

CALLED MEETING
MINUTES OF SALEM PRESBYTERY

June 15, 2026

The Called Meeting of Salem Presbytery, held on Monday, June 15, 2026, via Zoom was called to order and opened in prayer by the Presbytery Moderator, Reverend Matt Bussell at 3:00 p.m.

ENROLLMENT:

Commissioners		Commissioned Ruling Elders	4
Elders	35	Lay Pastors	2
Ministers	44	Stated Clerk	1
TOTAL:			86
(+Visitors - 7)			93

The following were present via Zoom for this meeting of Presbytery:

Ministers (44):

Asher-Lawson, Marybeth	Heyward, William	Milam, Travis
Bates, Timothy	Hoyle, Felicia	Miles, Kristie
Barrow-Ziglar, Kaye	Johnson, John	Musser Gritter, Lara
Beach, Kathy	Kirby, Barrie	Perkins, Samuel
Berry, Kent	Kirby, Randal	Phillips, Jon
Blankinship, Joe	Knauf, Diane	Rhodes, Paul
Bussell, Matt	Lambeth, Jay	Rowen, Dari
Davis Sr., Sidney	Layman, Debbie	Simmons, Allison
Duffield, Jill	Lee, Charlie	Sink, Paul
Ealy, David	Leshner-Thomas, Troy	Smith, David
Fletcher, Pat	Levens, Kristen	Taylor-Troutman, Andrew
Griffin, R.C.	Lingan, Jodi	Bryant, Lynn
Hankins, Stephanie	McCain, Vicki	Wilson, Alicia
Hemrick, Jennie	McCutchen, Joseph	Wilson, Emily
Henry, David	Milam, Jud	

Ruling Elder Commissioners (35):

Alamance	Wells, Katherine	Highland	Templeton, Franklin
Baird's Creek	Miller, Jinx	Jamestown	Bean, David
Burlington 1st	Arnn, AC	Jamestown	Miller, Kerry
Burlington 1st	Langley, Phil	John Calvin	Ward, Shannon
Chapel in the Pines	Crosby, Tom	Logan	Woods, Marva
Church of the Cross	Hepburn, Cheryl	Mt. Jefferson	Hines, Donna
Clemmons	Lowerd, Steve	Mt. Vernon	Culbertson, Dwayne
Clemmons	Wilson, Roxanne	North Wilkesboro	Pruitt, Polly
Community in Christ	Davenport, Mollie	Pittsboro	McAdams, Connie
Fifth Creek	Bowman, Jared	Rumple Memorial	Abernethy, Ralph
Forest Hills	Tew, Sandy	Rumple Memorial	Squires, Hope
Greensboro 1st	Gillespie, Thomas	Shallowford	Rountree, Jackie
High Point 1st	Briggs, Elizabeth	Sparta	Brown, Andy
High Point 1st	Davis, Elizabeth	Springwood	Crum, Mary Jane
Highland	Barksdale, John	St. James	Ward-Alexander, Lucia

Starmount
Starmount
Third Creek

Fitchett, Art
Garrison, Evelyn
Pence, Janet

Thomasville 1st
Vandalia

Rice, Sandi
Judy Mays

Commissioned Ruling Elders (4):

Blankenship, Jerry
Braxton, Steve

Parker, Tim
Ratchford, Rainey

Lay Pastors (CREs without current commission) (2):

Bates-Harley, LaQreshia
Moore, Sue

Stated Clerk, Salem Presbytery (1): Vaughan, David

The Moderator asked the Stated Clerk if a quorum of the Presbytery were present, and the Stated Clerk indicated that there was, indeed, a quorum present.

The Moderator advised the Presbytery that, should technical difficulties require the meeting to be stopped and restarted, participants should wait three minutes and then rejoin using the same Zoom credentials.

The Stated Clerk certified that a quorum was present.

The Stated Clerk stated that the purpose of the called meeting was to receive and act upon a report from the Administrative Commission for Unity Presbyterian Church. Participants were reminded that supporting documentation for the meeting was available on the Salem Presbytery website.

The Moderator called upon the Rev. Felicia Hoyle to present the report of the Administrative Commission. Members of the Commission assisted with the presentation as needed.

Following the report, Rev. Hoyle, on behalf of the Administrative Commission, moved that the Presbytery be polled on the following question:

"Shall the congregation of Unity Presbyterian Church be dismissed to ECO according to the terms agreed upon by the Administrative Commission, the Session, and the congregation?"

The Moderator noted that the motion came from a commission and therefore required no second.

The Stated Clerk reviewed the procedures for recognition and participation in debate. Discussion followed, with members speaking both in favor of and in opposition to the motion.

At the conclusion of debate, the Stated Clerk restated the motion, and the Presbytery voted by electronic poll.

The Stated Clerk advised the Moderator that 3 "no" votes were received. The Moderator declared that the motion was adopted.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

The Rev. Timothy Bates closed the meeting with prayer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Vaughan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

David Vaughan
Interim Stated Clerk

Appendix A
Ministers Absent from the June 2026 Called Presbytery Meeting
(excluding HR, unless she/he is currently serving a congregation)

Beard, James	Grissom, Hyatt	Ostlund, Hannah
Beck, Frederick A.	Hanlin, Maria	Peters, Rebecca Todd
Boger, David	Harley, James	Pitts, Wes
Bowers, Erin	Harper, Kathryn	Porter, Timothy
Bowers, Alex	Harris, Randy	Pruitt, John
Brim, Marty	Harrison, Evan	Purcell, Rick
Brooks, Rachael	Higgins, Cindy	Puryear, Sam
Bumgarner, Jeffrey	Hoffman, Kymberley	Robertson, Wayne
Burleson, Thomas	Horan, Amanda	Rummage, Brian
Caldwell, Lynne	Ingle, Cynthia	Sandlin, Mark
Campbell, Kathryn Grace	Jordan, Stephen	Sarvis, Michael
Cannada, Jeremy	Joyce, Boyd	Schooley, Christopher
Choplin, Patty	Kim, Ki Seok	Senior, John
Clark, M. Gray	Kim, Peter	Smith, Jay D.
*Conley, William Kevin	Kim, Seulki (John)	Smith, Jeffrey S.
Coppage, Jeffrey A.	Kisner, Jeff	Snipes, Stevan
Cowan, Newton	Kunkle, Jacqueline Lynn	Speaks, Christopher
Crews, Evelyn	LaDew, Richard	Stevens, Courtney
Davee Lomax, Amanda	Lambeth, Jay	Stiles, Steven
Donovan, John	Langston, Shannon	Sutphin, J. Grant
Durham, Larry	Lansden, Phanta	Swetenburg, Betsy
Eads, Will	Larsen, Eric	Taylor-Troutman, Mary Virginia
Fearing, Stephen	Lawson, Scott	Tickle, Blake
Finch-Burriss, Carrie	Lunde II, James	Todd, Katie Barrett
Freese, Scott	Martin, Jon	Todd, Mason
Fruits, Dana	Martin, Susanne	True, David
Fulp, William	McClain, Christopher	Tysinger, Arlo
Gaither, Otto	McLaughlin, Alberta	Vazquez, Jorge
Gantt, Meredith	Mitchell, Pamela	Weed, Larry
Gaska, Jonathan	Moore, Timothy	Weed, Mae
Gipe, Will	Musser Gritter, Joshua	Wisner, Leigh
Godbey, Sarah	Nesbit, Thomas	Wray, Tom
Goodman, Kyle	Newsome, Stedman	Zacarias, Rigoberto
Greene, Patricia	Oliver, (Gregory) Jones	

***Notes an excused absence.**