

Presbytery of Boise
Stated Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2024

The Presbytery of Boise held its stated meeting on May 16, 2024, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4848 N. Five Mile Rd., Boise, Idaho. The Moderator TJ Remaley called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. He declared the presence of a quorum and opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting was held both in person and by Zoom.

The Moderator recognized first time elder commissioners and corresponding members. The Presbytery was privileged to welcome Rev. Rob Hagen, Northwest Coast Presbytery and Presbyterian Foundation Ministry Relations Officers, who provided materials about investment and estate planning options.

The Moderator presented the Consent Agenda. **After motion made and seconded, the Presbytery approved the Consent Agenda** to include the following items:

1. To record the business meeting of the Presbytery for purposes of drafting the written minutes that, when approved, will become the official record of the business of the meeting. The recording will not be retained after the draft minutes are prepared;
2. To approve the minutes of the stated meeting of February 10, 2024;
3. To approve the minutes of the specially called meeting of April 4, 2024;
4. To approve the agenda of the stated meeting of May 16, 2024;
5. To seat Linda Toth (Eastern Oregon Presbytery) as a corresponding member; and
6. To receive the following reports:
 - a. Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk report
 - b. Presbyterian Community Care Center report
 - c. Policy Drafting Summary & Case Studies
 - d. COM report and papers
 - e. Financial Management Committee report and financial reports
 - f. Presbyterian Women in the Boise Presbytery report

The Presbytery then came together in worship. Rev. Dr. Kevin Starcher preached. During worship, Vice Moderator Susan Knights led the Presbytery in its commissioning of TJ Remaley and Shana Woodbury as commissioners and Audra Dooley as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 226th General Assembly. A group of people also offered a prayer for each of the seven decades of Rev. John Matthew's ordination, celebrating his 70th anniversary to the ministry of the Word & Sacrament, among family and friends.

The Moderator invited Rev. Linda Toth and Clerk of Session Marilyn Blair-Clausen, Bethany Presbyterian Church, to speak about the Presbyterian Community Care Center, which has been stewarding proceeds from the sale of property, for the benefit of the community in Ontario, Oregon.

Rachel Yates then spoke about the invitation to join an ecumenical campus ministry with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Methodist Church, at Boise State University (BSU). She noted that this opportunity had been discussed at a Zoom meeting and an informal gathering before the Presbytery meeting. **A motion was made and seconded to participate in the ecumenical campus ministry at BSU for the 2024-25 school year, with a commitment of \$7000, the source of which will be determined by the Financial Management**

Committee. The Moderator entertained debate. A voice vote was unclear. The Moderator requested a show of hands. **The motion carried.**

Before the dinner break, the Moderator urged people to pick up a copy of the Synod Assembly highlights, available at the registration table.

Following dinner, the meeting resumed with a panel discussion in aid of our group anti-harrasment and anti-racism policy development. The speakers were Rev. Seth Wheeler, Ms. Anusha Gunda, and Mr. Carlyle King. Each discussed a unique characteristic about themselves and how society reacts in ways that either allow them to feel included or excluded. They entertained questions about how the Church can be a more welcoming and inclusive body.

Rachel Yates offered a brief update on the work of the Synod Transitions Task Force toward merger, noting that this was now the recommended action. A specially called meeting will be held jointly with Kendall Presbytery on August 24, 2024, to consider the recommendation of merger. A merger rationale and timeline will be distributed, and the Task Force will be holding opportunities for stakeholders to offer feedback up until the August 24 meeting.

Rev. JoAnn Thiry, Chair, provided the Committee on Ministry (COM) report. COM brought a **motion to approve a temporary supply position at Covenant Presbyterian Church.** A copy of the position description was included. Rev. Dr. Kevin Starcher spoke about the need for this position to expand the family and congregational wellness ministries offered at Covenant. **The motion was approved. The Chair then brought COM's related motion to approve a temporary supply contract for that position among the Presbytery, Rev. Dani Forbess, and Covenant Presbyterian Church.** Rev. Forbess was invited to speak about her sense of call to that position and to answer questions. She was then excused from the room. Following discussion, the **Presbytery assembly approved the motion** and welcomed Rev. Forbess back into the room, with congratulations. Rev. Thiry concluded her report by noting that COM will be hosting a dinner for people in validated ministry and members-at-large.

The Moderator offered an opportunity for the body to share about celebrations and upcoming events. Rev. Judy McKay noted that Rev. John Mathews will turn 97 years old on June 7. Rev. Dr. Kevin Starcher reported on an upcoming trip of Covenant members to Maji, Ethiopia, where they are in partnership with the church. He then closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Yates

Transitional Presbytery/Stated Clerk

APPENDIX I: Attendance

APPENDIX II: Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk's report

APPENDIX I

2024 Clergy Attendance

Pastor	Feb 10	Apr 4	May 16	Aug 8	Aug 24	Nov 2
Beck, David						
Beck, Elizabeth						
Berkowitz, Aaron	✓		✓			
Carlson, David		Exc				
Chamberlain, R. Alex	✓	✓	Exc			
Conway, Charles		✓				
Francis, Karen	Exc		✓			
Forbess, Dani			✓			
Geisel, Marty			Exc			
Goldthwaite, Ruth	✓	✓	✓			
Hicks, Ruth						
Hindman, Gary						
Irish, Rick						
Keener, Ed						
Koah, Tim						
Kukla, Andrew	✓	✓	✓			
Matthew, John	✓	✓	✓			
McKay, Judy	✓	✓	✓			
Paul, Marianne	✓	✓	✓			
Pickrell, John			✓			
Remaley, TJ	✓	✓	✓			
Rogers, Phil	✓		✓			
Ryder, Elizabeth	✓	✓	✓			
Schwind Williams, Katey	✓	✓	✓			
Shrumm, Norm						
Smith, Heidi	✓		✓			
Smith, Mark	✓					
Starcher, Kevin	✓	✓	✓			
Thiry, JoAnn	✓	✓	✓			
Wheeler, Seth	✓	✓	✓			

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

<p><u>Boise, Covenant</u> Steve Tyree Katie Shevlin David Barnes</p> <p><u>Boise, First</u> Hap Peters Brandy Wood Fraser Martens</p> <p><u>Boise, Southminster</u> Greg Pitman Evelyn Cates</p> <p><u>King Hill</u> Ken Jones</p> <p><u>Nampa, First</u> No commissioners</p>	<p><u>Ontario, Bethany</u> Marilyn Blair-Clausen Kathryn Baker</p> <p><u>Caldwell, Boone Memorial</u> Teresa Taylor Paul Mann</p> <p><u>Homedale, First</u> Barry Fujishin Margaret Fujishin</p> <p><u>Parma, Kirkpatrick Memorial</u> No commissioners</p> <p><u>Weiser, Redeemer</u> No commissioners</p>
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RULING ELDERS ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jacquelyn Benjamin (PW Moderator)
Susan Knights (Vice Moderator)
Rachel Yates (Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk)
Shana Woodbury (COR Chair)
Priscilla Oja (Mission Strategy Committee Chair)
Cindy Tyree (Corporate President)

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Linda Toth, Eastern Oregon Presbytery
Cathy Chisholm, Kendall Presbytery
Rob Hagen, Northwest Coast Presbytery

VISITORS

Rob Wheeler
Mathew Eardley