

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

January 24, 2026

A. STATED CLERK REPORT

***1. MOTION:** That Chairs of Presbytery agencies and committees, not otherwise members of Presbytery for this meeting, be given privilege of the floor with voice but not vote.

Motion Made **Approved** **Disapproved**

***2 MOTION:** Those churches based on the 2024 Statistical Report and the parity rules, be authorized to elect ruling elder commissioners to presbytery meetings as follows:

Churches with 2000-2500 members (4 elders each) – First Norfolk

Churches with 1000-2000 members (3 elders each)-Williamsburg

Churches with 501-1000 members (2 elders each) – First Virginia Beach, Great Bridge

Racial Ethnic Churches (2 elders each) – Carver Memorial, Community Portsmouth, First United, New Horizons

Churches authorized an additional elder based on number of pastors (less than 501 members) –Bayside, Denbigh United, King's Grant, KirkWood, Second Norfolk, Wycliffe

Remaining churches authorized one elder commissioner.

Note: In accordance with the Book of Order, G-3.0301 and the Manual of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, a recommendation is made annually to the Presbytery concerning any imbalance of teaching and ruling elders based on the determination of resident ministers less those ministers that have not attended meetings in the past two years as approved at the January 26, 2013, Presbytery meeting. As of January 1, 2026, there were 112 minister members, less 5 honorably retired ministers who had not attended meetings for the past two years for a total of 107 ministers. Sessions are entitled to send a total of 60 ruling elder commissioners to each presbytery meeting plus three ruling elder members of Presbytery by virtue of office, one Certified Christian Educator, six commissioned pastors (CP), and four ruling elder members of the Presbytery Council, making a total of 74 ruling elders eligible to vote.

Motion Made **Approved** **Disapproved**

***3. MOTION:** That the ministers' transactions, correspondence, and report of the Administrative Commission(s) be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made **Approved** **Disapproved**

B. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

Recommendation to Presbytery:

1.*MOTION: That the ACTIONS taken by the COM and the narrative report be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made **Approved** **Disapproved**

C. PRESBYTERY COUNCIL (PC)

Recommendation to Presbytery:

1. MOTION: That the Presbytery approve the submission of the following overture to the 226th General Assembly:

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

On Directing a Denominational Study of Collaborative Presbytery-Based Models of Ministry and Supporting Technology

2. MOTION: That the Presbytery approve the published 2026 Budget with expenses of \$795,918, including a 3.0% increase for personnel. Budgeted income from church pledges, gifts and other sources totals \$ 590,100 and use of approximately \$100,000 of unrestricted investment income, as necessary. The goal for church pledges and gifts is \$508,000 in line with actual pledges in 2025.

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

***3. MOTION** That the Presbytery establish an Administrative Commission (AC) for Stone House Presbyterian Church, Toano, (SHPC) to assist the SHPC congregation over the next 12-18 months. The Administrative Commission will be comprised of three to five persons.

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

***4. MOTION:** That the Presbytery establish an Administrative Commission (AC) for Aragona Christ Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, to assist the ACPC congregation over the next 12-18 months. The Administrative Commission will be comprised of three to five persons.

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

***5 MOTION:** That the Presbytery receive the actions taken by the Presbytery Council as reported in the Narrative Report and that they be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

D. CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY TEAM (CVT)

Recommendation to Presbytery:

1. ***MOTION:** That the narrative report of the CVT be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting, and that the 25-minute training presentation to the stated meeting be approved.

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

E. NOMINATIONS

Recommendation to Presbytery:

1. MOTION: The Nominations Committee places the following names in nomination:

President of the Presbytery of Eastern VA, Inc.

The Reverend Dr. John E. Morgan (Class of 2027)

Trustee of John Knox Homes, Inc.

The Reverend Dr. Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura (Class of 2029)

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

2. MOTION: That the report of the Nominations committee be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

F. PRESBYTERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Recommendation to Presbytery:

1. *MOTION: That the ACTIONS of the Trustees be received by the Presbytery and that the report be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

G. COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Recommendation to Presbytery:

1. *MOTION: That the ACTIONS of the CPM be received by the Presbytery and that the report be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

H. COMPASSION, PEACE, AND JUSTICE MINISTRIES (CPJ)

Peacemaking Ministry Team recommendation to the Presbytery

1. *MOTION: That the narrative report of the CPJ Peacemaking be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Hunger Ministry Team recommendation to the Presbytery

1. *MOTION: That the narrative report of the CPJ Hunger be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

I. SESSION RECORDS REVIEW

Recommendation to Presbytery:

1. *MOTION: That the Presbytery receive the report for the Fourth Quarter of 2025 and that it be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____