

# The Synod of Eastern Australia

PRO RE NATA SYNOD, 14TH OCTOBER, 2025  
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## Minutes of *Pro re nata* Synod 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

### 25.2.1 Constitute

By video link, on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7:35pm (ADST), the Synod of Eastern Australia met for a *pro re nata* meeting at the call of the Moderator, Rev. Jim Klazinga.

The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and a reading from Isaiah 44:1-8.

### 25.2.2 Rolls of Presbyteries

The Certified Rolls of Presbyteries were received. Apologies for non-attendance were received from those marked ~ below.

#### Northern Presbytery

Brisbane	JD Klazinga	S Carswell
Northern Rivers	DJ Kerridge	J Greensill~
Hastings	J Forbes	G Hamilton

#### Central Presbytery

Manning	[vacant]	TI Leggott (Commission received)
Hunter	[vacant]	I Miller (Commission received)
St George's	R Tso	A Steel (Commission received)
Sydney West	DK Muldoon	D McIntosh (Commission received)

#### Southern Presbytery

Melbourne PCEA	[vacant]	Interim Moderator G Ball
Geelong	[vacant]	D Ramsay
Ulverstone	Z Dotson	M Pilgrim

Rev. David Lachman was welcomed to the meeting.

### 25.2.3 Action of the Moderator

The action of the Moderator (as advised to all delegates by email circular on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2025) in calling the meeting in answer to a request from Southern Presbytery (supported by the Training of Ministry Committee), to effect the appointment of Rev. David Lachman to be a minister of the PCEA eligible for a call, as per Handbook 4.52, was moved seconded and carried with the consent of all members.

### 25.2.4 Correspondence

The Correspondence regarding this matter was circulated by email to delegates on 13<sup>th</sup> October and is listed below:

1. Training of Ministry report to PRN (plus supporting documentation: References from Rev. Gavin Beers, Rev. R. Hall, Mr Brian Bosveld; FCC Ordination Certificate 2011; SP extracts)

It was moved, seconded and carried to receive the correspondence.

At the request of the Moderator, the Clerk of Southern Presbytery, Mr Ramsay, was asked to speak to Southern Presbytery's request.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Synod meeting move into closed court.

#### **25.2.5 Report of Training of Ministry Committee**

The Convener presented the report. It was moved seconded and carried to receive the report. Questions were put to the Convener and Rev. Lachman.

The Convener presented the Proposed Deliverance:

“That Synod grant Southern Presbytery authority to admit Rev. David Lachman, recently minister of the Hobart Congregation of the Southern Presbyterian Church, to be a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, eligible for a Call, conditional upon Mr Lachman answering the Questions and signing the Formula (Act of Synod, 1952) at a date and time to be determined by the Presbytery.”

The proposed deliverance was seconded and carried unanimously.

#### **25.2.6 Moderator's Closing Statements**

The Moderator welcomed Mr Lachman and thanked him for his willingness to join in the work of the PCEA.

The meeting moved into open court.

#### **25.2.7 Minutes read and confirmed.**

The Minutes were read. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Minutes be confirmed.

#### **25.2.8 Close**

The meeting closed with prayer, led by Mr Martin Pilgrim at 9:00pm.

DJ Kerridge  
Clerk

J D Klazinga  
Moderator