

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 19, 2025

MODERATOR
The Reverend Doctor Julia Leeth

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED SESSION MEETING on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in Massey-Tucker Hall.

Attendance:

Pastors Present: Reverend Doctor Julia Leeth

Elders Present: Nnenna Akwari, Earl Baudin, Kendall Compton, Sarah Easterling, Morris Harper, Dorothy Hobbs, Tom Hodge, Thomas Horton, Debbie Kaplan, Tom Lee, Doug Lunn, Sue McGown, Steve Murphy, Judy Prisk, Rick Sell and Karen Welton

Excused: Lisa Descant and Martha Hunt

Absent: n/a

Others in attendance: Johneice Haney, Rev. Aaron Hansz, Jamie Horton, Hardie Morgan, Rev. John Pflug, Rev. Denise Phelps, Tami Plummer, Kim Rankin, Cynthia Walston, Sharon High and Candy Aldridge

Call Meeting to Order - Rev. Leeth called the meeting to order and led the Elders in communal prayer of Psalm 100.

Moderator's Report - ECO's National Gathering will be held in Atlanta, Ga. Feb. 2-5. Julia asked for 3 Elders to represent Grace there. Please volunteer to Hardy Morgan. Julia asked for prayers for the staff during the holidays. She also asked Elders to pray about attending an extra Christmas Eve service or staying later to greet or just for hospitality.

Clerk's Report and Administrative Matters

Approval of Consent Agenda.

There was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was seconded and the motion carried.

New Business - Approval/Vote of Class of 2028 Church Officers

There was a motion to give voice to the newly elected Church Officers who were in attendance. It was seconded and the motion carried. The new officers were divided into 6 groups, and Elders examined them. Each group of Elders reported that their examinees should be approved and declared ready for ordination and installation. There was a motion to approve the following slate of officers:

Elders Bill Akwari
 Grant Kay
 Tami Plummer

Kim Rankin
Ethan Tritt
Cynthia Walston

Deacons

Pat Aivano
Hannah Akwari
Matt Cobb
Sharon Collins
Milda Crossno
Susan Dozier
Michelle Feagin
Vita Goodell
Liz Maberry
Merce Ransom
Wanda Schwarz
Emily Schultz
Becky Sikes
Glenn Sikes
Ann Sill
Melinda Smith

The motion was seconded and approved.

Strategy Team Updates:

MST - There was a 16% increase in YTD income in October. Collections are 3.9% higher than last year, and we're 6.8% ahead of budget in Collections. There will be messaging soon to encourage year-end giving. Julia gave kudos to Hardie Morgan and staff and MST for their great work and patience to get us to this point in just 5 years.

Leadership Development -

The team recommended placement of the incoming Elders into the following Strategy Teams:

Bill Akwari - Serve
Grant Kay - Equip
Tami Plummer - Equip
Kim Rankin - Grace School
Ethan Tritt - Ministry Support
Cynthia Walston - Leadership Development

Worship did not meet.

Equip - Johneice Haney is moving out of the Director of Children's Ministries role and into a parttime position to assist with VBS.

Serve - no report

Grace School – did not meet in November. School Enrollment is currently 518. In the upcoming budget, they are counting on 551 students. Fifty families came to the kick-off event.

There was a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and approved.

Julia closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Candy Clarke Aldridge

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Clerk of Session