

Gateway Community Church - Governing Council Report

July 2026

The Governing Council met on July 6 for our monthly meeting. Elder Bryan opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

The infrastructure task force continues to look at the aging Montessori wing. We continue to explore plans and options and will look to get some quotes from designers in the coming months. Those plans would then allow formal quotes from contractors allowing the Church to discern next steps with concrete costs in hand.

All nominations for council positions were affirmed by the congregation with 98% or higher. We are thankful for this strong confirmation after much prayer and discernment. Next steps will be selection of the 2 deacons, and installation of the 4 new council members. This should happen late in the summer as the new term begins in September.

At this time of year, we start to plan ahead for the next fiscal year. Our Church's fiscal year ends at the end of November so we spent time looking at a first draft of a potential budget for 2026/2027. Much work is needed on this as costs and estimates come in over the coming months. The steps for this involve the Governing Council approving a draft in the fall, that draft then being brought to full Council. When the full Council has approved it, then it is brought to the congregation for a vote at our November Congregational Meeting. Please keep this process in your prayers.

With Pastor Justin on Sabbatical, there was no lead pastor report. We did however receive a report from Lynette, our staff liaison, as she conducted quarterly staff reviews. It was encouraging to hear and see this report. Morale among staff is positive, and we are grateful for all the hard work that they put in week after week.

We continued to discuss planning for building up future leaders in the Church. This is important and ongoing work with an evening planned in the fall, and plans to expand that in the future as well.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 2nd as customarily we don't meet in August. As my term will end, this is the last report I will write. I want to thank the Church for allowing me to serve in this role the last 4 years and for the amazing support of the Elders and Pastors over that time. May the Lord continue to bless Gateway and work through His imperfect people.

On Behalf of the Governing Council Elders:
Matt Tinsley: Governing Council Chairperson