

Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area
Stated Meeting

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church
Bloomington, Minnesota

MEETING MINUTES

The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area met for a Stated Meeting on Saturday, February 7, 2026, 9:00 a.m. at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Minnesota, and over Zoom videoconferencing. The meeting packet, including all written reports, is available as [Exhibit A](#).

The registration table was opened at 8:30 a.m. and Presbyters were encouraged to sign the registration sheet and make a name tag (to include TE or RE, church, board, or agency, and preferred pronouns).

The Zoom room was also opened at 8:30 a.m. and Presbyters were encouraged to rename themselves to include TE or RE, church, board, or agency, and preferred pronouns.).

TE Paul Moore, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. Moore welcomed Presbyters and visitors to the meeting and reminded everyone that they must use a microphone when speaking in the room. Moore also instructed Presbyters to use the colored paddles near the microphones to indicate how you desire to participate.

Moore invited TE Brain Entz, today's Zoom chat host, to offer words of welcome and instructions to those participating over Zoom. Entz encouraged participants to use the rename feature and gave instructions on how to be recognized and how to speak to the body over Zoom.

Moore invited RE Chaz Nove to share a few words about the new technology being used at today's meeting. Nove reported that the Presbytery is using new equipment, dubbed the MAZE (Mobile Audio-Video Zoom Equipment) for today's meeting.

Moore invited TE Mary Koon, Associate Pastor, Oak Grove, Bloomington, to come forward and offer words of welcome on behalf of the host church. Koon shared about the joy of serving at Oak Grove and offered words of welcome.

RE Amanda Fineran, Clerk of Session at Oak Grove, Bloomington, read the Presbytery's Land Acknowledgement and reported on the learnings that Oak Grove has done in their ongoing engagement with their own land acknowledgement.

The Presbytery's Land Acknowledgement statement is:

"The churches of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area lie on the traditional homeland of the Dakota people, as well as on Ojibwe lands, and we acknowledge the Dakota and Ojibwe peoples as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we live. The treaties that ceded these lands to U.S. and private control were fundamentally unjust in both nature and outcome. We in the PTCA are called to repair our relationships with Indigenous people not just through words, but through our actions for listening, truth-telling, solidarity, repentance, and restorative giving."

Moore asked the Stated Clerk to advise the body regarding the forming of the rolls for today's meeting. Stated Clerk Curtiss reported that the meeting roll is formed with Presbyters sign the registration form (in person) or register for the meeting (on Zoom). Furthermore, the Presbytery's bylaw requirements for a quorum is 3 ruling elders and 3 teaching elders representing 3 congregations. Curtiss reported that upon review of the rolls for today, there is a quorum present.

Moore declared that a quorum is present today.

Moore invited any new Teaching Elders to introduce themselves. TE Bob Reylonds, Retired has recently transferred from the Presbytery of Chicago. TE Nick Burns is visiting today from National Capital Presbytery. Welcome Bob and Nick.

Moore invited any Ruling Elders attending a Presbytery meeting for the first time to be introduced. RE Eric Meyers, Lake Nokomis, Minneapolis, was introduced.

Moore asked if there were any visitors or corresponding members present. TE Patrick Handison is a visiting corresponding member. Moore seated Handison with voice for today's meeting.

Moore introduced the docket for today's meeting, including the OMNIBUS Motion/Consent Agenda, the minutes from the December 6, 2025, annual meeting, and the minutes from the January 10, 2026, called meeting. The Docket is found in the packet, **Exhibit A, page 1.**

Moore asked if anyone wished to make an addition or request a change to the docket. There were no requests.

Moore asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the consent agenda. No one did.

It was ***moved and seconded*** to approve the Docket, including the OMNIBUS Motion/Consent Agenda, the minutes from the December 6, 2026, Annual meeting, and the minutes from the January 10, 2026, called meeting.

Presbyters on Zoom were invited to raise their hands in approval.

Presbyters in person were invited to raise their hands in approve.

The motion carried.

Moore invited members of the Presbytery to participate in Community Time, an opportunity to share a story or make an announcement for the wider Presbytery. Several folks came forward and shared.

Moore invited RE Elsa Kendig, chair of the Presbytery Leadership Team, to come forward and give their report. The written PLT report is found in the packet, **Exhibit A, page 8**. Kendig shared some of the recent work of the PLT, highlighting the decision to release Strategic Grant monies to assist congregations responding to the current ICE surge in Minneapolis. Kendig also shared that the PLT has a motion to make, regarding the request from the First, Hastings, congregation and session to close.

Kendig made the following motion: "The Presbytery Leadership Team moves to concur with the session and the congregation of First, Hastings, to close the church and dissolve the congregation."

Moore stated that since this motion comes from a commission, it does not require a second. Moore invited TE Steve Robertson, designated pastor at First, Hastings, to come forward and speak to the motion. Robertson shared some of the history of the congregation, include recent mission projects and described how the church came to this decision.

Moore invited others to speak to the motion. RE Karen Altpeter shared of her involvement in the church over many, many years. Former pastors TE Dan Yeatzel, TE April Cambell Davis, and TE Patrick Handison all shared gratitude of having served this congregation in years past.

Moore determined that the Presbytery was ready to vote.

Moore instructed the following Zoom poll be advanced: "Shall the Presbytery concur with the congregation and session of the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Minnesota, to close the church and to dissolve the congregation? (Yes, No, Abstain)" Zoom participants were instructed to vote.

Moore asked those in person to vote by asking all in favor to say “Aye” and those opposed to say “Nay.”

The results of the Zoom poll were announced: 29 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

The motion *carries*.

Moore declared that the Presbytery Leadership Team was received.

Moore invited TE Cader Howard, representing the Board of Trustees to give their report. The BOT written report is found in the packet, **Exhibit A, page 12**. Howard shared that Board of Trustees is working on a lease agreement between Homestead Community Church and First, Hastings. This lease agreement will include an option to purchase the church property.

Moore declared that the Board of Trustees report is received.

Moore invited Acting Co-Executive Presbyters Anna Kendig Flores and Zach Wilson to come forward and give their report. The ACEP written report is found in the packet, **Exhibit A, page 19**. Wilson and Kendig Flores shared stories of how the Presbytery has collaborated with numerous congregations in response to the recent ICE surge in the Minneapolis and Saint Paul area.

Moore declared that this report is received.

Moore invited RE Rocky Rockenstein, chair of the Mission, Scholarship, and Grants Committee to give their report. Rockenstein highlighted the written report, found in the packet, **Exhibit A, page 15**. Rockenstein reported that the MSGC and the Presbytery awarded over \$350,000 in grants in 2025 and announced that the 2026 new grant applications will be available and on the website in the near future.

Moore declared this report is received.

Moore invited RE Sue Rutford, Camp Clearwater Forest board member, to come forward and share a message from Clearwater. Rutford reported that Clearwater supports many retreats and activities beyond summer camp experiences and highlighted several upcoming offerings. Rutford also shared the current capital campaign, Fan the FLAME, to raise funds for new buildings at Clearwater.

Moore invited RE Rochelle LeTourneau, co-chair of the Pastoral Positions Team, to give their report. The PPT report is found in the packet, **Exhibit A, page 20**. LeTourneau reported on the hard and rewarding work of helping churches during pastoral transitions and encouraged Presbyters to consider serving on this team.

Moore declared this report received.

Moore invited RE Sally Narr, co-chair of the Committee for the Preparation for Ministry to give their report. The CPM written report is found in the packet, **Exhibit A, page 21**. Narr provided an update on the growing interest in Commissioned Ruling Elders and shared that this committee provided ordination exam readers recently.

Moore declared this report to be received.

Moore invited RE Sandra Hawley, chair of the Bills and Overtures committee to come forward and give their report. Hawley announced that the Bills and Overture committee is seeking concurrences on submitted amendments to the General Assembly. The deadline for seeking a concurrence is March 15, 2026. Hawley also announced that the Bills and Overtures committee is seeking amendments around social justice at this time. Amendments need to be submitted to the B and O committee by March 15th in order to be considered by the Presbytery at the May stated meeting.

Moore declared that this report is received.

Moore announced that the Presbytery would take a 30-minute break and would gather again at 11:15 am for a time of worship. Moore announced that this concluded the business of the Presbytery for the day and that the closing prayer during worship would serve as the closing prayer for our stated meeting.

After a break, the Presbytery gathered in the sanctuary for worship. Leadership included TE Anna Kendig Flores, TE Anne Nelson, TE Kristin Regel, and the Oak Grove choir.

Worship was closed with prayer and Presbyters were encouraged to stay for lunch, hosted by Oak Grove, Bloomington.

APPENDIX 1

NAME	TE/RE		
Agwa, Gilo	TE		
Alexander, Brenda	TE		
Allen, Eugene	TE		
Almos, Kjirstin	TE		
Anderson, Carol	RE		Maple Plain
Anderson, Michael	TE		
Arazi, Karyn	RE		
Barber, Diana	RE		
Bartlett, Sharon	RE		
Bates, Mike	RE		
Beck, Lynn	RE		
Bergstrom, Karen	RE	X	S St Paul, First PC
Berndt, Kierstin	TE	X	
Blankenship, Penny			
Blue, Brennan	TE		
Bolt, Greg	TE		
Bolt, Heidi	TE		
Boutelle, Larry	TE		
Bowcock, Ted	RE		
Brachlow, Dix	TE		
Brendemuehl, Louis	RE		
Brevig, Kathy	RE	X	Blaine, Chain of Lakes
Brouwer, Sarah	TE		
Buell, Donna	TE		
Buller, Richard	TE	X	
Burge, Lora	TE	X	
Burke, Sara	RE		Grace-Trinity
Butler, Kathleen	RE		
Calvo, Zac	TE		
Caraway, Dana	TE		
Cartwright, Scott	TE		
Chatelaine-Samsen, Chris	TE		
Cochrane, James	TE	X	
Combs, Logan	RE		
Comstock, David	TE		
Copeland, Adam	TE		
Craigian, Neil	TE		
Curtiss, john	TE	X	
Dana, Gregg	TE		
Davis Campbell, April	TE	X	
Decker, Kathryn			
DeMeester, Deb	TE	X	
	TE		
Dippel, Karen	RE	X	S St Paul, First PC

Dop, Becky	RE		
Dosher, Gordon	RE	X	Plymouth
Dunbar-Perkins, Denise	TE	X	
Dunham, Mary		X	
Emmons, Brett	RE		Stillwater, First PC
Emmons, Jean	RE	X	Stillwater, First PC
Entz, Brian	TE	X	
Fedora, Jan	RE		
Fadell, Sarah	RE	X	Valley
Ferguson, Noah	RE		
Fisher, Anne	TE		
Fletcher, Becca	TE		
Ford, Deon		X	
Foels, Jeff	TE		
Fox, Margaret	TE		
Friant, Stephanie	TE		
Gage-Finn, Meghan	TE	X	
Galloway, Alike	TE		
Ganfield, Jerry	RE		Owatonna
Gasche, Karen	RE		Westminster Mpls
Gay, John	TE	X	
GebbenGreen, Luna	TE	X	
GebbenGreen, Phil	TE	X	
Genereaux, Don	TE		
Gin, Vince	RE	X	Hudson
Good, Jonathan	TE		
Good, Peggy	TE		
Goodman, Kim	TE		
Goodspeed, Sue	RE	X	Mpls, Lake Nokomis
Gottschalk, Craig			
Graf, Roger	TE	X	
Grams, Kendra	TE		
Grantham, Heather	TE		
Graves, Pam	RE	X	Blaine, Chain of Lakes
Hamilton, Robert	TE	X	
Hart-Andersen, Beth	TE		
Hart-Andersen, Tim	TE		
Hasse, Pat	RE		
Havrila, Arlen	RE		
Hawley, Sandra	RE	X	
Hawley, Michael	RE		
Heikkila, Joshua	TE		
Hein, Sara	TE		
Herrington-Hall, Barb	RE		Cherokee park
Hipp, Joanna	TE		
Hoary, Thao	RE		CAN
Hole, Rachel	RE		

Hornbeck, Carol	RE		
Howard, Cader	TE	X	
Howe-Vielmetti, Constance			
Howell, Kathy	RE		Bloomington, Oak Grove
Hultgren, Dayton	TE		
Hwang, Peter	RE		
Isabelle, Deborah	RE		
Jackson, Jill	Re		
Jacob, Alexandra	TE		
Janski, Barb	RE		
Japinga, Jeff	TE		
Johnson, Greg	RE		
Johnson, Lisa	TE		
Jones, chad	TE	X	
Jones, E. Scott	TE	X	House of Hope, St Paul
Kachel, John	RE		
Kallstrom, Joanne	RE		
Keely, Barbara Anne	TE		
Kendig Flores, Anna	TE	X	
Kendig, Elsa	RE	X	
Kenzel, Jim	RE	X	Lake Nokomis
Kenefake, Scott	TE		
Kielsmeier, Deb	TE		
Klepfer, Ruth	RE	X	Minnetonka CAN
Knabe, Lindsay	RE		
Koon, Mary	TE		
Kosari, Amy	TE		
Larges, Lisa	TE	X	
Larson, Karen	TE		
Larson, Scott	TE	X	
Laurie, Cecilia	RE		
Lee, John	TE		
Leong, Rick	RE		
Letourneau, Rochelle	RE	X	S St Paul, First PC
Li, Susan	TE		
Little, David	RE	X	Red Wing
Lowe, Joan	RE		
McNamara, Maria	RE	X	Cherokee Park
Masters, Benjamin	TE		
Mayer, Jane	RE		Mpls, Grace-Trinity
Messer	RE		Golden Valley
Meyers, Erik	RE	X	Lake Nokomis
Miller, Megan	TE		
Miller, Mary	RE		St Paul, Central
Mitchell, Doug	TE	X	
Moore, Paul	TE	X	
Morrisette, Mary	RE		

Mungai, Lucy			
Murphy, Catherine	RE		
Narr, Sally	RE	X	Blaine
Nelson, Anne	TE	X	
Nelson, John	TE		
Newswanger, Meg	TE		
Nolan, Kyle	RE		
Novy, Brandon	RE	X	Valley
Olson, Manley	RE	X	Mpls, Westminster
Orsted, Linda	RE		Stillwater
Orsted, Michael	TE		
Paape, Jody	RE		S St Paul, First PC
Park, Benjamin	TE		
Parlette, TJ	TE	X	
Peterson, Mary Cardinal	RE		
Peterson-Brandt, Matthias	TE		
Pomroy, Bill	RE	X	Bloomington, Oak Grove
Potter, Susie	RE	X	
Prakasim, Riz			
Quady, Kathy	RE	X	Buffalo
Quady, Michael	RE		
Radio, Thomas	RE		
Ray, Cindy	RE		
Reed, Carol	TE		
Reitan, Gale	TE		
Reynolds, Bob	RE	X	
Rice, Steve	TE	X	
Riegel, Kristin	TE	X	
Robertson, David	RE	X	Plymouth
Robertson, Steve	TE	X	
Rockenstein, Walter	RE	X	Mpls, Westminster
Romine, Phil	TE		
Root, Kara	TE	X	
Roske-Metcalf, Luke	TE		
Roush, Bart	TE		
Rowland, Jay	TE		
Ruter, Tom	RE		Roseville, New Life
Rutford, Sue	RE	X	Stillwater, First PC
Schemper, Erica	TE	X	
Schmidt, Larie Ann	RE		
Schultz, Jamie	TE		
Seal, Dean	TE	X	
Sego, Kathleen	RE		Trinity Woodbury
Settles, Joel	RE	X	
Shaffer, Carol	TE	X	
Shannon, Libby	TE		
Shaughnessy, Ann	RE		Long Lake

