

2025 Committee on Nominations Report

The Committee on Nominations is charged with the task of reviewing the numerous recommendations provided by North Carolina Baptists for service on the board of directors of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) and the boards of the related entities (Provision Financial Resources, Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina and the *Biblical Recorder*).

We begin our work with the recommendations sent by N.C. Baptists and those provided by our respective entity heads. We carefully consider whether each candidate meets the qualifications for service as outlined by the convention bylaws. Each name is prayerfully discussed and voted on in committee meetings. We then bring the approved names to the floor of the annual meeting for election by the convention.

The full report from the Committee on Nominations can be found on the BSCNC's annual meeting website (ncannualmeeting.org), on the *Biblical Recorder* website (BRnow.org) and in the N.C. Baptist Book of Reports.

N.C. Baptists have good reason to be proud of the 2025 Committee on Nominations, as well as the names to be presented for election. They logged many hours and offered many prayers in seeking to bring nominees who will be people of Kingdom impact. We hope you express appreciation to them for the good work they have done.

It is not too early for N.C. Baptists to begin thinking about whom they will recommend to positions of leadership in 2027. N.C. Baptist church members are diverse in terms of both gender and ethnicity. Please think and pray about the recommendations you will make from large churches, small churches, rural churches, urban churches, new churches, historic churches, men and women, young and old, and potential leaders from across all cultural and ethnic groups. You may submit your recommendations online at ncbaptist.org/recommend or through the N.C. Baptist mobile app.

N.C. Baptists, we need you! Simply recommending someone to a position of leadership is itself an important act of leadership. Your input is essential to the ongoing effectiveness of the missions and ministries of the BSCNC as we seek to be a movement of churches on mission together.

Chandler Donegan, Chair

2025 Committee on Nominations Members

Chandler Donegan, Wake Forest, chair

Michael Bailey, Supply

David Blalock, New London

Andrew Clark, Fayetteville

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Eleanor Sun, Cary
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The Committee on Nominations report follows the BSCNC's bylaws directive to "nominate persons for election by the Convention to serve as members of the Board of Directors of the Convention, the members of the boards of trustees and directors to be elected by the Convention of the Related Entities, and such other nominations as may be delegated to the committee by the Convention."

Among other considerations for nominees, the bylaws state "It is desirable that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of members nominated to all committees of the Convention, the Board, and the boards of trustees and directors of the Related Entities shall come from churches with an average weekly worship attendance under 200." This is indicated in the committee's report by (O) for 200 and over and by (U) for under 200 in average weekly worship attendance.

The bylaws further direct that, "The Committee on Nominations shall include in its report at a minimum the name, church, home town, association, occupation, and sex of each nominee, the name of the committee or board on which the nominee is to serve together with such summary information as will make clear to this Convention the diversity and breadth of representation provided by the slates of nominees."

Board of Directors, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Region 1

- Derik Davis, 2026-2029, Winton (U), Winton, West Chowan Association, Minister, Male

Region 2

- Joy Stallings, 2028 unexpired term, First Washington (O), Washington, South Roanoke Association, Layperson, Female

Region 3

- Ron Allen, 2028 unexpired term, First Boiling Spring Lakes (U), Southport, Brunswick Association, Minister, Male
- Dave Heller, 2026-2029, Hallsboro (U), Hallsboro, Columbus Association, Minister, Male
- Donna Meixsell, 2026-2029, Arran Lake (O), Fayetteville, New South River Association, Layperson, Female
- Phelan Rodriguez, 2026-2029, The Village Church (O), Fayetteville, New South River Association, Minister, Male

Region 4

- Ronjour Locke, 2028 unexpired term of Caleb Gibson, Mount Vernon (O), Raleigh, Raleigh Association, Minister, Male
- Billy Rice, 2026-2029, Watkins Chapel (U), Middlesex, Triangle East Association, Minister, Male
- Jared Richard, 2026-2029, Bayleaf (O), Raleigh, Raleigh Association, Minister, Male
- Kristen Taylor, 2026-2029, Imago Dei Church (O), Raleigh, NC Miscellaneous, Layperson, Female

- Lauren Wiedenroth, 2028 unexpired term of Chris Hilliard, Apex (O), Apex, Raleigh Association, Layperson, Female

Region 5

- Gary Sanders, 2026-2029, Red Bank Missionary (U), Germantown, Triad Church Network, Minister, Male

Region 6

- No vacancies

Region 7

- Kyle Lloyd, 2026-2029, Dudley Shoals (O), Granite Falls, Caldwell Association, Minister, Male

Region 8

- Sean McKaig, 2026-2029, Big Level (U), Mill Spring, Polk Association, Minister, Male
- Peter Surran, 2026-2029, Southern (U), Rutherfordton, Green River Association, Minister, Male
- Lindsay Walker, 2026-2029, Mount Vernon (O), Vale, South Mountain Association, Layperson, Female
- Lisa Walker, 2026-2029, First Hildebran (O), Hildebran, Catawba Valley Association, Layperson, Female

Region 9

- Jesse Peters, 2026-2029, Naples (U), Hendersonville, Carolina Association, Minister, Male

Region 10

- Rosy Acevedo, 2026-2029, Mount Pleasant En Espanol (U), Hayesville, Truett Association, Layperson, Female

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

- Charlotte Akin, 2026-2029, Wake Cross Roads (O), Raleigh, Raleigh Association, Layperson, Female
- John Cashwell, 2026-2029, Providence (O), Harrisburg, Cabarrus Association, Minister, Male
- Nelson Long, 2026-2029, The Summit Church (O), Durham, Triwest Association, Layperson, Male
- Mary Voorhees, 2026-2029, Mercy Hill (O), Greensboro, Piedmont Association, Layperson, Female

Biblical Recorder

- Bobby Puffenburger, 2026-2029, Bayleaf (O), Raleigh, Raleigh Association, Layperson, Male
- Jonathan Waits, 2026-2029, First Oakboro (U), Oakboro, Stanly-Montgomery Association, Minister, Male

Provision Financial Resources

- Ray Carr, 2026-2029, Baptist Center Church (U), Clayton, Triangle East Association, Minister, Male
- Lilyan Parker, 2026-2029, First Durham (O), Durham, NC Miscellaneous, Layperson, Female
- Steve Strickland, 2026-2029, Mount Airy (U), Pembroke, Burnt Swamp Association, Layperson, Male
- Marty Tobin, 2026-2029, Pleasant Garden (O), Pleasant Garden, Piedmont Association, Minister, Male