9/10, *Rules for Assembly* 9-12G5, *Acts of Assembly* 98-05 and 05-08 #4
 - b. No financial reports provided for review. Budget passed at meeting# 10, p16, 10-18. Mtgs. 8/9/10, *Rules for Assembly* IX 9-12 **G.** 15
 - c. Minutes list Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders but do not explicitly demonstrate compliance with the 1:2 TE/RE ratio requirement. Mtgs. 8/9/10, Attendance sections, **G.** 19-2A.4b; *Acts of Assembly* 05-08
 3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Central Carolinas Presbytery.
 - a. Meetings # 8: 8.15-32 and 10-21 refer at times to the "Ministerial Committee" and at other times to the "Ministry Committee". It seems as if the references are to the same committee, but it does create some confusion. Mtg. 8, pg. 12-17, 15-31, Mtg. 10, pg. 18, 10-21
 4. General advice to the presbytery
None
 5. Commendation

Generally, well written and complete. Attendance roles clearly identify Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders, Associate Members, Corresponding Members, and Observers. Good practice.

Central South

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central South be approved with the following *exceptions*:
 - a. No definite term of Service listed for Commissioned Pastor Kirk. Mtg. 124, pg. 1158, 124.09 5. **G.** 9-11A
 - b. No primary areas of responsibilities listed for TE Franklin as Associate Pastor. Mtg. Called, pg. 1183, 5. **G.** 10-5

2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Central South Presbytery.
 - a. Submittal for Mtg. 126 did not include approved minutes. Mtg. 126. **G. 2-4B**
3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Central South Presbytery.
 - a. Minutes shall list the names of each Teaching Elder member of the Presbytery and note that person's attendance as present, excused, or unexcused. Excused and Present are listed as "E" and "P". Are the ones listed as "A" unexcused? It might be clearer to use a "U". This is undoubtedly a nit. Mtg. 124, pg. 1148-1150, 124.02, Mtg. 125, pg. 1168-1170, 125.02, Mtg. 126, pg. 1-3, 126.02. *Act of Assembly 00-11*
4. General advice to the presbytery

None
5. Commendation

Nicely done. Very few discrepancies.

Coastal Mid-Atlantic

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Coastal Mid-Atlantic Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.
 - a. No review of Session records reported. Mtgs, 8,9,10. **G. 19-4A7. Acts of Assembly 07-08**
 - b. TE King's position on Westminster not recorded. Mtg. 10, pg. 4-5, 1.16. **G. 12-4**
 - c. Dates of installation and installation commissions for TEs Schmemmerhorn and Brooks not in minutes. Mtg. 8, pg. 5-6, 1.15.01-7. **G. 13-1A. G. 21-1C.2.b**
 - d. It was unclear whether TEs Schmemmerhorn and Brooks both declared exceptions to Westminster, or if only one did. Mtg. 8, pg. 5, 1.14.04. **G. 12-4**
2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Coastal Mid-Atlantic Presbytery.
 - a. No attendance list-totals only recorded. Attendance needs to be recorded in each meeting separately. TE attendance should be recorded as "present, excused, or unexcused," not "Attended, Did not Attend, or Excused." All Mtgs, TE Attendance Spreadsheet. *Acts of Assembly 00-11* Mtgs. 8, 9, 10. *Acts of Assembly*

00-11, *Acts of Assembly* 03-04.4., *Acts of Assembly* 16-25, Rules for Assembly 9-12G.1

- b. First page begins with # 1. Since this is not the first meeting of this Presbytery, how can it be from the official book? Mtgs. 8,9,10. *Acts of Assembly* 98-05 and 05-08 #4, *Acts of Assembly* 16-25
 - c. Omnibus motion from Ministerial committee was not attached as stated. Mtg. 8, pg.7, 1.19.01
3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Coastal Mid-Atlantic Presbytery.
- a. Exams sustained, but there were significant numbers of votes against and abstentions, resulting in candidates being required to complete additional course work. The way the examination of candidates was presented was very confusing. It was hard to keep track of who had done what and when it had been done. The result of 1.15.07 was not stated. Could the process be improved? Mtg. 8, pg. 5-6, 1.15.04-1.15.07
 - b. Each minute begins with # 1, rather than the meeting #. Using the meeting number makes things clearer. Mtgs. 8, 9, 10.
 - c. Exams should be a part of the ministerial report, not a random item. Mtg. 9, pg. 4-5, 1.13-1.14
 - d. While he was a Pastor in the SBC, Dr. Hayes was not a Teaching Elder until he was installed as such. Also, the minutes are inconsistent in referring to Dr. Hayes as a TE or RE. His last name was misspelled in 1.13.. Mtg. 9, pg. 4-5, 1.13-1.14.04

4. General advice to the presbytery

None

5. Commendation

East

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Presbytery of the East be approved with the following *exceptions*.
 - a. No definite period of time for a term of service for Assistant Pastor Kim. Mtg. 133, pg. 1584, 133-13E. **G.** 10-6
 - b. The period of service many Out of Bound TEs are expired. They need to be renewed if they are still serving. Mtg. 133, pg. 1587, 133-13J, Mtg. 134, pg. 1634, 134-26H, Mtg. 135, pg. 1662, 135-22F. **G.** 10-8 B.2a.
 - c. Ministerial committee TE to RE members ratio must be within 1 of each other. It has 5 TE and 3 RE. Mtg. 135, pg. 1654, 135-14. **G.** 21-2 A

2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Presbytery of the East.
 - a. When recording a Presbytery vote on a Descending Overture the Minutes should include a summary of that Overture as described on the official ballot. Mtg. 133, pg. 1605, 133-31D. *Acts of Assembly* 07-08
 - b. No closing prayer, unless that is the prayer in the previous section. Mtg. 133, pg. 1615, 133-29, Mtg. 134, pg. 1645, 134-31, Mtg. 135, pg. 1675, 135-27. **G.** 16-1 A
 - c. Dissolving Mantua Creek Church minutes must reflect “all the steps required” to dissolve and Presbytery’s action to commend members to another church. Minutes did not specify either. Mtg. 133, pg. 1605, 133-31D. *Acts of Assembly* 07-08
 - d. No page numbers on last signature pages. Mtg. 133, pg. 1615, 133-29, Mtg. 134, pg. 1645, 134-31

3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Presbytery of the East.
 - a. The layout of the attendees would be easier to follow if they were sorted by the church with all the TEs and commissioned REs listed by the church. It would show if a church had no representation. The listing in 135 was a vast improvement over the list in 133 and 134 which had the data in other parts of the minutes. Mtgs. 133, 134, 135
 - b. The addition is wrong for the total commissioners in the Parity chart for lines 31 and 40. Mtg. 133, pg. 1609-10, 133-31F
 - c. The paragraph number is wrong for the Adjournment on the last page. Mtg. 133, pg. 1615, 133-29
 - d. TYPO – “any financial” instead of “and financial”. Mtg. 134, pg. 1644, 134-29A 1st bullet
 - e. TYPO – “the church” instead of “he church”. Mtg. 135, pg. 1657, 135-15 5th bullet.
 - f. TYPO? Annual POTE budget presented and passed but chart included is labeled “2025” not “2026”. Mtg. 135, pg. 1671, 135-24C 2026 Budget
 - g. TYPO “Seminar” should be “Seminary” – two instances. Mtg. 134, pg. 1627, 134-17E A4 and B4, Mtg. 135, pg. 1654, 135-14B Fleming bullet 4
 - h. TYPO “VOTING PROCESS FOR THE 127TH STATED MEETING”. Mtg. 135, pg. 1, 135-07 header and 135-07 (1) (2) (12). References should be to “135th” meeting
 - i. TYPO “TE...who are members of the POTE at the “Call to Order” on January 27, 2023. Mtg. 135, pg. 1, 135-07 (2). References should be to “135th” meeting’s date, Sept 26, 2025
 - j. TYPO “prented” should be “presented”. Mtg. 135, pg. 1658, 135-17C 2nd line
 - k. TYPOS Numbering of sections should be 135-22N and 135-23 And, section 23, bullet 1 should be “Philadelphia” (only 1 “l”). Mtg. 135, pg. 1666, 132-22N, 132-23
 - l. TYPO Repeated unnecessary phrase at lines 3 and 6: “and the minutes”. Mtg. 135, pg. 1673, 125-25B

- m. TYPO – “partys” should be “parties”. Mtg. 134, pg. 1640, 134-24R next to last line
- n. TYPOS – “acclimation” should read “acclamation”. Mtg. 134, pg. 1628-1631, 134-17F line 2, 134-17G PP2, 134-17G last line, 134-19 ES1, 134-23 last word, pg.1640-1641, 134-24R line 17, 134-24S approval of motions, Mtg. 135, pg. 1654, 135-14A, pg. 1656-1658, 135-14C, 14D, 135-14E, 135-15 bullet 2, 135-17A last line, 135-17B last line, pg. 1663, 135-22F last line
- o. Offering a prayer for TE’s and their wives is laudable but there is no prayer offered that closes the meeting. Mtg. 133, pg. 1615, 133-32, Mtg. 134, pg. 1645, 134-30, Mtg. 135, pg. 1675, 135-26
- p. ADD The 25th Stated meeting was called for March 3, 2025 “references to the 25th meeting are confusing. Called meetings do not need to be numbered. Mtg. 134, pg. 1623, 134-10 (Exec Council Report), Mtg. 134, pg. 1630, 134-19-ES Mtg. 134, pg. 1631, 134-24C
- q. ADD Minutes shall list names of each TE member of Presbytery; there is no title of “Senior” TEs so the title in the last box on p 1650 and on p 1663 should delete “Senior”. Mtg. 135, pg. 1650, 135-09, Mtg. 135, pg. 1663, 135-22 I
- r. The 4th & 5th bullets of this section are repetitive to lines 2 & 3; there should be only 2 bullets, not 4, in this list. Mtg. 134, pg. 1643, 134-26B

4. General advice to the presbytery

- a. Keep the prayer for TEs. They have a special calling we all support. But close the meeting in a separate prayer to acknowledge the good work that all commissioners, TEs and REs alike, do together at Presbytery.

5. Commendation

Great improvement in reporting the attendance in 135 compared to 133 and 134. Care is taken to reference in the minutes the work of the Presbytery in relation to our Book of Go

Florida

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Florida and Caribbean Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.
 - a. No mention that TE Charlie Halleran was dismissed at a Congregational Meeting. Same for TE Bryn MacPhail. Mtg. 104, pg. 11, 104.12.5, Mtg. 106, pg. 8, 106.09. **G.** 14-1 B
 - b. A definite period of time for a term of service for Commissioned Pastors not listed for Leonilda Ruiz Perez. Mtg. 104, pg. 12-13, 104.12. **G.** 9.11 A
 - c. No definite period of time for a term of service for Stated Supply Pastor TE Paul Pepin. Mtg. 104, pg. 17, 104.19 3. **G.** 10-7 A.2.a
 - d. No definite period of time for a term of service for TE Dr. Gregory Perry serving out of Bounds. Mtg. 105, pg. 7-10, 105.9. **G.** 10-8 B.2.a

- e. There is no record in the Minutes listing the members of the Ministerial Committee. Mtgs. 103, 104, 105, 106. **G.** 21-2 A
 - f. There is no record of responses to the PRC for Exceptions to the 2024 Minutes. Mtg. 106, pg. 7, 106.06, letter from GA
2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Florida and Caribbean Presbytery.
 - a. Omnibus motions are used for actions to be approved that do not require discussion. This term was used often for Examinations, which should be a Motion, not an Omnibus Motion. Mtg. 104, pg. 12-13, 104.12, Mtg. 105, pg. 7-9, 105.09, Mtg. 106, pg. 10-12, 106.09, Mtg. 106, pg. 19-20, 106.20
 - b. It is a Descending Motion which the Minutes should include a summary of that Overture as described on the official ballot received from the General Assembly. Rationale is listed and approved, Mtg. 104, pg. 16, 104.16. **G.** 19-4 C.2 &3, *Acts of Assembly 07-08*
 3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Florida and Caribbean Presbytery.
 - a. Attendance of Teaching Elders not listed on the Roll with “P” that were present at the meetings. The Excused ones and Unexcused ones were listed. Mtg. 104, pg. 1-2, 104.03, Mtg. 105, pg. 1-2, 105.03, Mtg. 106, pg. 1-2, 106.03. Act of Assembly 00-11
 - b. Minutes should include a section on Correspondence. Mtgs. 104, 105, 106. *Acts of Assembly 03-04*
 4. General advice to the presbytery

None
 5. Commendation

Great Plains

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Great Plains Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*:
 - a. No record of examination of TE Matthew Jaderston and TE Jeff Sparks; positions not specified for TEs Spencer and Jaderston. Mtg. 34, pg. 679-680, 34.05.F, 34.07.I,J. **G.** 12-2 through 5, **G.** 13- 1 through 7, **G.** 19-4B1-7, **G.** 21-1A.2 and **G.** 21-1C.2.b.
 - b. Candidate Julien de Leiris: period of time for a term of service not specified. Mtg. 34, pg. 680, 34.07. **G.** 10-5, 10-6, *Acts of Assembly 02-04*

- c. Candidate Cody Pritchett's pastor is advisor. Candidate Timothy Roberts' pastor is advisor. Mtg. 34, pg. 678-679, 34.05.C, 34.05.D. **G.** 11-2E, *Acts of Assembly* 06-08
 - d. Candidate Collin Grant's pastor is his advisor. Mtg. 36, pg. 12, 36-14.E. **G.** 11-2E, *Acts of Assembly* 06-08
2. The Committee will forward the following **notations requiring response** to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Great Plains Presbytery.
- a. Privilege of the floor was not indicated for seated corresponding members. Mtg. 34, pg. 673, 34.02D, Mtg. 35, pg. 683, 35.02C, Mtg. 36, pg. 1, 32.02C. *Acts of Assembly* 03-04.4
 - b. TE Martin Lifer: mentions Presbytery to Presbytery transfer, but position and church not specified. It appears that the position is Pastor of Eastminster Pres, but it could be better clarified. Mtg. 35, pg. 687, 35.05.E,F. **G.** 12-2 through 5, **G.** 13-1 through 7, **G.** 19-4B1-7, **G.** 21-1A.2 and **G.** 21-1C.2.b.
 - c. TE Nathan Markley mentions Presbytery to Presbytery transfer, but position and church not specified. It appears that the position is Pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian, but it could be better clarified. Mtg. 35, pg. 687, 35.07.B,C. **G.** 12-2 through 5, **G.** 13-1 through 7, **G.** 19-4B1-7, **G.** 21-1A.2 and **G.** 21-1C.2.b.
 - d. Summary of Overture not included. Mtg. 34, pg. 677, 34.03A. *Acts of Assembly* 07-08
 - e. Summary of Descending Overture not included in minutes. Mtg. 34, pg. 677, 34.03, *Acts of Assembly* 07-08
 - f. Minutes for meeting 36 begin with page 1, rather than following the last number from meeting 35. Mtg. 36, pg. 1. *Acts of Assembly* 98-05 and 05-08 #4.
3. The Committee will forward the following **notations** to Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Great Plains Presbytery.
- a. Financial Report balances recorded, but no detailed reports presented, except budget. Mtg. 34, pg. 681, 34.1. Rules for Assembly IX 9-12 **G.** 16
 - b. Typo: Should read 45th General Assembly (not 35th). Mtg. 36, pg. 5, 36.04.
 - c. Minute misnumbering. Mtg. 36, pg. 12, 13, 15, 35.10, 35.11, 36.12, 36.13, 36.14
 - d. For ease of reading, the examination and approval of transfer for TE
 - e. Spencer should have been lettered "F." Mtg. 34, pg. 679, 34.05.E
 - f. There is no section numbered 35.03. Mtg. 35, pg. 686
 - g. The pages for meetings 34& 35 were numbered sequentially. The pages for meeting 36 were numbered beginning at 1.
 - h. Meeting not reconvened with prayer. Mtg. 34,
4. General advice to the presbytery
- None
5. Commendation to the presbytery

Gulf South

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Gulf South Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*:
 - a. No indication that Candidate Mook was examined by the Presbytery. Mtg. 32, pg. 233-234, 32.13. **G. 11-2 C**
 - b. No particular area of responsibility listed for Assistant Pastors: TE Fike, TE Ramer, TE Hutson. Mtg. 33, pg. 254, 33.19 2)g), i), Mtg. 34, pg. 279, 34.21 2. **G. 10-6, Acts of Assembly 02-04**
 - c. No particular area of responsibility listed for Associate Pastor Walker. Mtg. 34, pg. 279, 34.21 3. **G. 10-5, Acts of Assembly 02-04**
2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Gulf South Presbytery.
 - a. When recording votes on descending overtures, minutes should include a summary of that Overture as described in the official ballot of GA. The minutes record the Presbytery vote but no summary is included. Mtg. 32, pg. 242, 32.25 2. *Acts of Assembly 07-08*
 - b. The Moderator or someone appointed by the Moderator shall offer a prayer for the Candidate. A charge shall be given by someone appointed by the Moderator. Although a prayer was given for all candidates, the minutes do not record a specific prayer for and charge to Candidate Mook. Mtg. 32, pg. 233-234, 31.13. **G. 11-2 C**
 - c. Attachments should be before the Signature page to endure the historical survival of the attachments. Mtg. 32, after pg. 243, Mtg. 33, after pg. 257, Mtg. 34, after pg. 283
3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Gulf South Presbytery.
 - a. TYPO Installation of 2025 Moderator First line refers to the new moderator as “incoming 2024 Moderator” – should be 2025. Mtg. 32, pg. 231, 32.04
 - b. Gregory Mook not listed in the Candidates Roll but listed in section 33.17. Mtg. 33, pg. 247, 33.02
4. General advice to the presbytery

None
5. Commendations

The minutes are easy to follow. Including reception of Treasurer’s financial reports in the consent motion is efficient. As many steps have been delegated by this Presbytery to the Ministerial Committee, the BoG references cited in actions

taken by Ministerial Committee are helpful to clearly record that “all steps required” have been addressed.

Mid-America

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Midwest Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*:
 - a. Stated Meeting Ending in “blessing” not prayer. Mtg. 101, pg. 1583, 100.16, Mtg. 102, pg. 1583, 102.16 **G.** 16-1A
2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Midwest Presbytery.
 - a. Numerical corrections needed. Mtg. 101, pg. 1568, 100.08, pg. 1582-1583, 100.14, and 100.16, Rules for Assembly 9-12G.1
3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Midwest Presbytery.
 - a. None
4. General advice to the presbytery

None
5. Commendation

Very good and constant organization. Appreciate the “Thanks Committee” section noting all those who were a blessing to make the meeting happen. I thought it was good that it was good to discuss an exception made in an examination to the Westminster catechism.

Midwest

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Midwest Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*:
 - a. Exam of a TE from another denomination does not list educational credentials or experience and spiritual growth. Mtg. 184, pg. 649, 184-06, 184-06, Mtg. 186, pg. 758, 186-08, **G.** 12.3B.1&2
 - b. Exam of a TE from another denomination does not list educational credentials or experience and spiritual growth. Mtg. 184, pg. 653, 184-12, **G.** 12.3B.1
 - c. Executive Sessions. Mtgs. 184, 185, 186, pg. 658-659, pg. 692, pg. 757-758, 184-24, 185-20, 186-07-08. Executive Sessions may be used for sensitive discussions but any motions resulting from such discussions must be done in open session so

that they can be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting.

2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Midwest Presbytery.
 - a. All steps regarding retirement are to be followed. Mtg. 186, pg. 758, 186-06, **G. 15**
 - b. No time recorded for out of bounds call. Mtg. 184, pg. 650, 184-06, **G. 10-8b 2a**
 - c. Appendices appear after signatures.
 - d. Listing of members of Ministerial Committee not found. Minutes must report annually the membership of the presbyteries ministerial committee to define that the ratio of TE's to RE's meet the requirements. Mtg. 186, pg. 760, 186-14. **G. 5-6 A, B, C**

3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Midwest Presbytery.
 - a. Typo: "wed" should be "web". Mtg. 184, 650, 18-06 Omnibus item I
 - b. Words missing at end of page. Mtg. 185, pg. 692, 182-02
 - c. Nominating Committee slate not recorded as having been voted on by Presbytery; slate presented but vote not recorded. Mtg. 186, pg. 752, 186-05, pg. 763, 186-25
 - d. Dissolution of TE calls should report what roll they were dissolved to. Mtg. 184, pg.650, 184-06 B1 and B3. **G. 14.1**

4. General advice to the presbytery

None

5. Commendation

The format of rolls and attendance is easy to follow.

New River

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the New River Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*:
 - a. None

2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the New River Presbytery.
 - a. None

3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the New River Presbytery.

a. None

4. General advice to the presbytery

None

5. Commendation

Exceptional notes, easy to read with good notation of parity.

Pacific Northwest

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Pacific Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

a. None

2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Pacific Presbytery.

a. For TE Richards, out of bounds call, time not specified. Mtg. 24, pg. 466-467, 24-10. G. 10-8B.2a

b. Annual statement of parity not recorded in the minutes. Mtg. 22, pg. 427, 22-8, *Acts of Assembly* 05-08.

3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Pacific Presbytery.

a. None

4. General advice to the presbytery

None

5. Commendation

Format easy to read. Charts included are helpful (attendance; Session minutes reviews completed). Minutes were concise without extraneous information. Thanking volunteers early in the meeting (rather at the end) is good practice – while most of them are still present. Nicely done.

Pacific Southwest

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Pacific Southwest Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.
 - a. The minutes did not report the names of all members of the ministerial committee at this meeting nor at the meeting in 2024. Mtg. 22, pg. 347, 22-10. **G.** 21-2
2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Pacific Southwest Presbytery.
 - a. None
3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Pacific Southwest Presbytery.
 - a. None
4. General advice to the Presbytery

None
5. Commendation

Rivers and Lakes

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*:
 - a. Page 701 missing. Mtg. 43, pg. 701, missing sections 43.11- 43.18
2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery.
 - a. None
3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery.
 - a. None
4. General advice to the presbytery

None

5. Commendations

Good job of reporting the parity and calculating the ratio.

Southeast

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Southeast Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*:
 - a. There is no provision in the EPC Constitution for maintaining a second (secret?) set of minutes for any of its courts since all minutes must be reviewed by the next higher court. Mtg. 124, pg. 394, 124-22, Mtg. 125, pg. 415, 124-24. **G.2-4A, Rules for Assembly 9-12B**
 - b. Report not opened with prayer. Mtg. 124, pg. 394, 124-20
2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring response* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Southeast Presbytery.
 - a. None
3. The Committee will forward the following *notations* to Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Southeast Presbytery.
 - a. Addendums need to be placed before the signatures. In order to insure the preservation of all material presented for the Presbytery's understanding the Addendums need to be placed before the Signatures of the Moderator and the Clerk. Mtg. 124, pg. 397-400, 124-24. Mtg. 125, pg. 417-426, 125.25, Mtg. 126, pg. 445-460, 126-25
 - b. Observer Norah Cheevers should be from Bethany Presbyterian Church not from Bethany Cheevers. Mtg. 126, pg. 431

4. General advice to the presbytery

None

5. Commendation

West

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the West Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*:
 - a. No review of Session minutes. Mtgs, 134, 135, 135. **G. 19-4A7, Acts of Assembly 07-08, Rules for Assembly 9-12.G.9**

- b. Actual count of votes on Descending Overture 44-A not recorded. Mtg. 134, pg. 4, 134.5. **G. 19-4C2**
 - c. Roster of the Ministerial Committee not reported in 1st meeting nor at the last meeting of the previous year. Mtg. 134. **G. 12-2**
 - d. Ten days notice not documented for called meeting. Mtg. Called 1-2-25, pg. 1, 1-2-25.2. **G. 19-5[VMB**
 - e. Complete list of attendees not included. Mtg. Called 1-2-25, pg. 1, 1-2-25.2. *Acts of Assembly* 03-04.4, **G. 19-5B**
 - f. An agenda was adopted, but purpose of called meeting not clearly stated. Mtg. Called 1-2-25, pg. 1, 1-2-25.2. **G. 7-10, G. 19-5B**
2. The Committee will forward the following ***notations requiring response*** to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the West Presbytery.
- a. Ratio of TEs to REs not noted. Mtg. 134, pg. 2, 134.2. **G. 19-2A.4b**
 - b. No sequential page numbers. No sequential page numbers. Mtgs. 134, 135, 136, and Called Mtg. 1-2-25. *Acts of Assembly* 16-25
 - c. Administrative commission omitted (appears to be a missing section). Mtg. 135, pg. 8, 135.9. **G. 13-1A, G. 21-1C.2.b**
 - d. Rev. Gaessler's Admin Commission not dismissed. Mtg. 134, pg. 9, 134.12.ADD-**G. 21-1A.2**
3. The Committee will forward the following ***notations*** to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the West Presbytery.
- a. No record of congregations without a commissioner present. Mtg. 134, pg. 1-2, 134.2, Mtg. 135, pg. 1-3, 135.2, Mtg. 136, pg. 1-2, 136.2
 - b. 136th minutes are not labeled as such. Mtg. 136, pg. 1 Title
 - c. Word omitted, Transfer of Stager "to" the Rocky..." Mtg. 135, pg. 5, 135.4B
4. General advice to the presbytery
- None
5. Commendation
- Renewal of Out of Bounds calls in table form was clear and easy to read

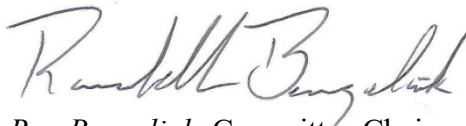
Committee members for this Presbytery Review Committee for 2025 include:

RE Ron Bengelink	Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest
RE Jane Bodden	Presbytery of Florida & the Caribbean
RE Jim Conners	Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
RE Cheryl Followell	Presbytery of the Central South
RE Janet Goodman	Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
RE Keith Hopkins	Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest
RE Chris Rhodes.	Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
TE Jason Steele	Presbytery of the Midwest
TE Mark Willems	Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest

Meeting Dates:

March 6, 2026: Video Conference
March 19, 2026: (Subcommittee) Video Conference
March 24, 2026: (Subcommittee) Video Conference
March 26, 2026: (Subcommittee) Video Conference
March 31, 2026: (Subcommittee) Video Conference
April 2, 2026: (Subcommittee) Video Conference
April 7, 2026: (Subcommittee) Video Conference
April 9, 2026: (Subcommittee) Video Conference
April 14, 2026: (Subcommittee) Video Conference
April 23, 2026: Video Conference

The Committee reviewed and approved these minutes on Apr. 23, 2026



Ron Bengelink, Committee Chair



Vanessa Mullendore, Recording Clerk