

MINUTES
NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL NETWORK COUNCIL
TENNESSEE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MINISTRY NETWORK
MAY 15-17, 2023

The Ninety-Eighth Annual Network Council opened Monday afternoon, May 15th at 12:00 p.m. Network Council began with the Welcome and Missions Lunch. District Superintendent Terry Bailey and his wife, Susan Bailey hosted this celebratory lunch.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 15 – Business Session

The business session was called to order by Chairman Terry Bailey at 2:36 pm. Assistant Superintendent Randel McCarty led in prayer, followed by Chairman Terry Bailey's devotion.

The following people were invited to the platform: Randel McCarty, Assistant Superintendent; Nicholas Serban III, Executive Secretary; Todd Alexander, General Presbyter; Andrew Templeton, Executive Presbyter – East TN; Mike Burnette, Executive Presbyter – Middle TN; Ed Hawkins, Executive Presbyter – West TN.

Chairman Terry Bailey recognized the recording secretary, Ligia Rodriguez, and Veronica Perdomo.

Chairman Terry Bailey recognized Honorary Presbyters, Gaylon Echols, Glenn Burks, and Barry Culberson.

Chairman Terry Bailey also recognized former Network Superintendents, Shirley Gould, and Eddie and Amanda Turner (not present). As well as former Assistant District Superintendents, Gaylon and Mary Echols (not present) and Randy and Nancee Carter (not present).

Chairman Terry Bailey recognized Departmental Directors:
Randel McCarty, Jackson Conference Center, E4 Leadership, Acts 2, DA Church Director
Brooks Till, Network Youth Director
Glenn Burks, Pastoral Care Director
Bob Brown, Light for the Lost Ministries
Jeremy Poole, Property Manager for Jackson Conference Center
Ed Hawkins, Men's Conference Director
Ron Bush, Royal Rangers Director
Nicholas Serban III, Tennessee School of Ministry & TSOM+ Director
Tammy Waycaster, Women's Director
Jon Lindberg, Adult & Teen Challenge Director
Todd Hukill, Church Planting Director
Chuck Lester, Chi Alpha Director

Chairman Terry Bailey introduced the Office Support Team:

Todd Hukill, Finance Director

Carlie Martinez, Administrative Director

Kade Claiborne, Media & Creative Arts Director

Ligia Rodriguez, Administrative Support

Veronica Perdomo, Administrative Support

Alissa Metcalf, Administrative Support

Britney Till, Administrative Support

Chairman Terry Bailey divided the house, quoting the Tennessee Ministry Network Constitution and Bylaws, Article III, Nominations and Elections, Page 24, Section 1. Voting Constituency.

Chairman Terry Bailey invited the Parliamentarians to the platform: Tom Lindberg, Pastor of Memphis First Assembly of God and Sectional Presbyter of the Memphis Section; Mark Kirkpatrick, Pastor of Dyer First Assembly of God and Sectional Presbyter of the Milan Section; Kenny McNatt, Pastor of Hope Church Fayetteville and Sectional Presbyter to the Columbia Section; Victor Gomez, Pastor of Iglesia Cristiana para las Naciones Una Esperanza Viva and Presbyter to the Hispanic Section; Kim Trimble, Pastor of Freedom Church Dickson; and Greg Temke, Pastor of River of Life Mumford and Sectional Presbyter to the Covington Section.

Chairman Terry Bailey invited the Resolutions Committee to the platform: Chris Foster, Pastor of City Church Memphis; Nathan Kollar, Pastor of Graceland Church Franklin and Sectional Presbyter to the Nashville South Section; Tony Thompson, Pastor of Sacred Cross AG Bristol; Ian Shaw Pastor at C4 Chattanooga and Sectional Presbyter to the Chattanooga Section; Jason Yarbrough Pastor of Hope Church Algood and Sectional Presbyter to the Cookeville Section.

Chairman Terry Bailey recognized the Roster Committee:

Todd Hukill, Pastor of Connection Pointe, Goodlettsville

Christopher Moore, Pastor of Gateway Church, Ashland City

Scott Dobbins, Pastor of Bellshire, Nashville, and Presbyter to the Nashville North Section.

Chairman Terry Bailey also recognized the Teller Committee:

Brooks Till

Adam Steinbach

Lindsey Isaac

Tyler Wilson

A.T. Gatlin

Chairman Terry Bailey asked Todd Hukill to give the roster report.

ROSTER COMMITTEE REPORT

Todd Hukill Chairman of the Roster Committee, Pastor of Connection Pointe Goodlettsville gave the following report as of 2:45 p.m., Monday, May 15:

Ordained: 119
Licensed: 46
Certified: 16
Delegates: 54
Voting Constituency: 235
Total Registrants: 291

A motion prevailed to receive the roster report.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Terry Bailey called attention to the 98th Network Council's proposed Agenda found on page 2 of the Business Handbook.

A motion was made to amend the order of business to where Resolutions would be voted on before the District Official's elections are held. The motion failed.

A motion prevailed that the agenda be adopted as a guide.

ORIENTATION ON VOTING DEVICES

Chairman Terry Bailey introduced Todd Hukill for an orientation on the voting devices.

NETWORK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Randel McCarty, Assistant Superintendent, assumed the Chair for the reading of the Network Superintendent's Annual Report.

Superintendent Terry Bailey read his 2022 Superintendent's Report which begins on page 66 of the InMinistry Magazine. In his report, Superintendent Bailey mentioned the vision and goal of the Tennessee Ministry Network, which is to have a healthy Assemblies of God, Acts 2 church, in every Tennessee Community marked by numerical and spiritual growth. He also talked about the value that is found in serving our ministers and churches. Lastly, he recognized the Executive officers and Office Team members, as well as his family.

A motion prevailed to accept the 2022 report of the Network Superintendent with appreciation.

Assistant Superintendent Randel McCarty asked everyone to stand and pray over Superintendent Terry and Susan Bailey for protection and guidance, as the Executive Presbyters laid hands on them to pray.

The Chair was returned to Superintendent Terry Bailey.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assistant Superintendent, Randel McCarty, presented the Assistant Superintendent's Report for 2022, which begins on page 67 of the InMinistry Magazine.

A motion prevailed to accept the Assistant Superintendent's report as presented by Randel McCarty.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary, Nick Serban III, presented the Secretary's Report for 2022, which begins on page 68 of the InMinistry Magazine.

A motion prevailed to accept the Executive Secretary report presented by Nick Serban III.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Todd Hukill, Finance Director, summarized the 2022 Financial Reports, starting on pages 70-71 of the InMinistry Magazine; Pastor Todd shared the 2022 Balance Sheet.

A motion prevailed to accept the report as presented.

After discussion of the financial report, the following motion prevailed:

A motion prevailed to accept the 2022 Finance Report presented by Todd Hukill.

VOTING AND NOMINATIONS

Chairman Terry Bailey announced the beginning of elections and quoted the Tennessee Ministry Network Constitution and Bylaws Article III. Nominations and Elections. Section 3, Subsection d.1.

Summary of Elections for 2023

- District Superintendent
- Assistant District Superintendent
- General Presbyter
- Executive Presbyter, West TN
- Executive Presbyter, Middle TN
- Executive Presbyter, East TN
- Non-Resident Executive Presbyter
- Non-Resident Executive Presbyter Ordained Minister Female

Election of District Superintendent

Chairman Terry Bailey read the qualifications for District Superintendent from the Bylaws, Article IV, Duties of Officers, Section 1, District Superintendent. Additionally, he also quoted Article III, Section 3, Subsection C.

The following report on the nominating ballot was presented:

Todd Alexander	Ed Hawkins	Randel McCarty
Terry Allen	Todd Hukill	Nicholas Serban Jr.
Terry Bailey	David Jenkins	Nick Serban III
Michael Burnette	Mark Kirkpatrick	Andrew Templeton
Scott Dobbins	Tom Lindberg	Tony Thompson
Jennifer Galindo	Brooke Martin	Christopher Wiley
Bryce Harper	Tyler Martin	Jason Yarbrough

The following people requested for their names to be removed: Scott Dobbins, Todd Alexander, Terry Allen, Mike Burnette, Greg Temke, David Jenkins, Todd Hukill, Andrew Templeton, Christopher Wiley, Jason Yarbrough, Bryce Harper, Nicholas Serban Jr., Mark Kirkpatrick, Tyler Martin, Randel McCarty, Brooke Martin, Jennifer Galindo, Nicholas Serban III, Tony Thompson.

The following names were presented for the first electoral ballot for District Superintendent:

Ed Hawkins Terry Bailey

Ballots were cast for the first electoral ballot for District Superintendent.

The following report on the electoral ballot was presented:

Total Votes Cast: 222

Needed to Elect: 148

Ed Hawkins: 72

Terry Bailey: 150

Chairman noting Terry Bailey had received more than a two-thirds vote required for an election and declares Terry Bailey reelected to the position of District Superintendent for a four-year term.

Terry Bailey expressed his thanks and appreciation for the confidence placed in him.

Elections for Assistant District Superintendent

Chairman Terry Bailey read the qualifications for Assistant District Superintendent from the Bylaws, Article IV, Duties of Officers, Section 2, Assistant District Superintendent. Additionally, he also quoted Article III, Section 3, Subsection C.

The following report on the nominating ballot was presented:

Basil Adams	Victor Gomez	Brooke Martin
Todd Alexander	Buddy Hagerman	Tyler Martin
Terry Allen	Jack Harper	Randel McCarty
Jeremy AUstill	Sheila Harper	Drew Moorehead
Bob Brown	Ed Hawkins	Nicholas Serban Jr.
Michael Burnette	Todd Hukill	Nick Serban III
Randy Carter	David Jenkins	Andrew Templeton
David Crawford	Sam Kepets	Eddie Turner
Scott Dobbins	Mark Kirkpatrick	Harry Umfleet
Nathan Garmany	Tom Lindberg	Yasmin Walton

The following people requested for their names to be removed: Scott Dobbins, Todd Alexander, Terry Allen, Mike Burnette, Greg Temke, David Jenkins, Todd Hukill, Christopher Wiley, Jason Yarbrough, Bryce Harper, Nicholas Serban Jr., Tyler Martin, Brooke Martin, Jennifer Galindo, Nicholas Serban III, Tony Thompson, Bob Brown, Sam Kapets, David Crawford, Jeremy Austill, Buddy Hagerman, Nathan Garmany, Todd Alexander, Drew Moorehead, Victor Gomez, Sheila Harper, Ed Hawkins, Jack Harper, Mark Kirkpatrick, Harry Umfleet.

The following names were presented for the first electoral ballot for Assistant District Superintendent:

Basil Adams	David Jenkins	Eddie Turner
Randy Carter	Randel McCarty	Yasmin Walton
Scott Dobbins	Andrew Templeton	

With no election declared on the first electoral ballot, a second electoral ballot was cast.

Chairman Terry Bailey noted that on the second electoral ballot, only the top three nominees will remain on the ballot, Randel McCarty, Scott Dobbins, and Andrew Templeton.

Chairman Terry Bailey noted that on the third electoral ballot, only the top two nominees will remain on the ballot, Randel McCarty, and Andrew Templeton

Ballots were cast for the eleventh electoral ballot for Assistant District Superintendent.

The following report on the electoral ballot was presented:

Total votes cast: 238
Needed to Elect: 159

Randel McCarty	160
Andrew Templeton	78

After eleven electoral ballots, Chairman Terry Bailey noted Randel McCarty had received more than a two-thirds vote required for an election and declared Randel McCarty reelected to the position of Assistant District Superintendent for a two-year term.

Randel McCarty greeted the Council and expressed gratitude.

The meeting recessed at 4:50 p.m.

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 15

The Monday evening service was led in worship by Chi Alpha Ministries.

Bishop Tim Hill, current Church of God Overseer presented a sermon called “Hands Full on Purpose.”

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 16

The business session was called to order by Chairman Terry Bailey at 9:07 a.m. Don Miller, Gulf Region Executive Presbyter, shared a devotion with the Council – God will build His Church; followed by Honorary Presbyter Barry Culberson, who led in prayer.

Chairman Terry Bailey invited the Executive Board, Resolutions Committee, and Parliamentarian Committee to the platform.

Chairman Bailey asked Todd Hukill to give the roster report.

ROSTER COMMITTEE REPORT

Todd Hukill Chairman of the Roster Committee, Pastor of Connection Pointe Goodlettsville gave the following report as of 9:20 a.m., Tuesday, May 16:

Ordained: 130
Licensed: 52
Certified: 18
Delegates: 67
Voting Constituency: 267
Total Registrants: 327

A motion prevailed to receive the roster report.

Election for General Presbyter

Chairman Terry Bailey read the qualifications for General Presbyter from the Bylaws, Article III, Section 3, Subsection C. Additionally, he also quoted Article III, Section 5, TNAGMN Executive Presbyters.

The following report on the nominating ballot was presented:

Todd Alexander	Ed Hawkins	Ronnie Sanders
Jeremy Austill	Cecil Henry	Nicholas Serban Jr.
Oscar Barajas	Todd Hukill	Mark Steinbach
Bob Brown	Bob Keich	Greg Temke
Michael Burnette	Ricky Keith	Andrew Templeton
Warren Burns	Mark Kirkpatrick	Tony Thompson
J.P. Cannon	Tom Lindberg	Kimberly Trimble
Barry Culberson	James McGee	Timothy VanDouser
Scott Dobbins	Kenny McNatt	J.P. Vick
Chris Foster	Chris Moore	Jason Yarbrough
Nathan Garmany	Drew Moorehead	
Victor Gomez	David Morgan	

The following people requested for their names to be removed: Bob Brown, Jeremy Austill, Ronnie Sanders, Nathan Garmany, Bob Keich, Timothy VanDouser, Nicholas Serban Jr., Chris Moore, Mark Steinbach, J.P. Vick, Tom Lindberg, J.P. Cannon, Drew Moorehead, Greg Temke, Kimberly Trimble, Mark Kirkpatrick, David Morgan, Craig McGee, Ed Hawkins.

The following names were presented for the first electoral ballot for General Presbyter:

Todd Alexander	Scott Dobbins	Ricky Keith
Oscar Barajas	Chris Foster	Kenny McNatt
Michael Burnette	Victor Gomez	Andrew Templeton
Warren Burns	Cecil Henry	Tony Thompson
Barry Culberson	Todd Hukill	Jason Yarbrough

With no election declared on the first electoral ballot, a second electoral ballot was cast.

Chairman Terry Bailey noted that on the second electoral ballot, only the top three nominees will remain on the ballot, Todd Alexander, Scott Dobbins, and Michael Burnette.

With no election declared on the first four electoral ballots, a fifth electoral ballot was cast.

The following report on the electoral ballot was presented:

Total votes cast: 232

Needed to Elect: 155

Todd Alexander	165
Michael Burnette	67

After eleven electoral ballots, Chairman Terry Bailey noted Todd Alexander had received more than a two-thirds vote required for an election and declared Todd Alexander reelected to the position of General Presbyter for a two-year term.

Todd Alexander gave a gratitude speech directed at the Council.

RESOLUTION #1: TNAGMN Bylaw Amendment Resolution

Chairman, Terry Bailey called for the Resolutions Committee to present Resolution 1.

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 1.

A motion prevailed that Resolution 1 be tabled until Resolutions 2-4 are considered.

Following is Resolution 1 as presented:

TNAGMN Bylaw Amendment Resolution

WHEREAS, The Bylaws for the Tennessee Ministry Network (Network) exist, in part, to outline the systems, structure, and function of the Network, and to guide the Network in preventing and resolving conflicts and disagreements; and

WHEREAS, The Network regularly elects its leaders at Network Council and/or Sectional Councils; and

WHEREAS, The current Bylaws of the Network provide for representation of the Individual sections and regions at Official Board meetings, as well as empower its leadership to act on behalf of the Network in their section or region; and

WHEREAS, The Official Board acts as representatives of the Network when the Network Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, The requirements for serving in leadership on the Network Board include being an Ordained minister in good standing; and

WHEREAS, The Bylaws for the Network require periodic amendments and revisions to reflect changes from the General Council of the Assemblies of God in relation to credentials, ministries, and affiliated ministries; and

WHEREAS, A periodic review of sectional and regional boundaries is necessary for

continued balanced representation within the Network, which can be impacted by new church plants and growing communities and

WHEREAS, Many ministry roles and responsibilities now fall under the direction of the Network Policy and Employee manual, which necessitates several minor Bylaw revisions; and

WHEREAS, The district council is regularly in session only once per year with limited time to complete all Network business that already requires the vote of the full Network Council, including officer elections, resolutions, and constitutional revisions; and

WHEREAS, The Network Council, in passing this resolution, is not forfeiting its right to amend any Network Bylaw at any duly called meeting of the Network; therefore

RESOLVED, That the current Network Bylaw, Article 14, Amendments, which reads:

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made by a majority vote at any of the regular or called District Council meetings. All members registered and voting in any meeting the District Council shall constitute a quorum.

Be amended to read:

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made by a majority vote at any of the regular or duly called District Council meetings. All members registered and voting in any meeting of the District Council shall constitute a quorum. *When the District Council is not in session, the Network Board shall be empowered, as elected representatives of the District Council, to amend the Network Bylaws, as necessary, by majority vote at any regular or duly called official Board meeting.*

Sponsored by: TNAGMN Presbytery

RESOLUTION #2: Lawsuits & Complaints Between Ministers, Churches, and The TNAGMN Office & Officials

Chairman, Terry Bailey, called for the Resolutions Committee to present Resolution 2. The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 2.

A motion and second prevailed to adopt Resolution 2.

The revised Memorandum of Understanding for Resolution 2 was presented before the Council for a better understanding of the repercussions that this resolution could have.

Motion to amend line 36 after “reason.” To read “without the two-thirds of a vote of the Network Council in regular session or at a special call-in session.”

Motion to amend the amendment including the following after “session” on line 36 to read “upon inclusion of sufficient evidence of the case being presented.”

A motion to table Resolution 2 until a clearer form of the full Resolution is presented to the Council. The motion failed.

Chairman Terry Bailey, called for a **Recess**. The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m.

The business session was called to order by Chairman Terry Bailey at 1:05 p.m.

A motion prevailed to refer Resolution 2 to Committee; the motion reads “Motion to refer to Committee Resolution 2 to an equal Committee made up of an equal number of sponsors of the Resolution and those selected by the Executive Presbytery; also would ask that legal council agreed upon by the selected Committee; to be paid for by the District; to review a new Resolution from the Committee; and it would be presented at the next District Council in 2024.”

Moved to limit debate to two minutes per speaker. The motion carried.

Total votes cast: 254

Needed to Adopt: 128

Yes: 143

No: 111

The question was called, and Resolution 2 referred to Committee.

Following is Resolution 2 as presented:

**Lawsuits & Complaints Between Ministers, Churches,
and The TNAGMN Office & Officials.**

WHEREAS, Our conviction as a fellowship is to be a relational network, supporting and defending our fellow ministers in all appropriate matters; and

WHEREAS, Our first doctrinal statement acknowledges that The Scriptures are inspired, and The Bible is the authoritative rule of faith and practice; and

WHEREAS, Jesus specifically commanded that we seek to settle disputes between brothers sisters (Luke 12:57-59, Matthew 18:15-20); and

WHEREAS, The Bible explicitly condemns suing a fellow Christian (1 Cor. 6:1-8); and The General Council Bylaws make no provision for suing or filing

complaints against another minister or church or district/network; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 9. Arbitration Guidelines, which currently reads:

Ministers of the TNAGMN agree to settle all matters against another minister, a local church, the TNAGMN, or the General Council of the Assemblies of God in accordance with the following scriptures: 1 Corinthians 6:1-8, Matthew 18:15-17, Colossians 3:12-14, and Romans 12:10, except for claims involving physical injury to your person or property damage.

Be amended to read:

Article VI, Section 9. Arbitration Guidelines:

Ministers of the TNAGMN, Officers and Officials of the TNAGMN, and/or any other entity acting on their behalf, agree to settle all matters against another minister, a local church, the TNAGMN, or the General Council of the Assemblies of God in accordance with the following scriptures: Luke 12:57-59, 1 Corinthians 6:1-8, Matthew 18:15-17, Colossians 3:12-14, and Romans 12:10. Further, we explicitly choose not to seek legal action against one another in an attempt to seize property or finances, or for any reason. Rather, we will first choose to absorb the offense as the scripture demands, seeking to maintain some semblance of relationship as ministers under the Lordship of Christ.

Should the ministers in conflict desire further action toward a resolution, a system of binding arbitration may be employed, guided by a panel of three ordained AG ministers serving as neutral parties, and acting as arbitrators. Those ministers serving as arbitrators shall be agreed upon by all parties involved in the arbitration.

Sponsored by: Terry Allen, Mike Burnette, Mike Campbell, Randy Carter, Nathan Garmany, Bryce Harper, Beau Jensen, J.T. Jordan, Craig McGee, David Morgan, Steven Morgan, Randy Pearson, Troy Powell, Ian Shaw, Timothy VanDouser, and J.P. Vick.

Election of West Tennessee Executive Presbyter

Chairman Terry Bailey read the qualifications for Executive Presbyters from the Bylaws, Article III, Section 3, Subsection C. Additionally, he also quoted Article III, Section 5, TNAGMN Executive Presbyters.

The following report on the nominating ballot was presented:

Randy Blankenship	Tom Lindbeg	Greg Temke
Bob Brooks	James Lopez	Timothy VanDouse
Chris Foster	Garry Martin	J.P. Vick
Ed Hawkins	Jason McDaniel	Rick Waycaster
Tommy Hall	Craig McGee	Bobby Willeby
Cecil Henry	David Reinhard	Jacob Winegardner
Mark Kirkpatrick	Ronnie Sanders	

The following people requested for their names to be removed: Tom Lindberg, Greg Temke, Rick Waycaster, Tommy Hall, David Reinhard, J.P. Vick, Mark Kirkpatrick, Bob Brooks, James Lopez.

The following names were presented for the first electoral ballot for West Tennessee Executive Presbyter:

Randy Blankenship	Garry Martin	Timothy VanDouser
Chris Foster	Jason McDaniel	Bobby Willeby
Ed Hawkins	Craig McGee	Jacob Winegardner
Cecil Henry	Ronnie Sanders	

With no election declared on the first electoral ballot, a second electoral ballot was cast.

With no election declared on the first two electoral ballots, a third electoral ballot was cast.

The following report on the electoral ballot was presented:

Total votes cast: 249

Needed to Elect: 166

Ed Hawkins	177
Chris Foster	28
Craig McGee	19
Timothy VanDouser	16
Randy Blankenship	4
Ronnie Sanders	4
Garry Martin	1

Chairman Terry Bailey noted Ed Hawkins had received more than a two-thirds vote required for an election and declared Ed Hawkins reelected to the position of General Presbyter for a two-year term.

Ed Hawkins thanked the Council.

Election of Middle Tennessee Executive Presbyter

The following report on the nominating ballot was presented:

Todd Alexander	Victor Gomez	David Morgan
Jeremy Austill	Buddy Hagerman	Bobby Morgan
Oscar Barajas	Bryce Harper	Rick Morris
Michael Burnette	Todd Hukill	Nathan Newell
David Crawford	Rob Keich	Steven Pickard
Tim Davis	Nathan Kollar	Kimberly Trimble
Scott Dobbins	Kenny McNatt	Jason Yarbrough
Ricardo Dominguez	Chris Moore	

The following people requested for their names to be removed: Jeremy Austill, Victor Gomez, Bob Keich, Ricky Morris, Todd Alexander, Buddy Hagerman, Steven Pickard, David Crawford, Todd Hukill, Bryce Harper, Kimberly Trimble, Nathan Kollar, Bobby Morgan, and David Morgan.

The following names were presented for the first electoral ballot for Middle Tennessee Executive Presbyter:

Oscar Barajas	Scott Dobbins	Nathan Newell
Michael Burnette	Ricardo Dominguez	Jason Yarbrough
Tim Davis	Kenny McNatt	

With no election declared on the first electoral ballot, a second electoral ballot was cast.

Motion to change voting time to 30 seconds instead of a minute.

The motion carried.

Chairman Terry Bailey noted that on the third electoral ballot, only the top three nominees will remain on the ballot, Jason Yarbrough, Scott Dobbins, and Michael Burnette.

Motion to remove Michael Burnette from the ballot.

The motion failed.

With no election declared on the first five electoral ballots, a sixth electoral ballot was cast.

With no election declared on the first seven electoral ballots, an eighth electoral ballot was cast.

Motion to suspend the rule that the third candidate can't be removed from the active voting.

The motion carried.

Chairman Terry Bailey noted that on the eighth electoral ballot, only the top two nominees will remain on the ballot, Scott Dobbins, and Jason Yarbrough.

The following report on the electoral ballot was presented:

Total votes cast: 244

Needed to Elect: 163

Jason Yarbrough	214
Scott Dobbins	30

Chairman Terry Bailey noted Jason Yarbrough had received more than a two-thirds vote required for an election and declared Jason Yarbrough elected to the position of Middle Tennessee Executive Presbyter for a two-year term.

Jason Yarbrough thanked the Council.

Election of East Tennessee Executive Presbyter

The following report on the nominating ballot was presented:

Bob Brown	Ed Griffith	James Spicer
Barry Culberson	Stephen Kimery	Mark Steinbach
Bill Enfinger	John Lawson	Andrew Templeton
Terry Evans	Drew Moorehead	Tony Thompson
Jon Fontanez	James Seiler	Mike Vandergriff
Nathan Garmany	Ian Shaw	

The following people requested for their names to be removed: Michael Vandergriff, John Lawson, Nathan Garmany, Ed Griffith, Ian Shaw, and Mark Steinbach.

The following names were presented for the first electoral ballot for East Tennessee Executive Presbyter:

Bob Brown	Jon Fontanez	James Spicer
Barry Culberson	Stephen Kimery	Andrew Templeton
Bill Enfinger	Drew Moorehead	Tony Thompson
Terry Evans	James Seiler	

With no election declared on the first electoral ballot, a second electoral ballot was cast.

Chairman Terry Bailey noted that on the third electoral ballot, only the top three nominees will remain on the ballot, Andrew Templeton, Drew Moorehead, and Tony Thompson.

With no election declared on the first ten electoral ballots, an eleventh electoral ballot was cast.

The following report on the electoral ballot was presented:

Total votes cast: 242

Needed to Elect: 162

Andrew Templeton	163
Drew Moorehead	66
Tony Thompson	13

Chairman Terry Bailey noted Andrew Templeton had received more than a two-thirds vote required for an election and declared Andrew Templeton reelected to the position of East Tennessee Executive Presbyter for a two-year term.

Andrew Templeton thanked the Council.

Nomination of Non-Resident Executive Presbyter

Chairman Terry Bailey read the qualifications for Non-Resident Executive Presbyter from the Bylaws, Article III, Nominations and Elections, Section 7, Non-Resident Executive Presbyter Nominee

District Superintendent Terry Bailey and Jeremy Austill Pastor of Cornerstone Church Nashville were elected as nominees for Non-Resident Executive Presbyter for the Gulf Region.

Election of Non-Resident Executive Presbyter Ordained Minister

The following report on the nominating ballot was presented:

Debra Baldwin	Caitlyn Harper	Christa Songer
Harley Bernhardt	Sheila Harper	Deborah Stricklin
Katie Carter	Terri Harris	Martha Tennison
Jacquie Cartledge	Teresa Hawkins	Kimberly Trimble
Lindsey Clayton	Emily Houser	Tammy Waycaster
Brittney Curtis	Lindsey Isaac	Susan Yarbrough
Sandra DaCunda	Mary King	Melanie Lutes
Jacqueline Drane	Claudia Magana	Kimberly Robertson
Jennifer Galindo	Brooke Martin	Cande Kidd
Elizabeth Gomez	Jill Moltumyr	

The following people requested for their names to be removed: Cande Kidd, Melanie Lutes, and Kimberly Robertson.

The following names were presented for the first electoral ballot for Non-Resident EP Ordained Female:

Debra Baldwin
Harley Bernhardt
Katie Carter
Jacquie Cartledge
Lindsey Clayton
Brittney Curtis
Sandra DaCunda
Jacqueline Drane

Jennifer Galindo
Elizabeth Gomez
Caitlyn Harper
Sheila Harper
Terri Harris
Teresa Hawkins
Emily Houser
Lindsey Isaac
Mary King

Claudia Magana
Brooke Martin
Jill Moltumyr
Christa Songer
Deborah Stricklin
Martha Tennison
Kimberly Trimble
Tammy Waycaster
Susan Yarbrough

With no election declared on the first electoral ballot, a second electoral ballot was cast.

Chairman Terry Bailey noted that on the third electoral ballot, only the top three nominees will remain on the ballot, Sheila Harper, Brook Martin, and Kimberly Trimble.

With no election declared on the first two electoral ballots, a third electoral ballot was cast.

The following report on the electoral ballot was presented:

Total votes cast: 226
Needed to Elect: 151

Sheila Harper	163
Brooke Martin	35
Kimberly Trimble	29

Chairman Terry Bailey noted Sheila Harper had received more than a two-thirds vote required for an election and declared Sheila Harper elected as nominee for the position of Non-Resident Executive Presbyter Ordained Female for the Gulf Region.

Sheila Harper thanked the Council.

RESOLUTION #3: Part-Time District Superintendent

Chairman, Terry Bailey, called for the Resolutions Committee to present Resolution 3.

The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 3.

A motion and second prevailed to adopt Resolution 3.

Total votes cast: 239
Needed to Elect: 120
Yes: 92
No: 147

The question was called and Resolution 3 failed.

Following is Resolution 3 as presented:

Part-Time District Superintendent

- WHEREAS, Our fellowship has a long history of pioneer leaders, entrepreneurial leaders, and leaders who manage multiple levels of influence and ministerial responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS, many Christian organizations, parachurch ministries, and denominations are led by men or women who also lead other churches or organizations (General Councils of India, Tanzania, Hispanic District Councils Puerto Rico, Texas, Louisiana, and Florida Multicultural District, The Association of Related Churches and others); and
- WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws make provision for flexibility of the Full-time/Part-time status of the District Superintendent in Article V, Section 3. Officers: which reads, “A district superintendent or any other elected officer may serve other than full time at the discretion of the district council...”; and
- WHEREAS, All other elected officers of the TNAGMN may serve in a part-time capacity, leading other ministries, churches, organizations; and
- WHEREAS, Advances in necessary technologies and the delegation of responsibilities among other elected leaders throughout the TNAGMN will allow for greater ministry empowerment, buy-in from other leaders, and responsibilities of leadership shared among our network leaders; and
- WHEREAS, The TNAGMN only recently added the specific rule that the district Superintendent must be a full-time position, previously allowing for the district superintendent to also pastor a local church or serve in leadership in other capacities; and
- WHEREAS, The rule of a full-time district superintendent will limit or eliminate qualified candidates who are willing to serve in this district role, but also do not feel a release from their role as lead pastor or leader of another entity, even if their leadership abilities and qualifications meet the standards of leadership for the role of district superintendent; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Article IV, Section 1. Letter i, which reads: “The Office of the District Superintendent shall be a full-time position” be amended to reflect the heart of the General Council and read, Article IV,]
Section 1. Letter i: “The Office of the District Superintendent may serve other than full-time, as requested by the elected superintendent at the time of his or her election.”

Sponsored by: Mike Burnette, Mike Campbell, Randy Carter, Nathan Garmany, Bryce Harper, Beau Jensen, David Morgan, Steven Morgan, Randy Pearson, Troy Powell, Ian Shaw, Timothy Vandouser, and JP Vick.

RESOLUTION #4: Term Limits for Elected Officials

Chairman, Terry Bailey, called for the Resolutions Committee to present Resolution 4. The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 4.

A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 4.

Total votes cast: 243
Needed to Elect: 122

Yes: 114
No: 129

The question was called and Resolution 4 failed.

Following is Resolution 4 as presented:

Term Limits for Elected Officials

WHEREAS, The TNAGMN is blessed with many gifted leaders, young leaders, and men and women who are qualified as up-and-coming leaders who are willing to serve our great fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Leading at the district level is a privilege of service and not a destination of power of control; and

WHEREAS, Many elected organizations have employed the wisdom of term limits which seeks to empower the next generation of leaders to rise up for each generation of needs and challenges (examples: the U.S. Government and other Assemblies of God districts are beginning to see the wisdom of term limits and succession planning); and

WHEREAS, A season of leadership at the district level is a blessing and an honor, and so is developing leaders and raising up the next generation; and

WHEREAS, Our fellowship is seeing a need to look to younger leaders, realizing that our fellowship is aging faster than the culture around us; and

WHEREAS, We have an opportunity to be proactive in establishing healthy succession planning and developing young men and women to lead our future forward; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Article III, Section 3. Executive Officers, C. Terms of Office, which reads:

1. The term of office of the District Superintendent shall be four (4) years beginning thirty days after election.
2. The term of office of the Executive Secretary shall be four (4) years beginning thirty days after election.
3. The term of office of the District Assistant Superintendent shall be for two (2) years beginning thirty days after election.
4. The term of office of the General Presbyter and Executive Presbyters shall be two (2) years beginning thirty days after election.
5. No minister shall hold more than one (1) Executive position during the same term of office.

Be amended to read:

Article III, section 3. Executive Officers, C. Terms of Office:

1. The term of office of the District Superintendent shall be four (4) years beginning thirty days after election. The District Superintendent may serve no more than four (4) consecutive terms.
2. The term of office of the Executive Secretary shall be four (4) years beginning thirty (30) days after election. The Executive secretary may serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms.
3. The term of office of the District Assistant Superintendent shall be for two (2) years, beginning thirty (30) days after election. The District Assistant Superintendent may serve no more than four (4) consecutive terms.
4. The term of office of the General Presbyter and Executive Presbyters shall be two (2) years beginning thirty (30) days after election. The General Presbyter and Executive Presbyters may serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms.
5. No minister shall hold more than one (1) Executive position during the same term of office.

6. Any executive officer who has completed all available terms in one executive office may be elected to another executive office.

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RESOLUTION #1: TNAGMN Bylaw Amendment Resolution

Chairman, Terry Bailey, called for the Resolutions Committee to represent Resolution 1. The Resolutions Committee presented Resolution 1.

A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 4.

Total votes cast: 233

Needed to adopt: 117

Yes: 19

No: 214

The question was called and Resolution 1 failed.

Courtesy Resolution 1. Special Greetings

Chairman, Terry Bailey called for the Resolutions Committee to present Curtesy Resolution 1.

The Resolutions Committee presented Curtesy Resolution 1.

A motion prevailed to adopt Curtesy Resolution 1.

A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 1 as follows:

WHEREAS, There are numerous ministers of The Tennessee Ministry Network who, due to their calling and commitment, have not been able to attend the Ninety-Eight Annual Tennessee Ministry Network Council; and

WHEREAS, Without these dedicated servants of Christ, the church could not fulfill the commission issued by our Lord to *“go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature;”* and

WHEREAS, These ministers are an integral part of our church family but unable to attend our Network Council due to ministry commitments; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Tennessee Ministry Network Council, in session, offers special prayer for all our World and US Missionaries who are unable to attend in-person and, be it further

RESOLVED, That special greetings be sent to all our Missionaries, assuring them of our prayers, love and support.

Courtesy Resolution 2. Special Thanks

Chairman, Terry Bailey called for the Resolutions Committee to present Curtesy Resolution 2.

The Resolutions Committee presented Curtesy Resolution 2.

A motion and second prevailed to adopt Curtesy Resolution 2.

A motion prevailed to adopt Resolution 2 as follows:

WHEREAS, The Ninety-Eight Tennessee Ministry Network Council of the Assemblies of God has been afforded great kindness and hospitality by the pastoral staff and congregation of Cornerstone Church Madison; and

WHEREAS, The faithful labors and outstanding gifts of many people contributed to the success of this Network Council and the well-being of our people; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That great appreciation be expressed to the Tennessee Ministry Network Superintendent, Executive Officers, and to all Network Personnel for efficiency in the planning, support, and coordination of the numerous details essential to all services rendered; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this expression of appreciation be extended to our Assistant Superintendent Rick Dubose, Bishop Tim Hill, Rev. Ryan Darrow And Rev. Terry Bailey, our Network Superintendent; for their anointed and inspirational ministry and to all who ministered unto the Lord and edified His church with inspirational worship and anointed music for a powerful and Spirit-led Council; and, be it further

RESOLVED, On this historic occasion of our 98th Network Council, we rededicate ourselves to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ!

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 16

The Tuesday evening service was led in worship by Chi Alpha Ministries.

Assemblies of God Assistant Superintendent Rick DuBose shared a sermon on the importance of the next generation.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 17

The last day of Network Council 2023 started with the Influence Conference. Worship was led by Chi Alpha Ministries, and it ended with a Mental Health discussion panel, which was hosted by East Tennessee Executive Presbyter Andrew Templeton, with guests such as Pastor and Counselor Ryan Darrow, Pastor and nutritionist Amy Tatham, Dr. Jason Yarbrough, Assistant Superintendent Randel McCarty, and District Superintendent Terry Bailey.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 17; ORDINATION SERVICE

The evening service began with the procession of the Network Presbytery and the Class of 2023 Ministerial Candidates. General Executive Presbyter Todd Alexander greeted the congregation and led in prayer and scripture.

Todd Alexander, General Executive Presbyter presented the Ministerial Class of 2023. Candidates for certified and Licensed Ministers were asked to stand. They were:

Certified Level Candidates

Rev. Erik Cabrera
Rev. Robert Frazier
Rev. Marlena Hollis
Rev. Justin McGregor

Rev. Niiang Sum Cing
Rev. Taylor Wiley
Rev. Adrianna Wiley
Rev. Justin Osborne

Rev. Jordan Hudson
Rev. Amber Hudson

License Level Candidates

Rev. Caleb Trinidad
Rev. Christopher Roy
Rev. Bryant McNatt
Rev. Daniel Anderson
Rev. Brenda Murr
Rev. Michael Craig

Rev. Natalie Reed
Rev. Halie Alexander
Rev. Jessica Wunder
Rev. William Pierson Jr.
Rev. Kristoffer Gonzales
Rev. Carolyn Graham

Rev. Matthew Rogers
Rev. Zachary Parsons
Rev. Donald Brown
Rev. Jordan Ovenshire
Rev. Jacob Bowling

Rev. Ed Hawkins, West Tennessee Executive Presbyter led in special prayer for the certified and licensed candidates

Worship was led by Chi Alpha Ministries.

A general offering was received by Network District Youth Director Brooks Till.

Susan Bailey, the wife of Superintendent Bailey, introduced Terry Bailey as the speaker for the Ordination Service. Superintendent Bailey spoke on Sweet Hour of Prayer and preached on the importance of prayer. He encouraged the congregation and credential candidates to seek the Lord in prayer to a greater degree than ever before. He expounded upon 10 principles for prayer. Effective prayer should be specific (1 Chronicles 4:10), is the key for revival (2 Chronicles 7:14), includes intercessory prayer for others (Job 42:10), moves mountains (Matthew 17:19-21), is a house of prayer (Matthew 21:13), Jesus taught us to pray (Luke 11:1-4), is earnest prayer (Luke 22:40-44), pray in faith (James 5:13-15), prayer works (James 5:16), and pray in the Spirit (Jude 20). Praying churches become powerful churches.

Todd Alexander General Executive Presbyter presented the Ordination Candidates for 2023. They were formally introduced, with their spouse, to the Council and stood at the platform with their presbyter. The Candidates remained standing for the charge. They were:

Ordained Level Candidates

Rev. Kevin Loyd	Rev. Jennifer Pelfrey	Rev. Toby Swager
Rev. Norberto Yero	Rev. Seth Bertorelli	Rev. Gunnar Franks
Rev. Ramon France	Rev. Elivic Gomez	Rev. Travis Castle
Alfonso	Rev. Albert Moreno	Rev. Terry Dawson
Rev. Nuris Reyes Cruz	Rev. Juan Alegria	

Superintendent Terry Bailey presented the Charge to the Candidates. The Network Presbytery and their wives, along with the special invited guests, laid hands on the candidates and their spouses and presented them with a new Bible. Randel McCarty, Assistant Superintendent, led in prayer for the Ordination Candidates.

West Tennessee Executive Presbyter Ed Hawkins gave the benediction, closing the Ninety-Eighth Tennessee Network Council.

The Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Secretary
Tennessee Assemblies of God Ministry Network