

*The mission of the Presbytery of St. Augustine is to support our faith community, so that together we are a greater witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## **MEETING AGENDA**

### **Presbytery of St. Augustine**

Cliff Lyda, Moderator

May 13, 2025

9:30 AM (In Person and via Zoom)

### **8:30 Welcome and Fellowship**

Coffee Reception

Registration

Visit Display Tables (Montgomery Center; Texas Presbyterian Foundation)  
(Commissioner orientation with the Stated Clerk is provided by video link)

### **9:30 Call to Order and Opening Worship**

Morning Worship- Sermon delivered by Rev. Becca Putman

The Lord's Supper

Offering- Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (FLAPDAN)

### **10:30 Opening Agenda**

Moderator's Greetings- Cliff Lyda (5 min.)

Greetings from Countryside Presbyterian Church- Rhonda Link-Cummings (5 min.)

Stated Clerk's Report:

- Declaration of Quorum

- Acknowledgement of the traditional territory of the Timucua people.

- Test of Zoom poll questions

- Approval of Agenda

- Appointment of Tellers

Welcome to First Time Commissioners and Guests

Welcome and approval of Corresponding Members

Report from the Lead Presbyter- David Rollins (5 minutes)

Report from the Generosity Team- Hunter Camp (5 minutes)

Greetings from Texas Presbyterian Foundation- Jake Wilson (5 minutes)

Consent Agenda:

Approval of the appointment of Assistant Stated Clerk Patti Phillips, Ruling Elder/High Springs

Approval of the revised Child Protection Policy

Call Commission- Becca Putman (15 minutes)

- Introduction of new Minister (5 minutes)

- Kenny Ellis

- Recognition of Ordination Anniversaries (5 minutes)

- Update from the CRE Ministry Team (5 minutes)- Cliff Lyda

Coordinating Council- Steve Crowley **Motion: the approve the following proposed changes to the Manual of Operations, with directions for the Stated Clerk to make the appropriate revisions to the Manual of Operations:**

Call Commission- (Manual Page 9, Section 4.06) a reduction of the current 24 members to 15 members, 5 for each class

Communications and Training –(Manual Page 13, Section 4.13 and Manual Page 11, Section 4.11) combine the Communications Team (currently 6 members under the Administration Committee) and the Training Team (currently 6 members under the Mission and Leadership Development Committee) into one team called the Communications and Training Team, which will consist of 8 total members. The Communications and Training Team will serve under the Administration Committee.

Nominating and Representation – (both on Manual Page 10, Section 4.10) combine the Nominating Team (currently 6 members) and Representation Team (currently 6 members) into one team called the Nominating and Representation Team, which will consist of 6 total members. The Nominating and Representation Team will continue to serve under the Volunteer Management Committee.

*Rationale: As our Presbytery has reduced in the number of churches and total membership over the years, these changes will give our Presbytery a realistic Commission/Committee structure.*

Coordinating Council continued- Steve Crowley

Review of Presbytery Anti-Racism Policy- John White (10 minutes)

Update from Westminster PC about immigration litigation (10 minutes)

Celebration of Pan Asian culture and history- Korea is highlighted this meeting (5 minutes)

Administration (Communication and Training, Finance and Personnel)- Bob Higel (5 minutes)

Volunteer Management- Beth Touchton (5 minutes)

**Motion: To approve the Proposed Slate of Volunteers as presented.**

Current Ministries- Jessi Higginbotham

Report from the Cuban Mission Team- Julie Higbee, Amy Camp, James Kendrick (5 min.)

Report from Montgomery Center- Rebekah Rodgers (5 minutes)

Mission and Leadership Development- Steve Crowley

Update from the Youth Team- Vickie Bossuot, Bill Hoff (5 minutes)

Announce “Equipped to Serve”- Steve Crowley (5 minutes)

Report from the Board of Trustees- Connie Smith (5 minutes)

#### New Business

Reports from General Assembly Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate

Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution:

Omnibus Motion: to Approve 24-A; 24-B; 24-D; 24-E; 24-F; 24-G; 24-H; 24-I; 24-J; 24-K;  
24-L and 24-M.

Motion to approve 24-C

Consideration of any items removed from the Omnibus Motion

Speak-out Time\*

Adjourn

### **12:30 Fellowship Lunch (Order of the Day)**

### **1:30 Continuation of Action Agenda (if necessary)**

#### ***Reminders:***

1. All new business must be in the hands of the Stated Clerk in writing (with copies for all commissioners) no later than 9:00 a.m. of the day of the meeting.
2. All in-person speakers must come to the microphone, wait to be recognized, and address all comments to the Moderator.
3. In debate, each speaker will have no more than two minutes to speak, and no speaker will be allowed to speak more than once until all others wishing to speak have done so. The Moderator will recognize speakers alternating pro and con as much as possible.
4. While speaking, do not read out loud what is already distributed to the commissioners.

NOTE: This meeting also serves as a meeting of St. Augustine Presbytery, Inc. and Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center, Inc.

*\*Speak-out Time is open to ministers and commissioners who would like to share about glimpses of grace or expressions of gratitude in the community of the Presbytery of St. Augustine. Speakout Time is limited to one-minute per person.*

**NEXT MEETING: October 7, 2025 site TBD**