

3/24/2024 REDACTED minutes of Congregational Meeting for Westtown Church for the Purposes of:

- 1. The Congregation Voting to Call [REDACTED] as Senior Pastor for Westtown Church;**
- 2. To Open Nominations for 2025 Church Officers (Deacons/Elders); and**
- 3. To Provide Update on the Bridge Replacement Project**

The Session of Westtown Church called the meeting with 21-days-notice of the purpose, time, and location. The purposes are:

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The meeting was held in the sanctuary of Westtown Church, 13521 Race Track Road, Tampa, FL 33626, on Sunday, March 24, 2024, starting at 10:10 AM (between services). Childcare was provided for infants to pre-K.

Attendance (of voting members) was ~163 people. (Quorum is currently at 73 with at least 1/6th of current membership of 436 per the *PCA Book of Church Order*). There was a clear quorum of church members to begin the meeting.

Ruling Elder (RE) Philip Smith established the quorum.

By voice vote, the members elected Teaching Elder (TE) Morgan Lusk as Moderator for the meeting and RE Philip Smith as Recording Clerk of the meeting.

Pastor Lusk and opened the meeting with prayer.

William Barrow, Chair of the Pastoral Search Committee (PSC or Pulpit Committee) then presented [REDACTED] for Senior Pastor that has been vetted and recommended by the PSC.

The Moderator then explained the process for the Congregation to vote on [REDACTED] brought forward by the Pastoral Search Committee (Pulpit Committee) as Westtown's Senior Pastor in accordance with Chapter 20 of the *PCA Book of Church Order (BCO-20)*. The Clerk then read the Terms of Call for [REDACTED] as Senior Pastor for Westtown Church.

Following opportunity for discussion/questions, the Moderator asked the Congregation,

“Are you ready to proceed to the election of a senior pastor?”

With the Congregation answering in the affirmative, the Communing Members (in good standing) of Westtown Church cast their ballot vote on the call. While ballots were collected and tallied, the Moderator requested that six members be selected to sign and attest the call before Presbytery.

M/S/P that three Elders and three Deacons be selected by the Clerk to sign the attestation of the Call.

The following were present and named to attest the call:

1. Don Byers
2. Jay Moreland
3. Eric Reddish
4. Chip Johnson
5. David Bazzel
6. Trevor Ashour.

The final tally of the ballots for the call for Senior Pastors was as follows:

157 YES; 6 NO; 0 ABSTENTIONS,

Associate Pastor Morgan Lusk offered prayer for newly called Senior Pastor [REDACTED] and for Westtown Church. The Moderator recognized the members of the Pastoral Search Committee and then dismissed them with the thanks of the Congregation.

The Moderator also asked that the newly called Senior Pastor not be named on any website or social media site by name until after April 3, 2024 so that he might notify his current Congregation.

(The six elected members then signed the attestation of the Call at the conclusion of the meeting.)

Ruling Elder Eric Reddish and member James Vansteenburgh, from the Bridge Committee provided an update on the Bridge Replacement Project for our entrance bridge across Double Branch Creek. They showed photos of the wash-out under the bridge and the settling that has occurred. The new bridge will be 66 feet in length replacing the 40-foot current structure. Mobilization of equipment will be in early April with construction beginning mid-April. The bridge will be closed for 2-3 days as the bridge is divided into to halves with supports placed under the south half and demolition of the north half. Road

pattern will change as north side is completed, then south side is demolished and replaced. The estimated completion time is four months. The church has a pending lawsuit against the original design and construction firms due to premature failure of the bridge according to independent engineering assessments.

The Moderator then opened nominations for 2025 candidates for the offices of Deacon and Elder. The deadline for nominations will be through April 21, 2024. Officers on Sabbatical will need to be renominated to serve new terms. The Moderator then reminded the members that nominations may be made in writing by submitting a nominating form through a Sanctuary Lock Box, via email to SessionClerk@WesttownChurch.org or via the online form. Candidates who agree to train for office, and have not previously served as a Westtown officer, will participate in the six-months training, be examined by the Session and presented back to the Congregation for election by the members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The [REDACTED] will go before Presbytery on Tuesday, May 14 and start at Westtown effective June 1, 2024. His Installation Service as our Senior Pastor is planned for Sunday June 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Westtown Sanctuary.

M/S/P to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 AM.

Pastor Lusk closed the meeting in prayer.

Submitted by RE Philip Smith as Clerk of Meeting.

Moderator TE Morgan Lusk

Clerk of Meeting RE Philip Smith

MINUTES APPROVED, DATE _____, Clerk's initials _____.