

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
APPROVED Stated Session Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026

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 6:42 Rev. Matthew Baugh Moderator

DEVOTION Judie Hendry A New Year's Prayer

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

Session Members Present: Donna Ebers, Carl Allen, Steve Chewning, Jacque Fletcher, Janice Langdale, Judie Hendry, Lauren Mueller Skinner, Mike Potter

Session Members Absent: Colleen Rust

DOCUMENT APPROVALS

DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda **Monday January 12, 2026**

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DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes **Monday December 8, 2025**

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DRAFT Called Session Meeting Minutes **Sunday December 14, 2025**

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PASTOR'S REPORT **Rev. Baugh**

Leading worship at the church in Cuba, NM was a very good experience.

A member is struggling with insurance changes. Matthew is helping.

LPPC will provide a tent for a non-member who is unhoused. Matthew has explored possible help with the Sheriff's office, and will contact the Sandoval Regional Medical Center about a possible Case Manager.

Worship continues to go well. Matthew is planning services with Elliot through Lent.

CLERK'S REPORT

Carl Allen

Annual Meeting: Sunday January 25 following the 10:30 service (rescheduled to February 8 due to weather)

Required business includes:

- + Electing new Session members
- + Electing new Deacons
- + Electing a new Nominating Committee
- + Empowering Session to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting

Note: The Pastor's salary and benefits package is generally approved by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting, but since this was done in October 2025 the requirement for Congregation approval will be waived until the 2027 Annual Meeting.

The meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately after the benediction.

After the required business (above), Matthew will invite the congregation to ask any questions of the Session. When questions and answers are complete we will adjourn to Fellowship Hall for the potluck.

Committee chairs are asked to prepare a summary of 2025 activities. Each of these should be prepared as a Word file and emailed to me by Friday January 16. I will email everyone a copy of last year's Annual Report.

All current Session members will serve through the January Session meeting, and until the Annual Meeting on January 25. Members whose terms have expired are invited, but not required, to attend the February Session meeting.

Presbytery Meeting: Saturday February 21, 2026 at Sandia Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque. LPPC sends two Elders as voting delegates.

MOTION: ELECCT AJNICE LANGDALE AND CARL ALLEN AS VOTING DELEGATES

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Devotion / Lockup volunteers are needed starting in February.

Feb Janice Langdale

Mar Matthew Baugh

Apr Mike Potter

Fellowship

Discussion led by Carl Allen

Ivona McCrary has organized a series of small group receptions in members' homes to build closer ties between the Pastor and congregation members.

Schedule and hosts so far:

Dec 31	Doug and Judie Hendry
Jan 18	Nancy Walker
Feb 20	Ivona and Roy McCrary
March 21	Doug Calderwood and Ken Cuthbertson
April 11 or 18	Jacque Fletcher and Don Turton
May	John Muldrow and Judy Van Wormer
October	Martha Ritchie

OLD BUSINESS:

Members Living Alone:

Carl Allen intends to organize information meetings for members who live alone.

NEW BUSINESS

Child Care Proposal fro Juliet Jones

Discussion led by Carl Allen

See DRAFT proposal (attached)

MOTION - MATTHEW WILL SET UP AN INFORMAL MEETING FOR JULIET JONES TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL WITH SESSION. (SCHEDULED FOR FEB 1)

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Finance

Discussion led by Steve Chewning

Year end financial review - came out in the plus column

Insurance - Send Steve the Low Finch contact info

Worship

Discussion led by Colleen Rust

Plans for Worship Committee as Colleen transitions off Session

Nominating

Discussion led by Donna Ebers

Plans for Nominating Committee as Donna transitions off Session - Anna Howarth chair

Session should consider roles and responsibilities for 2026 shortly after the Annual Meeting.

Health and Safety

Discussion led by Jacque Fletcher

Plans for Health and Safety Committee as Jacque transitions off Session

Recognizing that our “small church reality” often means that relatively few people take on a large proportion of the church’s work, we propose transitioning to a different model:

- We envision that certain critical functions will be handled by specific volunteers (Examples: the AED maintained by Leigh Plante; re-stocking of the first aid kit by Jacque; responsibility for assuring that Sexual Misconduct Training is provided to LPPC employees (Judie) and leadership (Pastor Matthew).
- New and/or developing projects would be organized by multi-person task forces (Examples: completion of a plan for violence in the church by Bob Davey and Pastor Matthew); “Thriving LPPC Seniors” to be developed by Carl, potentially with Reta, Dana Howarth, and Deacons.

CALENDAR

Annual Meeting of the Congregation	Sunday January 25 (changed to Feb 8)
Next Session meeting (Zoom 6:30)	Monday February 9
3rd Sunday “Conversation with Session”	Cancelled in January; replaced by Annual Meeting
Presbytery Meeting	Saturday February 21 at Sandia Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque

Devotion / Lockup Schedule

Jan	Judie Hendry
Feb	Janice Langdale
Mar	Matthew Baugh
Apr	Mike Potter

Adjourn with Prayer 8:05

Respectfully submitted Carl Allen Clerk of Session