# Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meetings

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# Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting January 17, 2019

The regular Church Conference of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Mr. Chad Hamm, Director of Operations, serving as Moderator. Craig Bloodworth voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the November 7, 2018 Church Conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Church Conference Report for the months of October & November 2018 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Church membership at the end of November was 30,361. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the reports were unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned months is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the months of October & November 2018. Total receipts for the month of November were \$2,119,853 which was \$146,534 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of November were \$2,503,703 which was \$208,377 less than the amount budgeted. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the reports were unanimously accepted. The Financial Report for the months of October & November was accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial report for the above mentioned months is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Hamm presented a recommendation from a Licensing & Ordaining Council which was presided over by Kevin Spivey as Coordinator and composed of Ordained Ministers, Derek Nease, Don Munton, Adam Mason, Stephen Smith and David Self. The Council was recommending that HFBC license Justin Seale to the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ. This recommendation follows examination of written and oral responses from Justin about a wide range of biblically based theological matters. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the motion was unanimously accepted. A copy of the Letter of Recommendation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned. Mr. Hamm closed the meeting with prayer.

Mary Lyn Laugfard

Church Clerk

# Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting February 6, 2019

The regular Church Conference of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Jerry Ivie voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the January 17, 2019 Church Conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Church Conference Report for the month of December 2018 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Church membership at the end of December was 30,401. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of December 2018. Total receipts for the month of December were \$5,642,690 which was \$466,440 more than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of December were \$2,303,644 which was \$531,406 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee to approve Malcolm Morris to serve as a Trustee of Houston's First Baptist Church. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee that HFBC adjust the timing of committee service to align with our fiscal year. New committee members will now join their respective committees on the first day of the fiscal year, which is currently July 1. The date would move from the current date of April 1. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

The Moderator also presented from the Selection Committee a list of twenty-seven names of HFBC church members recommended to serve on various committees. Dr. Self stated this was a partial list and there would be other recommendations at a later business meeting. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved. The new committee members will begin their service on July 1, 2019. A copy of the list of names presented is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned. Mark Miranda closed the meeting with prayer.

Mary Lyn Langford

Church Clerk

#### Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting March 6. 2019

The regular Church Conference of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Lonnie Hamilton voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the February 6, 2019 Church Conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Church Conference Report for the month of January 2019 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Church membership at the end of January was 30,429. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of January 2019. Total receipts for the month of January were \$2,089,447 which was \$176,940 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of January were \$2,621,205 which was \$54,102 more than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee to add the following people to serve on various committees: **Selection Committee** – Bruce Wilkin; **Safety/Security Committee** – Mark Palmer; **Benevolence Committee** – Dan Sullivan. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned.

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# Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting April 3, 2019

The regular Church Conference of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Craig Bloodworth voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the March 6, 2019 Church Conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Church Conference Report for the month of February 2019 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Church membership at the end of February was 30,508. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of February 2019. Total receipts for the month of February were \$2,129,160 which was \$137,227 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of February were \$2,379,138 which was \$206,815 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented recommendations from four separate Ordaining Councils to ordain the following men to the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ:

Omar Calderon

Justin Seale

Richard Ponce

Torrance Wilson

The recommendation follows examination of written and oral responses from each of the four candidates about a wide range of biblically based theological matters. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the recommendations were unanimously approved. A copy of the letter of recommendation from each Ordaining Council is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented a recommendation that Jennifer Hamm be approved to serve as a Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham, AL on June 11-12, 2019 and to authorize Pastor Gregg Matte to appoint up to ten messengers to represent HFBC at the Convention. Upon motion duly made and seconded the recommendation was unanimously approved.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee to add the following people to serve on various committees: **Mission Council** – J.Y. Chen; **Fitness & Recreation Committee** – Mrs. Jackie Livingston; and **Benevolence Committee** – Samco Wong (Deacon). The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Lyn Langford

# **Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting** May 1, 2019

The regular Church Conference of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Craig Bloodworth voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the April 3, 2019 Church Conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Church Conference Report for the month of March 2019 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Church membership at the end of March was 30,527. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of March 2019. Total receipts for the month of March were \$2,391,306 which was \$438,865 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of March were \$2,281,010 which was \$169,461 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the New Deacon Committee that James Goode, previously ordained, be added to the deacon body and that John Evans be approved to be ordained at the next Deacon Ordination Service. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned.

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# Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting June 5, 2019

The regular Church Conference of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Craig Bloodworth voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the May 1, 2019 Church Conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Church Conference Report for the month of April 2019 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Church membership at the end of April was 30,597. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of April 2019. Total receipts for the month of April were \$2,519,552 which was \$253,166 more than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of April were \$3,014,035 which was \$132,509 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee to authorize David Self and Chad Hamm to execute an electricity contract for all Church owned properties beginning in June 2021, for a period up to sixty months, at a rate equal to or below 3.9 cents per kWh. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee for approval of the proposed 2019-2020 Operating Budget. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The motion was unanimously approved. A copy of the Operating Budget comparing the previous year's budget showing increase/decrease for various line items is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self stated that in the April Church Conference Pastor Gregg Matte was authorized to name HFBC members to serve as Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention to be held on June 11-12 in Birmingham, AL. The following members have been named to serve as Messengers: Dau Ayub, Chad & Jennifer Hamm, Tim Timpani and Gregg & Kelly Matte.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from a Licensing Committee, chaired by Malcolm Marshall and composed of ordained ministers Lee Hsia, Eric Reed, Don Munton and Doug Bischoff to license Clark Reynolds to the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ. The recommendation follows examination of written and oral responses from Clark about a wide range of biblically based theological matters. Upon motion duly made and seconded the recommendation was unanimously approved. A copy of the letter of recommendation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

### Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting August 7, 2019

The regular Church Conference of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Craig Bloodworth voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the June 5, 2019 Church Conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Church Conference Report for the month of May 2019 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Church membership at the end of May was 30,617. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the months of May & June 2019. Total receipts for the month of June were \$2,429,516 which was \$400,655 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of June were \$3,630,029 which was \$1,123,185 more than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned months is attached and made a part of these minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Lyn Langford Pred

# Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting September 4, 2019

The regular Church Conference of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Chad Hamm, Director of Operations, serving as Moderator. Craig Bloodworth voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the August 7, 2019 Church Conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Church Conference Report for the months of June & July 2019 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Church membership at the end of July was 30,704. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the reports were unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned months is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of July 2019. Total receipts for the month of July were \$2,285,866 which was \$54,504 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of July were \$1,848,698 which was \$589,787 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Hamm presented a recommendation from a Licensing Council that HFBC license David Rials to the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ. This council was composed of ordained Ministers, Torrance Wilson & David Self and ordained Deacon, Craig Bloodworth, with Gabriel Ianculovici serving as Coordinator. This recommendation follows examination of written and oral responses from David about a wide range of biblically based theological matters. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the recommendation was unanimously approved. A Copy of the letter of recommendation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee to make a financial payment to FBA of \$187,500 towards the cost of FBA replacing under warranty the artificial turf at Warrior Field. These funds would come from the Stansbury project fund. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Hamm presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve a \$350,000 project budget for the Loop Worship Center soundboard replacement. Permission is granted to execute a contract with LD Systems at a not to exceed price of \$322,000. These funds would come from the Stansbury project fund. The signature of two Trustees will be required to execute the contract. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

The Moderator presented a recommendation to enter into a contract with Howard Hughes Corporation at a not to exceed amount of \$275,000 to reimburse Howard Hughes Corporation for costs incurred with installing sidewalk and landscaping on the church property along Summit Point Crossing. These funds would come from the Stansbury project fund. The signature of two Trustees will be required to execute this contract. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the recommendation was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned.

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### Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting October 2, 2019

The regular Church Conference of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Craig Bloodworth voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the September 4, 2019 Church Conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Church Conference Report for the month of August and a revised copy of the report for July 2019 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Church membership at the end of August was 30,769. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the reports were unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned months is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of August 2019. Total receipts for the month of August were \$2,138,789 which was \$258,461 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of August were \$2,662,996 which was \$208,776 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee that Cody Nicholson be approved to serve the last year of Frank Blackwood's unexpired term on the **Mission Council**. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee that Cindy Haskett be elected to serve as **Church Clerk** replacing Mary Lyn Langford. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Lyn Langford

Church Clerk

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the New Deacon Committee that Cory Mizell be ordained. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee that Josh Pratt be approved to serve as a FBA Trustee. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was approved.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Deacon Administrative Committee that the Church adopt the Nashville Statement, a coalition for Biblical sexuality. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved. A copy of the Nashville Statement is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned. Dr. Self voiced the closing prayer.

Mary Lyn Langford

### Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting November 6, 2019

The regular Church Conference of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Craig Bloodworth voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the October 2, 2019 Church Conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Church Conference Report for the month of September was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Church membership at the end of September was 30,902. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the reports were unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of September 2019. Total receipts for the month of September were \$2,113,087 which was \$581,821 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of September were \$2,586,574 which was \$152,518 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a motion from the Deacon Administrative Committee to accept Brookstone as the general contractor for the Loop Refresh projects. The only financial commitment being made at this time to Brookstone is for pre-construction services of \$5,000. A contract with a guaranteed maximum price will be presented for approval at a future Deacon's meeting and Church Conference. The motion which carries its own second was unanimously approved.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee to enter into a contract with Merriman Holt Powell Architects for a total contract value not to exceed \$260,000. This is based on an architect fee of 7.5% of construction costs, and a preliminary estimated construction amount of \$3,450,000. Should the estimated construction amount increase due to recommendations from the respected study groups, the increase in construction costs and corresponding increase in the architect contract will be voted on at a future Deacon's meeting and Church Conference. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries its own second was unanimously approved.

Dr. Self presented a motion from the Finance Committee to approve either Joslin Construction or Vaughn Construction for the Cypress Tie-in to to Summit Point Crossing at a not to exceed contract price of \$235,000. The motion which carries its own second was unanimously approved.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee that Darlene Wilkins be approved to serve the remainder of an unexpired term expiring in 2021 on the Fitness & Recreation Committee. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

The Moderator entertained a resolution commending Mary Lyn Langford for 40 years as HFBC Church Clerk. The resolution passed unanimously accompanied by a standing ovation.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Lyn Langford

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