

Central Baptist Church

Special Congregational Meeting re

Vote on Motion to Dismiss Robert Nolan as Pastor of Central Baptist Church

January 4, 2026

Moderator David Dolce opened the meeting at 10:29 a.m. He reviewed the meeting's purpose and format:

As per the Church Constitution, the meeting must be attended by at least a quorum (20 voting members either present or by proxy). A dismissal requires a vote by written ballot of at least two-thirds of the members and/or associates present. 13 congregants submitted proxy votes.

Dave explained the understanding of what constitutes a member vs associate member. Members have either been baptized at CBC or had their membership transferred from another church. Associate members are those who have committed financially or through time and effort in support of our congregation and are called to and support the mission of Central Baptist Church.

He specified that discussion would be limited to 5 minutes.

The ensuing discussion included acknowledgment that it was a sad day; gratitude for work of the Executive Board; dismay at reports of disturbing interactions with Pastor Bob; and relief that the issue of plagiarism turned a gray area to a black and white one.

Paper ballots were distributed with the motion:

To dismiss Robert Nolan as pastor of Central Baptist Church, in accordance with the church constitution, effective immediately.

While votes were being counted, Trustees President Trey Posey uplifted the work of the church's volunteer committees, highlighted the need for additional volunteers in the children's program, and touched on the church's ongoing building projects.

In response to a question about the organ's status, Walter Sage explained that its problems are due to age and lack of regular (every 5-10 years) cleaning. A full cleaning, which would involve removing the pipes to be soaked off-site, would cost \$7000; a first step would be to just clean the inside of the organ, at a cost of \$2000. Congregants suggested having a fundraiser for the organ, with ideas including a coffee house or a competition between the 3 church choirs. Discussion ended when the final vote count results became available.

Final vote count: 51 yes votes; one nay. Rob Taylor motioned to accept the vote; Matt Bolles seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Kaiser