

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
May 20, 2026

MODERATOR
The Rev. John Pflug, Jr., acting

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED SESSION MEETING on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in Massey-Tucker Hall.

Attendance:

Pastors Present: Rev. John Pflug

Elders Present: Bill Akwari, Sarah Easterling, Tom Hodge, Thomas Horton, Grant Kay, Doug Lunn, Sue McGown, Steve Murphy, Rick Sell, Ethan Tritt and Karen Welton

Excused: Nnenna Akwari, Kendall Compton, Morris Harper, Rev. Dr. Julia Leeth, Tami Plummer, Judy, Prisk, Kim Rankin and Cynthia Walston

Absent: n/a

Others in attendance: n/a

Call Meeting to Order – John called the meeting to order and Thomas Horton opened in prayer, referring to Matthew 11:28-30.

Moderator's Report – Planning for Vacation Bible School is in the final stages for early June. It represents more than telling Bible stories – it's spiritual nourishment for the kids.

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.

Strategy Team reports are included in the Session packet.

Ministry Support – Chair Thomas Horton reported that contributions were stronger than expected. As we near the end of FY2026, we are still above the planned contributions, while maintaining expenses. Giving units are down compared to same time last year. We will focus on the “10” part of the 5:10:5 plan – increasing contributors by 10% each year for the next 5 years. Currently, we were positive year-to-date \$38,000, compared to \$585,750 deficit in April 2024.

Leadership Development – In addition to the monthly report (attached), Chair Steve Murphy reported that main activity of the team is focused on CONC. There are about 20 nominees. We have extended the date for nominations to the end of May.

Grace School – In addition to the monthly report, Chair Karen Welton thanked the elders for the activities and plans to improve the connection with the Grace School parents, including adding Grace Church activities to the school calendar. Karen made a motion to approve construction of two restrooms near the cafeteria. The cost is \$124,663 which is included in the school budget. It was seconded and approved. In answer to a question, Karen reported that Grace School does not participate in the Texas school voucher program. Enrollment is 490 students.

Worship – Chair Doug Lunn reported that plans are underway to prepare for Grace's 150th birthday. There are additional efforts underway to encourage School and VBS parents to attend weekly worship on Sundays.

Equip – See monthly report.

Serve – In addition to the monthly report, Chair Sarah Easterling confirmed that six people are going to Kenya August 5-17. There is room for additional participants at a cost of about \$4500.

Announcements

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

Steve Murphy closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Candy Clarke Aldridge
Clerk of Session