

2026 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 2026 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 2028. 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.

Andrew Clark, Chair

2026 Committee on Nominations Members

Andrew Clark, Fayetteville, chair

Michael Bailey, Supply

David Blalock, New London

Sue Fairless, Colerain

Lori Frank, Arden

Chris Hefner, Wilkesboro

Ben Horrell, Leland

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Ken Smith, Grifton

Alan-Michael Sprinkle, Black Mountain

Collin Terenzini, Zirconia
John Thompson, Rich Square
Neal Thornton, Angier
Josh Wester, Greensboro

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

- No vacancies

Region 2

- No vacancies

Region 3

- Susan Justice, 2027-2030, Beach Road (O), Southport, Brunswick Association, Layperson, Female

Region 4

- Will King, 2027-2030, Bethesda (O), Clayton, Triangle East Association, Minister, Male
- Kelly Leshner, 2029 unexpired term of Zachary Sanders, Coram Deo (U), Angier, NC Miscellaneous, Layperson, Female
- Colton Mathews, 2027-2030, Fairview (O), Apex, Raleigh Association, Layperson, Male
- Peter McDonald, 2027-2030, Pittsboro (U), Pittsboro, Sandy Creek Association, Minister, Male
- Tiffany Register, 2027-2030, Redeemer Community (O), Franklinton, Tar River Association, Layperson, Female
- Jonathan Shelor, 2027-2030, First Pinehurst (O), West End, Sandhills Association, Minister, Male
- Aaron Turner, 2027-2030, The Church at Clayton Crossings (O), Clayton, Triangle East Association, Minister, Male

Region 5

- Katy Kabrich, 2027-2030, Two Cities (O), Winston-Salem, Triad Association, Layperson, Female
- Makayla Mas, 2027-2030, Mercy Hill (O), Greensboro, Piedmont Association, Layperson, Female
- Matt Speaks, 2027-2030, King's Church (U), High Point, NC Miscellaneous, Minister, Male

Region 6

- Dave Magan, 2027 unexpired term of Clint Pressley, Hickory Grove (O), Charlotte, Metrolina Association, Layperson, Male

Region 7

- Dan Kiefer, 2027-2030, Concord (U), Granite Falls, Caldwell Association, Minister, Male
- Len Moore, 2027-2030, Millers Creek (O), Millers Creek, Brushy Mountain Association, Layperson, Male

Region 8

- No vacancies

Region 9

- Jesse Carr, 2027 unexpired term of Jason Gaston, Mud Creek (O), Hendersonville, Carolina Association, Minister, Male
- Kevin Long, 2027-2030, Crab Creek (U), Hendersonville, Carolina Association, Minister, Male
- Cam McLaughlin, 2027-2030, Mount Carmel (U), Asheville, Buncombe Association, Minister, Male

Region 10

- Mark Rogers, 2027-2030, Lighthouse (U), Sylva, Tuckasegee Association, Minister, Male
- Benjamin Heise, 2027-2030, Holly Springs (O), Franklin, Macon Association, Minister, Male

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

- Denise Critcher, Mount Vernon (O), Boone, Three Forks Association, Layperson, Female¹
- Matt Hollifield, Pitts (O), Concord, Cabarrus Association, Layperson, Male¹
- Michael Jongkind, The Summit (O), Raleigh-Durham, Triangle West Network, Layperson, Male
- Troy Kilpatrick, Christ Community (O), Huntersville, Metrolina Association, Layperson, Male

Biblical Recorder²

- Andrew Davis, Covenant Hope (U), Wake Forest, Tar River Association, Layperson, Male
- Bob McKee, Green Street (O), High Point, Piedmont Association, Layperson, Male

Provision Financial Resources

- David Bass, Carmel (O), Matthews, Metrolina Association, Minister, Male
- Zack Cooper, Fairview (O), Apex, Raleigh Association, Layperson, Male
- Paul Kress, Cornerstone (O), Greensboro, Piedmont Association, Layperson, Male
- Stephanie Tarant, Providence (O), Raleigh, Raleigh Association, Layperson, Female¹

¹Nominees marked with ¹ are recommended for a second consecutive term. Currently, Bylaw III.A.3.c prohibits a trustee or director from succeeding himself or herself. However, the Articles & Bylaws Committee is presenting a bylaw amendment to messengers at the 2026 BSCNC Annual Meeting that, if approved, will permit Related Entity board members to serve up to two consecutive terms. If that amendment is not approved, these nominees will be withdrawn from the Committee on Nominations report.

²The Articles & Bylaws Committee will present a bylaw amendment to messengers at the 2026 BSCNC Annual Meeting that, if approved, will amend the BSCNC bylaws to reflect the dissolution of the *Biblical Recorder* as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in accordance with action taken by the *Biblical Recorder* board of directors on September 9, 2026. If approved, the amended bylaw will no longer require the nomination and election of Biblical Recorder board members, and the two nominees indicated in this report will be withdrawn.