

**Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
APPROVED Stated Session Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2025**

Class of 2026

Donna Ebers
Jacque Fletcher
Colleen Rust

Class of 2027

Carl Allen
Janice Langdale
Lauren Mueller Skinner

Class of 2028

Steve Chewning
Judie Hendry
Mike Potter

***** THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM**

MEETING OPENED 6:35 Rev. Matthew Baugh Moderator

DEVOTION Donna Ebers You are the Light of the World

DECLARATION OF QUORUM (1/3 of Session plus Moderator)

Session Members Present: All members

Session Members Absent: None

Guest: Don Turton (Chair, Pastor Nominating Committee)

MOTION: GRANT VOICE TO DON TURTON

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DOCUMENT APPROVALS

DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda Monday September 29, 2025

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DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes Monday August 11, 2025

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PASTOR NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Discussion led by Don Turton

The Pastor Nominating Committee recommends that Rev. Matthew Baugh be installed as the Pastor of LPPC. Since that time Rev. Baugh has met with leaders of the Presbytery and received a favorable rating. Rev. Baugh, Don Turton, Steve Chewning (Finance) and Tiffany Lo-Finch (Presbytery) have agreed on DRAFT Terms of Call (emailed to Session separately)

Remaining steps:

Session will consider the DRAFT Terms of Call (this meeting).

Assuming Session approval, the Terms of Call will be presented to the Presbytery Commission on Ministry (COM) on October 1, 2025.

Assuming COM approval, the recommendation for Rev. Baugh's installation will be presented to voting delegates to the Presbytery meeting on October 18, 2025. A 3/4 positive vote is required to approve Rev. Baugh's status change from Stated Supply to Pastor.

Assuming Presbytery approval, the congregation of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church will vote on the installation of Rev. Baugh. The congregational meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 26, 2025.

Assuming Congregational approval, Rev. Baugh will be installed as Pastor of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church in early November, 2025.

**MOTION: APPROVE THE DRAFT TERMS OF CALL AS PRESENTED BY DON
 TURTON**

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STATED SUPPLY PASTOR'S REPORT

Rev. Baugh

From the August Session meeting: Matthew will investigate about our kids going to Ghost Ranch; when, how much, ask Presbytery.

There are no youth activities at Ghost Ranch scheduled for the remainder of 2025.

LPPC received an invoice from Presbytery for youth participation at a Presbytery event

Delay action until the October Session meeting

CLERK'S REPORT

Carl Allen

Carl will not be present for the October 13 Session meeting. An Acting Clerk will be needed.

Jacque Fletcher volunteered to act as Clerk for the October meeting.

Judie Hendry and Doug Calderwood have volunteered to be the two Elder voting delegates for the October 18 Presbytery meeting.

MOTION: ELECT JUDIE HENDRY AND DOUG CALDERWOD AS VOTING DELEGATES TO PRESYTERY.

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October 5 will be the multi-church service at Rio Rancho Presbyterian celebrating World Communion. **There will be no service at LPPC that day.**

The Placitas Holiday Market will be held on Sunday November 23 starting at 10:00 am. Due to noise concerns, Karen Cox has recommended that we hold a single service starting at 9:00.

MOTION: HOLD A SINGLE SERVICE ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23 STARTING AT 9:00 AM.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Steinway Piano:

Discussion led by Carl Allen

- * We expect the Steinway piano to be donated to the Placitas Artist Series (PAS) in the next few weeks.
- * The manager at 88 Keys (Albuquerque piano store) will deliver and tune the Steinway, with the cost being paid by PAS.
- * Sally Curro favors selling the current Yamaha piano. Since this was a gift to LPPC, proceeds from the sale will come to the church.
- * 88 Keys will accept the Yamaha piano "on consignment" and transport it to their store for sale. This will be done concurrently with delivery of the Steinway.
- * When the Yamaha piano is sold, LPPC will receive 2/3 of the sale price. We can expect to receive approximately \$ 10,000. Our only cost will be for transport of the Yamaha, approximately \$400.

Follow-up from the August Session meeting: Steve asks that we think deeply about how the church can deal with homeless individuals who pass through Placitas. Steve wants LPPC to create a formalized, written policy.

Matthew can get someone from Albuquerque to discuss homelessness issues.

Carl Allen intends to organize information meetings for members who live alone. These meetings could start as early as November.

NEW BUSINESS

Worship

Discussion led by Matthew Baugh

Youth and children meeting yesterday

GaGaball near handicapped parking lot; proposal for Session being developed for Nov session meeting

Finance

Discussion led by Steve Chewning

Stewardship

Discussion led by Carl Allen

The Stewardship campaign for next year is scheduled to run September 14 - October 12. Minutes for Stewardship will be included in the services 9/14, 9/21, 9/28 and 10/12. Note that there will be no service at LPPC on October 5 due to World Communion.

A letter, Pledge form and Time/Talent forms will be mailed to all congregation members the week of October 5.

The congregation will be asked to return their Pledge and Time/Talent forms during or before the October 12 services.

Nominating

Discussion led by Donna Ebers

New Session members and Deacons for 2026

2 Session candidates and 2 Deacon candidates have been agreed.

Session should consider roles and responsibilities for 2026.

Membership

Discussion led by Carl Allen

Roxie Westdyke	leaving by Letter of Transfer
Roger Moose	leaving by Letter of Transfer
Matthew Lewis	transferring to a congregation in Albuquerque; Rev. Baugh is willing to discuss this with Matthew Lewis; no action recommended at this time

MOTION: APPROVE THE TRANSFERS OF ROXIE WESTDYKE AND ROGER MOOSE

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Congregation Member Biographies - Some Session members would like to make congregation member biographies prepared by Wendy Ingram and Joan Chewning available online. A strong concern regarding privacy was expressed. This discussion will be continued at a future Session meeting.

Fellowship

Discussion led by Carl Allen

Ivona McCrary has suggested that, after Rev. Baugh's installation, members host a series of small group receptions in their homes to build closer ties between the Pastor and congregation members.

The sense of the Session is that this is a great idea, to be pursued after Rev. Baugh's installation.

Health and Safety - New member Bob Davey is working on emergency policies.

CALENDAR

Next Session meeting (Zoom 6:30)	Monday October 13, 2025
Presbytery Meeting (Ghost Ranch)	Saturday October 18, 2025
3rd Sunday “Ask the Session”	Sunday October 19

Devotion / Lockup Schedule

September	Donna Ebers
October	Janice Langdale (Matthew will do devotion for session)

Adjourn with Prayer **8:02**

Respectfully submitted **Carl Allen** **Clerk of Session**