



West Shore Evangelical Free Church
Elder Board Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2026
6:00 PM

Attending: Dave Baechtle, Andrew Caudill, Ned Davis, Jeff Hahn, Brock Heller, Matt Krise, Ty Miller, Tim Ryan, Wendell Witter

Absent: Trent Thompson

Call to Order: 6:20 PM

Prayer: Dave Baechtle

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: That the regular and confidential minutes of the 8/11/26 Elder Board Meeting be approved as proposed

Dave Baechtle / Ned Davis 2nd

Action: **Approved by voice vote**

Board Advisory Team Reports:

Finance Advisory Team

- Generosity VIP is kicking off this fall

Facilities Advisory Team (Ty Miller)

- Water softener system has been installed
- Slab jacked and resealed sidewalks to make level again in many spots
- Rooms 200-204, 212/214, and 226 are 90% complete
- Upcoming projects highlights:
 - Adult classrooms 215, 224, 235, 237, 241, 242, and 243 up next
 - Replace sunken sidewalk on the NW/NE sections of the parking lot
 - Parking lot crack filling
 - Eradicate Japanese Stilt Grass

Human Resources Advisory Team (Tim Ryan)

- Team will meet in September. Seeking to add another member. Reviewing a development proposal and comparative benefits data.

Security Team (Ned Davis)

- No new updates



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Membership Interviews:

Josh Soliday

Motion: That the above candidate be approved for membership.
Ty Miller / Brock Heller 2nd

Action: **Approved by voice vote**

Human Resources: (Tim Ryan)

New Hires:

- Kaleb Akselsen, Student Min Intern- Internship beginning the week of August 24, 2026
- Cooper Henseler, Student Min Intern- Returning for internship beginning the week of August 24, 2026
- Adam Wilson, Adult Discipleship Pastor- Start date 9/28/2026

Departures:

- Declan Hsieh, Communications Intern- Internship ended mid-August

Changes:

- None

Open Positions:

- Community Resource Center Coordinator
- Custodian
- Missions Pastor/Director (Vanderbloemen)
- SVL Technical Manager
- Video Production Coordinator

Operations

Worship Venue

The worship service planning team decided to move the launch of a new Worship Venue on Sunday mornings from October 2026 to January 2027 due to new staff coming onboard and the need to backfill prior positions.

Staff / Search Updates



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Update from Vanderbloemen's presentation of final candidates for the Missions Director/Pastor position

2025-2026 Budget Surplus

Reviewed proposed plan for surplus funds

Motion: To approve the reviewed plan for surplus funds
Andrew Caudill / Matt Krise 2nd

Action: **Approved by voice vote**

Walking Path Easement

Reviewed proposed walking path easement to allow connection from Creekstone development to WSFC's walking path.

Motion: To approve the easement agreement to allow connection from Creekstone development to WSFC's walking path contingent on successful legal review.
Wendell Witter/ Andrew Caudill 2nd

Action: **Approved by voice vote**

Closing Prayer: Matt Krise

Adjourned: 7:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Wendell Witter, Secretary