

The following are highlights from the 05/11/2026 Governing Board meeting:

- Call to order – Chuck
- Devotions – Jonathan

Members Attending:

Paul Campbell, Jonathan Carroll-Nellenback (Vice Chair), Erica Friedman Coburn, Chuck Hanrahan (Chair), Christy Leshner (Secretary), Tim Mahan, Peter Owh, Dawn Riedy (Treasurer), Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost (Sr. Minister), Deb Bullock-Smith (Church Administrator)

Absent:

Dave Allen

Guests:

None

1. Received & Approved Consent Agenda

Approval of Governing Board Minutes of Apr 13, 2026 - Confidential
Receipt of Finance Committee Minutes of Apr 27, 2026
Receipt of SPRC Minutes of Apr 7, 2026
Receipt of Property Stewardship Committee Minutes of Apr 8, 2026
Receipt of Investment Committee Minutes of Feb 12, 2026
Receipt of Outreach Committee Minutes of Mar 17, 2026
Receipt of Outreach Committee Minutes of Apr 21, 2026
Receipt of Senior Minister's Report of April 2026

2. Three Big Questions, Third Century Work – Pastor Michelle

Pastor Michelle led the May Third Century Work discussion with the Governing Board focused on facing reality clearly and faithfully, better equipped to recognize and name reality clearly, without denial or dramatization, and to hold that reality with steadiness:

- Edwin H. Friedman, A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix, Church Publishing, 1999 (Chapter 6, "The Fallacy of Expertise").
- Tod E. Bolsinger, Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory, InterVarsity Press, 2015 (Chapter 3, "Uncharted Territory," and Chapter 4, "The Transformation from Expert to Learner").

3. Progress on Neighbors Sleeping on Campus – Chuck, Pastor Michelle, all

Two meetings scheduled the week of May 11, and a new volunteer has expressed interest in getting involved to support ongoing efforts. There is not yet a clear long-term direction regarding whether individuals will remain on-site; however, the goal is to provide short-term support while helping connect individuals to more permanent housing options. The group acknowledged that this is an ongoing community issue that will require continued time and effort, with new individuals likely cycling through, and emphasized that the presence of porch sleepers is not directly tied to the church's services but reflects a broader area-wide challenge. Communication to the congregation has not yet been shared, pending the development of a formal policy by the task force, and this has been noted for follow-up.

4. Update from SPRC – Pastor Michelle

Celebrations of ministries for Kathy and Mike are scheduled for June 14 and June 28, respectively, following the services they will preach. The group discussed staff transitions, noting that Alex Hunt has started, Jo is settling in well, and Dee is looking forward to joining the team. There were no concerns raised regarding families and children participating in the mission trip, with Jo and Dee both expected to attend smoothly.

5. Sanctuary Main Speaker Replacement – Dawn & Paul

The proposed sanctuary speaker replacement spans multiple areas of church operations, including Finance, Worship, and Technology, so the ultimate decision will be owned by the Governing Board. The Tech Team will present a final recommendation within the next two weeks, focused on improving the clarity of spoken word throughout the sanctuary. The GB will receive an overview of the proposal in an interim Zoom meeting from the Tech Team and, assuming aligned to the initial financial motion proposed in the May GB meeting, will proceed with a vote. Initial motion submit to the GB in May meeting:

Proposed Motion

Recognizing the critical importance of the sound system to Asbury First's mission, the Finance Committee supports spending up to approximately \$110,000 to replace the sanctuary main speakers. To support this project:

- The Finance Committee recommends restoring the full 2025 General Budget CIF allocation (a one-time transfer of \$30,000 into Property Fund 7A), pending Governing Board approval
- Unless designated donations can be identified to cover some or all of the cost, the PSC will then need to use their allocated Property Fund 7A funds to purchase and install the new sanctuary main speakers
- If the PSC needs to cover most or all of the cost of this project, the Finance Committee commits to partnering with the PSC to address any unforeseen critical 2026 expenditures that may arise in excess of the PSC's remaining budgeted available funds

6. New Business – All

None.

Adjourned at 6:53 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Leshner

Next GB Meeting (5:30 PM, Red Room)	June 8, 2026
Next Town Hall (after 11 AM service, Sanctuary)	Fall TBD (cancelling May instance since we had an ad hoc April Town Hall)