

ELDER MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2026

Present:

Elders: Jon, Mike, Chris and Blair

Elder Advisors: David Belgum, Karen Stothers, Tanya Martinez

Meeting began at 6:07pm

1. Tanya opened us up in prayer at 6:07pm
2. Something to Consider
 - Lead with Prayer Chapter 3. Discussed the chapter and what resonates.
3. Prayed
 - for prayer requests and praises from the congregation and those shared in the room
4. Approval of minutes from 12/4 and 12/18 mtg (Jon motioned to approve; Chris seconded; Mike and Blair agreed).
5. Housing Allowance Ratifications from Dec 31, 2025 email (Jon motioned and Mike seconded, and Chris and Blair agreed).
6. Elder/Advisor update: Discussed making an announcement on Sunday, 1/18 of Joe Lynch completing his term on the elder board and new elder advisors: David Belgum, Karen Stothers, Tanya Martinez for 2026. Agreed Chris would make the announcement, thank Joe for his service to our church and also acknowledge and thank Angie Chadwell as our prior Elder Advisor.
7. Youth JD/Hire Task Force - Chris
 - Discussed where we were in the process, with three candidates passed through for additional interviews.
 - We discussed additional ways to engage the parents, staff, elders as part of the final assessment and hiring decision.
 - We agreed we can't rush this process. It's very important we take time to confirm the right person.
 - Chris shared intent for the new hire is youth (75%) and 25% oversight of children's programs.
 - Chris shared that the Pastor vs Director title for the new role depends on experience and education. Pastor role likely required for housing allowance.
8. Rental Home update – Mike provided an update on the rental homes.
9. Update on Strategic Plan – Chris
 - Current focus is leading with prayer and hiring the right NG person.
10. Deacons
 - We've ratified the Deacon oversight, roles and responsibilities document that Tanya Martinez put together. (Blair motioned, Mike seconded, and Chris and Jon agreed).
 - Further discussions needed before confirming additional deacons.
11. 2026 elder documents/agreements –

- We had the **2026 Annual Corporation Meeting of Willow Glen Bible Church** ([see separate minutes](#))

12. David closed in prayer at 8:28pm.

Minutes of the Annual Corporation Meeting of Willow Glen Bible Church

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Elders Present: Blair Bassett, Mike Lipsey, Chris Tenny, Jon Singley

Elders Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by chairman Jon Singley at 8:06p.m.

Items Discussed:

• Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the 2026 Annual Corporation meeting of Willow Glen Bible Church were unanimously approved as submitted (Mike Lipsey motion, Chris second, all other elders agreed).

• Election of Corporate Officers:

The following slate of officers for Willow Glen Bible Church for 2026 was unanimously approved (Mike motion, Chris second, all other elders agreed):

Chairman/Treasurer: Jon Singley
Secretary: Blair Bassett

• Signing of Doctrinal Statement:

The Doctrinal Statement was circulated to each active Board member, was signed, and is attached.

There being no other business to conduct, a motion was unanimously approved (Chris Tenny motion, Blair second, all other elders agreed) to adjourn the 2026 Annual Corporation meeting of Willow Glen Bible Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Blair Bassett, Secretary

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