

**Presbytery of the Cascades
Special Meeting
October 17, 2023
Minutes**

A special meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades was held on October 17, 2023 as a web-based video meeting. The Reverend Jennifer Martin, 2023-2024 Moderator-Elect of the Presbytery, was in the chair and the Reverend Paul Belz-Templeman, Stated Clerk, was present recording the proceedings. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with Moderator-Elect Martin giving a land acknowledgment and opening prayer.

Call to Meeting

Article VI.B. of the Presbytery's Bylaws states that the moderator shall call a special meeting at the request, or with the concurrence, of two teaching elders and two ruling elders, the elders being of different congregations. A list of the teaching elders and ruling elders calling this meeting follows:

Ruling Elders

Sharon Hasenjaeger (West Linn, Emmanuel)
Chuck Missar (Cottage Grove, First)
Lisa Snodderly (Portland, First)

Teaching Elders (Ministers)

John Hasenjaeger
Elizabeth Winslea

The Meeting was called to:

1. Elect a treasurer;
2. Amend Presbytery Bylaws Article VIII B. 9
 - Striking "the treasurer" after "Presbytery" and
 - Inserting "The Treasurer is a member of the Presbytery Leadership Commission with voice and is also able to vote if enrolled as a voting member of the Presbytery" after "Commission"
3. Amend Standing Rule D.
 - Strike from D. 1 "to serve as an uncompensated officer of presbytery for a term of three years" after "treasurer"
 - Strike D.2 "The treasurer shall serve as a member of the Presbytery Leadership Commission, with voice and vote."
 - Renumber D.3 as D.2 and D.4. as D.3.

Quorum

Article VI.C. of the Presbytery's Bylaws states that the quorum for a meeting of the presbytery, whether stated or special, shall be no fewer than the number of ruling elders required to represent at least ten percent of the congregations of the presbytery, and an equal number of teaching elders of the presbytery. At the time of the meeting, the presbytery was composed of 91 congregations.

Thus, the quorum for this meeting was 10 ruling elders representing 10 congregations of the presbytery and an equal number of minister members.

71 presbyters registered attendance at the meeting. Presbyters in attendance were 32 minister members of the presbytery, 29 elder commissioners representing 22 of the congregations of this presbytery, and 10 elders enrolled as commissioners by virtue of presbytery service. A listing of the presbyters registering attendance is attached as **Appendix A**.

Amending Bylaws VIII. B. 9

After debate Bylaws VIII.B.9 was amended by 2/3 vote to state:

The Presbytery shall establish a Presbytery Leadership Commission (PLC) composed of the following persons with voice and vote: the moderator of the Presbytery, the vice moderators of the Presbytery, a chair from each of the following: Commission on Preparation for Ministry, Communication and Technology Team (CATT), New Ministries Team, Personnel and Administration Committee, Board of Trustees, a representative from the Committee on Representation and each of the regional Commissions on Ministry (COMs), and the immediate past moderator of the Presbytery, who shall serve as chair of the Presbytery Leadership Commission. The Treasurer is a member of the Presbytery Leadership Commission with voice and is also able to vote if enrolled as a voting member of the Presbytery. The stated clerk and other executive staff as the presbytery may employ shall serve as ex-officio members with voice but without vote. The Presbytery Leadership Commission (PLC) shall function in accord with the Constitution and these Bylaws as a coordinating body for the mission of presbytery, for advising the presbytery on budgeting, for meetings of the presbytery, and for amendments and overtures. The Presbytery Leadership Commission (PLC) shall have responsibility for strategic planning and management, for personnel matters on the recommendation of the Personnel and Administration Committee, and for action on behalf of the presbytery between meetings of the presbytery on recommendations of the Board of Trustees or as directed by the presbytery. The Presbytery Leadership Commission may have authority to appoint such sub-committees as it deems necessary to accomplish its responsibilities. The Presbytery Leadership Commission may have authority to authorize the chair of the Presbytery Leadership Commission to appoint an Administrative Commission charged with negotiations pertaining to congregations seeking dismissal under the Gracious, Just and Responsible Dismissal Policy.

Amending Standing Rule D

After debate Standing Rule D was amended by 2/3 vote to state:

1. In accord with the Presbytery Bylaws, the presbytery shall elect a presbytery treasurer.
2. The treasurer shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Presbytery Board of Trustees with voice, but without vote.
3. The treasurer shall be nominated for election by the presbytery by a search committee composed of three persons selected by the Presbytery Leadership Commission.

Election of Treasurer

Thomas Lundy was nominated for treasurer, Class of 2024. There were no other nominations made from the floor. Thomas Lundy was elected as treasurer.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm by Moderator-Elect Martin with a prayer from the New Zealand Book of Prayer.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Belz-Templeman".

Paul Belz-Templeman
Stated Clerk

Approved by Presbytery Leadership Commission
November 8, 2023- PBT

Appendix A**October 17, 2023 Special Presbytery Meeting Attendance****RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS**

Name	City, Church	Name	City, Church
Lichti, Sharon	Albany, Albany United PC	Head, Harlow	Medford, First PC
Lewis, A. Paul	Ashland, First PC	Hilkey, Becky	Mill City PC
Widen, Judy	Beaverton, Southminster PC	Saxowsky, Denvy	Monmouth, Christ's Church
Missar, Charles	Cottage Grove, First PC	Smith, David	Pacific City, Nestucca Valley PC
Cookson, Barbara	Eugene, Central PC	Blomgren, Doug	Portland, First PC
Nichols, Gail Young,	Florence, PC of the Siuslaw	Ziel, Sharon	Portland, First PC
Lily Cantrell, Janet	Gresham, Covenant PC	Jewel, Rebecca	Portland, Kenilworth PC
Macfarlane, Christine	Gresham, Covenant PC	Black, Karen	Portland, Multnomah PC
Curtis, Bronwyn	Hillsboro, Tualatin Plains PC	Lawrence-Moiso, Lea	Portland, Rose City Park PC
Emmett, Mary Jo	Keizer, John Knox PC	Belt, Kate	Portland, Rose City Park PC
Cunningham, Sheila	Keizer, John Knox PC	Jackson-Shaw, Linda	Redmond, Community PC
Bolman, Colleen	Keizer, John Knox PC	Talbert, Michael	Salem, Salem First PC
Bush, John	Lebanon, First PC	Lamb, Michael	Salem, Salem First PC
Widen, Dave	McMinnville, First PC	Jones, Marcus	West Linn, Emmanuel
	McMinnville, First PC		

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Name	Name	Name	Name
Ackerman, Jennifer	Dalgarno, Scott	Jewel, David	Neason, Bobbi
Allen, Marilyn	Delaney, Amy	Johnson, Matt	Neel, Gregg
Belz-Templeman, Paul	Dickson, Kelly	Kokjer, Dean	O'Brien, Cynthia
Berger, Pat	Emery, Joyce	Leavitt, Liz	Parfrey, Eileen
Bowersox, Ann	Gough, Matt	Lewis, Maggie	Scalera, Clark
Brown, Dwayne	Grewe, Chris	Martin, Jennifer	Schindler, Audrey
Brown, Vicky	Hasenjaeger, John	Moiso, Jim	Sievert, Jeff
Craker, Brian	Hazen, Rebecca	Murphy, Patrick	Stebe, Bob

By Virtue of Service	Committee or Commission	By Virtue of Service	Committee or Commission
Sheelar, Eileen	CATT Chair	Cooper, Paula	Nominating Committee
Hasenjaeger, Sharon	Committee on Representation	Snodderly, Lisa	Personnel & Administration
Hubbard, Mike	COM-South	Hubbard, Evonne	Personnel & Administration
Black, Gail	NE Region Vice Moderator	Eckerd, Carole	South Region Vice Moderator
Brenner, Connie	Nominating Committee	Howe, Marilyn	Trustees

Guests

Lundy, Thomas	Missional Resource Manager
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