

Highlights of the November 19, 2024, Called Presbytery Meeting

On November 19, 2024, the Presbytery of the James held a Special Called Meeting on Zoom. The purpose of this special meeting was to receive nominations from the Committee on Nominations and Mission Council, and to adopt a budget for 2025.

Moderator Cherry Peters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Cherry opened the meeting with prayer, following which she made a statement of land acknowledgement.

TE Janet James, Moderator of the Mission Council, called for adoption of the agenda, which was **approved by acclamation.**

Walter Canter (TE, Blue Ridge) **moved on behalf of the Committee on Nominations to approve a slate of candidates:**

Special Finance	Carol Martin, RE	Tuckahoe
Special Finance	Bill Brownfield, RE	Three Chopt
COM- Region A	Jewell-Ann Parton, MWS	MAL C'ville area, 2027
COM- At large	Shady Clark, MWS	Eastminster, 2027
CPM- MAL	Mary Kay Scott, MWS	2025
PJC- At large	Anne Mische, RE	Rockfish, 2029

The motion was **adopted by acclamation.**

Walter then moved to **approve a second slate of candidates:**

Special Finance	Sam Kirton, RE	Kirk O'Cliffe
CPM- Vice Mod.	Tessa Schuman, RE	Salisbury, 2025
MST- Region B	Stan Parcell, RE	New Hanover, 2027
MC-Vice Mod.	Jen Rowe, RE	Fredericksburg, 2025
MC-Mod.	Joel Morgan, MWS	Member at large, 2027

The motion was **adopted by a vote of 86 to 5.**

Janet James moved to **approve a slate of candidates:**

CON- Moderator	Josh Andrzejewski
CON- Vice Moderator	Kate Fiedler

The motion was **adopted by a vote of 81 to 10.**

Kerry Foster (TE, Temporary General Presbyter) moved on behalf of the Budget Committee to **adopt the proposed budget for 2025.**

Gary Charles (TE, Cove) moved to **postpone consideration of this motion until the 2/15/2025 stated meeting of the Presbytery of the James.** The motion was seconded and was **defeated by a vote of 43 to 49.**

Following the vote, Moderator Cherry asked for motions or amendments.

Noah Morgan (TE, Hebron) moved to **reduce line items 6 and 7 (Synod and GA per capita) by half respectively — Synod contribution equaling \$8,300 and GA contribution equaling \$78,237.50.** The motion was seconded and **was defeated by a vote of 29 to 62.**

Rev. Colleen Earp (TE, Massanetta Springs) moved to **adjust the amount given to the ministry of Camp Hanover to \$102,000 (line 116) to be taken from the Church Development and Ministries Fund**, which was seconded.

At 8:55 P.M. Cherry asked for a motion to extend the meeting for 30 minutes after the vote on Camp Hanover. Dan Jordanger made the motion, which was seconded. **The motion passed by acclamation.**

Cherry made a motion to close the debate, which was seconded and passed by acclamation. Colleen's motion was **adopted by a vote of 48 to 35.**

Gordon B. Mapes III (TE, Chester) moved to **reduce the COM budget by \$2,500.** The motion was seconded and **adopted by a vote of 84 to 2.**

Cherry then took up the motion **to adopt the proposed budget for 2025 as amended.** The motion was **adopted by a vote of 55 to 35.**

Moderator Peters declared the Called Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m. and Stated Clerk Barry Parks closed the meeting with prayer.