

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

July 22, 2025

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 (5 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 additional elder based on number of pastors (less than 501 members) – Bayside, Denbigh United, Second Norfolk, Wycliffe.
The 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 July 1, 2025, there were 106 resident minister members, less 5 honorably retired ministers who had not attended meetings for the past two years, for a total of 101 ministers. Sessions are entitled to send a total of 59 ruling elder commissioners to each presbytery meeting plus three ruling elder members of Presbytery by virtue of office, one Certified Christian Educator, seven 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 _____

A. ACTIONS:

BY ACTION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA, AT ITS STATED MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 1999, HELD AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, IN MATTERS IN DEBATE BEFORE PRESBYTERY, EACH SPEAKER IS LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES, WITH SPEAKERS ALTERNATING BETWEEN THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND THOSE OPPOSED. Presbytery is reminded that, according to Robert's Rules of Order, speakers may not speak more than twice on an issue, and the second time only after everyone has had an opportunity to speak once.

B. MINISTERS:

ORDAINED/DECEASED/RECEIVED/DISMISSED/INSTALLED/DISSOLUTIONS/
RETIRED/ SINCE April 29, 2025, REPORT

-Ordained: None

-Deceased: None

-Received: None

-Dismissed: The Reverend **Elizabeth Grace "Liza" Hendricks** (with regret) to the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky, Louisville, KY, as honorably retired.

-Installed: None

-Dissolutions: None

-Honorably Retired: the Reverend **James A. Goodbow**, effective July 22, 2025.

C. CORRESPONDENCE: See stated clerk's report.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS See stated clerk's report.

E. JUDICIAL See stated clerk's report

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

Recommendation to the Presbytery

1. *MOTION: That the NARRATIVE REPORT of the **Hunger Ministry Team** be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

NARRATIVE REPORT

HUNGER GRANTS: The Compassion Peace & Justice Team reviewed and voted on two grants by email in June. Greenbrier PC and First Portsmouth PC each received Church Community Hunger Grants in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

1. *MOTION: That the action of the **Peacemaking Ministry Team** and the narrative report be received and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Grant Application Carver Memorial PC: The Community Ministries Grant Application for Carver's Summer Theater Camp Project 2025 was reviewed. All present praised the project from previous years. Elder David McKercher moved, and Rev. Leigh B. Gillis seconded approval of the requested \$7,000 in its entirety. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

C. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

Recommendation to Presbytery:

1. MOTION: That the Presbytery sustain the ordination sermon of Candidate for Ministry Mary V. Brown, as presented at the KirkWood Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, on June 15, 2025

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

2. MOTION: That Candidate for Ministry Mary V. Brown, having fulfilled the ordination requirements of the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery, and having received the call of God to serve as the covenant associate pastor at KirkWood Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, be ordained as a minister of the Word and Sacrament.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

3.*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 _____

D. PRESBYTERY COUNCIL (PC)

Recommendation to Presbytery:

1. MOTION: That the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) extend a call as General Presbyter with a ballot vote, to the Reverend Dr. Melissa Sumner "Lissa" Long, effective September 1, 2025, and that she also be elected as an officer of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Inc., for the term of her service as General Presbyter. Dr. Long's effective salary will be \$94,000.00 and the total cost to the Presbytery of \$154,821.00. If the way be clear, she will be installed at the October stated meeting.

Rationale: The Transition Team has recommended to the Presbytery Council that the Presbytery extend a call to Dr. Long as the General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia for the terms and covenant published to the Presbytery.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

2. *MOTION: That the Presbytery approve the establishment of an Administrative Commission at Stone House Presbyterian Church, Toano, for the purpose of assisting the congregation with the financial management of the church. The Moderator will appoint the members.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

3. *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 _____

E. COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY (CPM)

Recommendation to the Presbytery

1. *MOTION: That the narrative report of the CPM 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 Presbytery receive the report of the Presbytery Board of Trustees and that the report be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

G. SESSION RECORDS REVIEW

Recommendation to Presbytery:

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

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____