

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

April 28, 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 2025 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 501-1000 members (2 elders each) – First Virginia Beach, Great Bridge, Williamsburg.
- 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 attend meetings in the past two years as approved at the January 26, 2013, Presbytery meeting. As of April 1, 2026, there were 111 minister members, less 17 honorably retired ministers who had not attended meetings for the past two years for a total of 94 ministers. Sessions are entitled to send a total of 60 ruling elder commissioners to each presbytery meeting plus two ruling elder members of Presbytery by virtue of office, one Certified Christian Educator, six commissioned pastors (CP), and three ruling elder members of the Presbytery Council, making a total of 72 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. 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.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

D. 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.

E. PRESBYTERY COUNCIL (PC)

Recommendation to Presbytery:

1. MOTION: 1. MOTION: That the Presbytery elect RE Roxie O. Holder (Carver Memorial), Stated Clerk for a term commencing May 1, 2026, and concluding on December 31, 2027.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

***2 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 _____

F. NOMINATIONS

Recommendation to Presbytery:

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

Member, Commission on Preparation for the Ministry
The Reverend **Nelson Lee Steinert** (Class of 2029)

Member, Commission on Ministry
The Reverend Dr. **Jeffrey S. Bell** (Class Of 2028)

Elder Commissioner of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic
Ruling Elder **Thomas Holt** (First Church, Hampton) (Class of 2029)

Trustees of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Inc.
The Reverend **Donald P. Troast** (Class 2028)
Ruling Elder **Larry H. Hull** (Second) (Class 2028)
Ruling Elder **Karen Dixon** (Providence) (Class of 2029)

Trustee of John Knox Homes, Inc.
The Reverend Donald P. Troast (Class of 2028)
Ruling Elder Karen Dixon (Providence) (Class of 2029)

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

***2. MOTION:** Receive the resignation of RE **Mike Fore** (KirkWood).

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

***3 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 _____

G. 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 _____

H. 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 _____

I. SESSION RECORDS REVIEW

Recommendation to Presbytery:

***1. MOTION:** That the Presbytery receive the report for the First Quarter of 2026 and that it be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____