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PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
JULY 10, 2026

A Called Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee was held electronically via Zoom at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10th, 2026.

STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES / DECLARATION OF QUORUM/ SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Temporary Stated Clerk Erin Bell provided Zoom tips to attendees. The poll feature within Zoom was used to verify attendance and confirm a quorum. Moderator Chris Williams called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Moderator Williams declared a quorum was present. The Presbytery's Mission and Operations Manual provides that a called meeting may be held providing the Administrative Committee has called it by submitting the call in writing to the Stated Clerk and the call has gone out 7 days before the meeting. The quorum for called meetings is 12 Teaching Elders and 12 Ruling Elders from different congregations. Should a question arise concerning the enrollment of any person, the presbytery may resolve the matter upon the recommendation of the Permanent Judicial Commission. Corresponding members were seated without objection and are listed with the roll (Attachment A).

AGENDA

The Moderator stated that the only item of business which could be properly considered was the approval of the sale of the property of the former First Presbyterian Church of Decherd, Tennessee. This business item was stated in the call.

OFFER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

The Moderator recognized RE Melinda Sanders, Chair of the Permanent Administrative Commission (PAC), to speak to the business at hand.

RE Sanders stated the following motion: The Permanent Administrative Commission moves that the Presbytery accept the offer of $300,000 for the property and building of the former Decherd Presbyterian Church and that the Presbytery authorize the trustees and the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery to execute the necessary paperwork including the signing the deed.

The Moderator recognized RE Sanders to speak to the motion. She noted that one of the first tasks given to the PAC was to sell the property that had been the site of the First Presbyterian Church, Decherd, Tennessee. At that time, the church had voted to close; the congregation had dispersed, and the Presbytery had dissolved the church.

The Moderator noted that the motion is from a commission of the Presbytery and does not require a second, then asked for discussion. Following a brief clarifying question, the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator thanked everyone for their time and asked for a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and passed unanimously. The Moderator announced that the next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee will be held on Thursday, August 6th at Bellevue Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN. Rev. Sherard Edington closed the meeting with prayer. The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Erin Bell
Temporary Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Middle Tennessee

Attachment A

PMT Called Meeting Roll
July 10, 2026 - 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

Teaching Elders

_P_Adams, Chris
_E_Anderson, David
_P_Anderson, Rosanna
_E_Angel, Erin Howton
_E_Angel, Jonathan
_E_Arnold, Gage
_E_Arnold, Judith
_E_Bagley, Tom
_E_Bellis, Eddie
_E_Berger, Will
_E_Berry, Claire
_E_Bradley, Michael
_E_Bray, Linda
_E_Bryan, Mark S.
_E_Burgener, John "Bo"
_E_Caldwell, Elizabeth
_E_Canon, Amelia
_E_Casner, Paul
_E_Catoe, Lee
_E_Cejka, III, Joseph
_E_Cheetham, John T.
_E_Chuquimia, Teddy
_E_Coates, Coleman Lewis
_E_Cox, Meredith
_E_Crawford, John
_E_Danner, Charles
_E_Davis, Michael
_E_DeVries, Adam
_E_DeVries, Mark
_E_Drake, Donovan
_E_Durnell, Warner R.
_E_Early, Kim Maphis
_E_Early, Robert
_P_Edington, Sherard
_E_Eisenmenger, David
_E_Fraser, Carrie
_E_Gasser, Anna D.
_E_Gay, Andy
_E_Gerber, David
_E Gilliam, Elizabeth
_E_Gilliss, Martha Schull
_P_Glover, Gregory
_E_Glover, Leslie
_P_Graham, M. Evelyn
_E_Griffith, Guy D.
_E_Gung, Justin
_P_Gunter, Keith
_E_Hamman, Jaco
_E_Hammond, Mallory
_E_Handlson, Pat
_E_Hanson Boaz, Stephanie
_E_Harding, Bobby
_E_Harrell, James E.
_E_Harris Kramer, Claire
_E_Hermann, Lisa C.
_P_Herring, Jane
_E_Higgins, Ashley
_E_Hill, Austin
_E_Hill, Ellen
_E_Hill, Sara
_P_Hilley, John R.
_P_Hinkle, Jr., John
_E_Hodgson, Peter
_E_Hoechst, Jeanne
_E_Hudnut-Beumler, Heidi
_E_Hudnut-Beumler, James
_E_Hughes, Sally
_E_Huie, Scott
_E_Hunter, Jeannie
_E_Johnson, Charles N.
_E_Jones, Todd B.
_E_Kane, Jeff
_E_Kang, Se Bong
_E_Kang, Shin
_E_Kaufman, John E.
_E_Kelly, Gary
_P_Kennedy, Darren
_E_Kidd, David
_E_Kim, Eun Joo
_P_Kim, Il Sun
_E_Klein, Candice
_P_Kneff, Sarah Bird
_E_Knight, Carolyn
_E_Larson, John
_E_Leftwich, Phil
_E_Lipsey, McCurdy
_E_Logan, Gail
_E_Loscuito, Jason
_E_Magee, Michael J.
_E_Mayes, Jim
_E_McCaw, Beth
_E_McClure, Annie
_E_McCormack, Robert E.
_E_McCullough, John
_E_McKinsey Sisk, Sally Ann
_P_McLaughlin, Michael D.
_E_McVey, Bruce
_E_Montgomery, Robert
_E_Moore, Ryan
_P_Moran, James A.
_E_Muse, Perry
_E_Musgrave, John
_E_Musick, Steve
_E_Nally, Sara
_E_Neil, Richard
_E_Newsom, Ernest B.
_E_Nichols, James A.
_E_Nyhuis, Jule
_E_Paddon, Richard
_E_Page, Fred
_E_Park, Inhye
_E_Paterik, Roy
_E_Patton, Tom
_E_Pentecost, Mike
_E_Picard, John Paul
_E_Ramirez-Jimenez, Lilia M.
_E_Randleman, Sandra
_E_Rector, Stacy
_E_Ritchie, Jeff
_E_Ritchie, Megan
_E_Rogers-Vaughn, Annette
_E_Rouquie, Richard
_P_Salyer, Carson
_E_Salyer, Janet
_E_Sasser, Zach
_E_Sawyer, David
_E_Schultz, Harris
_E_Schwartz, Cindy
_E_Shaw, Mary Sellers
_E_Skelly, John J., III
_E_Smith, Jimmy D.
_E_Smith, John A.
_E_Smith, Shane
_E_Soderquist, Ann
_E_Speer, Roger
_E_Stoker, Amy B.
_E_Tate, Carol
_E_Tennyson, Walt
_E_Thomas, C. S. (Steve) III
_E_Thomas, Ray
_P_Thompson, C.J.
_E_Thompson, Marjorie
_E_Todd, John
_P_Traylor, Leslie
_E_Tuck, Janet
_E_Tyndall, Thomas B.
_E_Vasquez-Paredes, Gustavo
_E_Veazey, Courtnay
_E_Venable, III, Sid
_E_Wallace, Morgan
_E_Warren, Joy
_E_Weingartner, Robert J.
_E_Wellman, Will
_E_White, Jack
_E_White, Linda
_E_Wilson, Amos L.
_E_Woolsey, Patrick
_E_Yang, Sunggu
_E_Young, Taylor
_E_Zeigler, Richard

P - Present
E – Excused
A – Absent
I – Inactive

Ruling Elder Commissioners

Church	Represented By
Alexandria, Liberty Hill	1.
Allardt, First	1.
Alpine, Christ	1.
Ardmore, Bethany	1.
Belfast, Belfast	1.
Bethpage, Oak Grove	1.
Brentwood, East	1.
	2.
	3.
Brentwood, Harpeth	1.
	2.
	3.
Buffalo Valley, Buffalo Valley	1. DeeDee Lopes
Clarksville, First	1. Ken Giles
	2. Phil Kemmerly
	3. Doug Young
	4. Ross Hicks
Clarksville, Macedonia	1.
Columbia, First	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Columbia, Westminster	1.
Cookeville, Double Springs	1.
Cookeville, First	1.
	2.
	3.
Cookeville, Post Oak	1.
Cowan, Fellowship	1.
Crossville, Calvary	1.
Dickson, First	1.
	2.
	3.
Dickson, Pond	1.
Fairfield Glade, Westminster	1.
Fayetteville, First	1.
	2.
	3.
Franklin, First	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Franklin, Historic	1.
	2.
	3.
Gallatin, First	1.
Gallatin, Sudanese	1.
	2.
Hendersonville, First	1.
	2.
	3.
Hendersonville, New Creation	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Hermitage, Hermitage	1.
Lawrenceburg, First	1.
Lebanon, First	1. Marilyn Peyton
	2.
	3.
Lebanon, Spring Creek	1.
Lewisburg, Bethberei	1.
Lewisburg, First	1.
	2.
	3.
Lynnville, First	1.
Manchester, First	1.
McMinnville, First	1.
Mt. Pleasant, First	1.
Murfreesboro, First	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Murfreesboro, Northminster	1.
Nashville, Bellevue	1.
	2.
	3.
Nashville, Donelson	1.
	2.
	3.
Nashville, Downtown	1.
Nashville, Eastminster	1. Connie Hamblen
	2.
Nashville, Emmanuel	1. Barbara Halverstadt
Nashville, First	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
Nashville, Glen Leven	1.
	2.
	3.
Nashville, Glencliff	1.
Nashville, Hillsboro	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Nashville, Hillwood	1.
Nashville, Korean	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Nashville, Priest Lake	1. Nancy Loudermilk

Ruling Elder Commissioners

Church	Represented By
Nashville, Second	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Nashville, Southminster	1.
Nashville, St. Andrews	1.
	2.
Nashville, Trinity	1. Vira Baker
Nashville, Westminster	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
Nashville, Woodland	1.
Normandy, Normandy	1.
Old Hickory, Old Hickory	1.
Petersburg, First	1.
Pulaski, First	1. Emmylou Williams
	2.
	3.
Readyville, Cripple Creek	1.
Shelbyville, First	1.
	2.
	3.
Smyrna, First	1.
Sparta, Blue Spring	1.
Sparta, Hickory Valley	1.
Sparta, Robinson Chapel	1.
Spring Hill, First	1.
	2.
	3.
Springfield, First	1.
Springfield, Milldale	1.
Thompson Station, Bethesda	1.
Tullahoma, First	1. Alan Harris
	2.
	3.
Watertown, First	1.
Waverly, Ellis Grove	1.

Commissioned Ruling Elders
N/A

Ruling Elders, Voice and Vote by Virtue of Office:
Debbie Fraley (Fayetteville, First), Member of PAC
Melinda Sanders (Nashville, Woodland), Chair of PAC
Mickey Stueck (Lebanon, First), Co-Chair of COM
Chris Williams (Pulaski, First), Member of Admin.

Moderator within five years of office:
N/A

Corresponding Members, Voice, without Vote:
N/A

Visitors with voice:
Erin Bell (Nashville, Downtown), PMT Temp. Stated Clerk
Rory Womack, PMT Operations Manager

Visitors:
N/A