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## Elder Board Meeting Minutes

GCC Community Room/Zoom  
July 28, 2026

**Members Present:** Hannah Goering, Pastor Ryan Miller, Nancy Westover, Dan Brewer, Carol Walton, John Skillman, Mark Harger, Jenila Mathialagan

**Members Absent:** None

The meeting was opened with prayer by Carol at 6:40 PM. Hannah initiated a discussion of the Election of Elder Board Officers. She announced that she is stepping down from the position of Chairperson due to family obligations but remaining an Elder and nominated Mark to replace her. The motion was seconded and the Board approved with Mark accepting.

With this change and the addition of new Directors, Pastor Ryan initiated a discussion of needed changes in the assignment of Elders as liaisons to each Staff and Director. The new assignments are as follows:

- Mark Harger: Pastor Ryan Miller, Senior Pastor & Pastor Brian Walter, Senior Associate Pastor
- Nancy Westover: Stuart Swank, Director of Ministry Partnerships & Deanna Dreyer: Director of Community Connections
- Hannah Goering: Nikki Behler, Church Administrator & Mike Rancharan, Director of Worship
- Dan Brewer: Dr. Paul Kattner, Associate Pastor & Daniel Lense: Director of Creative Communication
- Jenila Mathialagan: Mary Ann Voeks, Director of Church Connections
- John Skillman: Dave Ulrich, Director of Stewardship & Gary Elsbury, Director of Building and Grounds
- Carol Walton: Stacie Hintz, Associate Pastor and Director of Student Ministry & Carrie Yeaman, Director of Children's and Family Ministry

Pastor Ryan asked for feedback regarding his proposed GCC vision statements and revision to mission statement. Several options were discussed including further review by Staff and Directors, a discussion for interested congregants and inclusion in the fall congregational survey. The matter was tabled for future discussion.

Pastor Ryan introduced the new opportunity for Growth and Development, a study of the book *Transforming Worship* by Rory Noland. Staff and Directors were to be introduced to the study at the next Directors meeting and the Elders to begin in the second meeting in August.

Nancy led an extended period of prayers of gratitude and petition for our church family, church ministries, and each other.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Ryan at 9:00 PM.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for August 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the GCC Community room.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Westover  
GCC Church Secretary