

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Baptist General Convention of Texas

Heath Kirkwood, Presiding, Chair

8:30 am

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Heath Kirkwood, Chair of the BGCT Executive Board, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Kirkwood welcomed the following:

Convention Officers:

- Ronny Marriott, President, Lead Pastor, FBC, Richardson
- Debbie Potter, First VP, Children's Pastor, Trinity BC, San Antonio
- Joseph Adams, Second VP, Senior Pastor, FBC Hughes Springs

Fellowship Presidents:

- Ray Brown, African American Fellowship
- John Nguyen, Vietnamese Fellowship of Texas
- Dillard Fisher, Bivocational/Small Church Membership
- Jason Lee, Chinese Fellowship.

BSM Co-Presidents:

- Tasha Schlueter, BSM Co-President
- Joel Williams, BSM Co-President

BGCT Staff

Texans on Mission:

- Mickey Lenamon, Chief Executive Officer

WMU Officer:

- Tamika Jones, Executive Director/Treasurer of WMU of Texas

WMU OF TEXAS REPORT

Kirkwood welcomed Tamiko Jones, Executive Director/Treasurer of WMU of Texas to give a report.

- Jones shared about what WMU is doing around the state. WMU engages in local missions to win people in the state for Christ

TEXANS ON MISSIONS REPORT

Kirkwood welcomes Mickey Lenamon, Chief Executive Officer, to give his report. 30 Projects ongoing

- Missions and discipleship
- Disaster Relief
- Distribution of bibles
- Free water - Uganda

Kirkwood introduced Ronny Marriott, President, Lead Pastor, FBC, Richardson to come bring convention President remarks. Marriott discussed how we are citizens of the kingdom and ended in prayer.

REPORT ON REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE AND MINUTES

Kirkwood welcomed Ward Hayes, CFO/Treasurer, to join him on stage to bring a report on attendance.

- Hayes conveyed 13 regrets
- Discussed September 2024 minutes
- 2024 proceedings from annual meeting in Waco

No discussion on minutes, they were called for a vote on and approved as presented.

CFO/TRESURER'S REPORT

Kirkwood called on Hayes to bring a financial update and Hayes shared that a summary of the Treasurer's report would be as follows:

- Fiscally sound – strong asset and income growth
- Fiscally focused - good stewardship
- Fiscally strategic – leadership matching ministry and resources

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

- **Cash position = \$14.4M (strong liquidity)**
- **Endowments & Investments are \$255M**
- BGCT Cooperative Program declined
 - 98.4% of prior year
 - 96.0% of budget
- Investment Income benefiting CP (budgeted \$6.7M, realized \$9.3M)
- Net expenditures less than budget by \$612K

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Hayes called on Clay Jacobson to bring a CP report. Clay Jacobson is working on new ways of how to tell the story to our churches as God would have it. Next year marks 100 years of the cooperative program. Looking forward to fulfilling the Great Commission while being guided by the Great Commandment. Jacobson turns back to Hayes to bring CP slides.

THE CENTER FOR CHURCH HEALTH

Kirkwood then calls on Mark Kemp, member of The Center for Church Health and Evangelism Chair, to come bring a report.

- Kemp brings report on Apartment Life from Evangelism Council.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Kirkwood calls on Chris Liebrum, member of Committee on Committees. Chris Liebrum brings recommendation.

- Recommendation for nomination to the Committee on Nominations for Boards of Affiliated Ministries.
- Recommend approval for the following nomination to fill a vacancy on the Committee to Nominate Boards of Affiliated Ministries CNBAM.
 - 20204 Term – Cynthia Jaquez, Segunda Iglesia Bautista, Corpus Christi

Asks for questions or discussions and calls for the vote, motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Kirkwood calls on Charles Hill, Chair of the Committee, to bring a recommendation.

Hill brings recommendation to allocate 2025 JF Wadley Endowment Fund earnings to be allocated to 2025 needs as follows:

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| • BSM – Campus Missionaries | \$150,000 |
| • BSM – Building Maintenance | \$150,000 |
| • Western Heritage | \$50,000 |
| • Ministry Safe | <u>\$25,000</u> |
| • Total | \$375,000 |

Kirkwood brings recommendation was approved in committee; motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kirkwood recognizes Executive Committee has recommendations to present.

- Recommendation for the continued practice of receiving into harmonious cooperation churches that affirm traditional Baptist beliefs as generally stated in either the 1963 or 2000 Baptist Faith and Message, or similar Baptist confession statement.
- Recommendation for corporate officers of the Texas Baptist Insurance Program: Craig Christina, President; Sergio Ramos, Vice-President; and Ward Hayes, Secretary/Treasurer. We recommend the following to fill the Board of Directors: Craig Christina, Chairman; Sergio Ramos, Vice-Chair; Ward Hayes, Secretary; Dennis Young and David Bowman. We also recommend investing up to \$12M in TBIP to fund the needed insurance reserve.

All motions passed.

THE CENTER FOR CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Kirkwood calls on Katie Fruge and John Litzler to come bring Public Policy update.

TEXAS BAPTIST MISSIONS FOUNDATIONS UPDATE

Kirkwood calls on Jerry Carlisle to bring report from Texas Baptist Mission Foundation.

CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Kirkwood opens to consideration of questions and comments.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting is adjourned.