

Central Baptist Church

Congregational Meeting re DBA Name Change Vote

September 20, 2026

Moderator Deb Nordstrom opened the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

David Dolce read a statement from absentee Jill Dolce that concluded with the following motion: I move that we not change the church's DBA name at this time, and that the question be brought back to the congregation for reconsideration in one year.

David read the rationale – that this would allow us to see what the effect the current changes may have in increasing membership without changing the name.

He seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued about the procedural process since the question on the table was, as stated in the agenda, "Shall a 'doing business as' name be selected for Central Baptist Church?" David agreed with the suggestion that Jill's motion be offered as an amendment to the question.

After additional discussion on the merits of the amendment and the question of whether a name change is warranted, Jane Gilgun called the question. Those present voted on the Dolce amendment by paper ballot. Individuals assigned as proxies for absentee members/associates cast votes in their name. The amendment failed by a vote (simple majority) of 27 no, 13 yes.

Moderator Nordstrom called for a paper ballot vote on the question "Shall a 'doing business as' name be selected for Central Baptist Church?" 48 votes were cast by individuals present and proxies; 33 yes; 15 no. The "yes" vote constituted a 2/3 majority.

The Name Change Task Force report provided five potential names proposed by members/associates and recommended that two votes be taken: the first, to choose (two) from the five names; the second, to choose one of the top two vote-getters. The five proposed names follow:

Central Community Church

Church at Four Corners

Four Corners Church

Historic Church of Jamestown

Jamestown Community Church

Discussion ensued with members/associates explaining why they favored—or didn't favor--a particular name. A sixth name, Grace Church, was suggested. After votes by those present and proxies were tallied, the two top vote-getters were Central Community Church and Church at Four Corners.

Tammy Fasano offered a motion to table the vote on the two vote-getters until the October 4 Congregational Meeting re the Fire Alarm System to allow time for members/associates to consider more fully the top choices. Don Haskell seconded the motion. By a show of hands, members/associates approved the motion: 24 in favor; 4 opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:23.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Kaiser