East Midland Baptist Association



2025 General Meeting Minutes

Saturday 14 June 2025 at Sutton Elms Baptist Church, Leicestershire at 2.05pm

Moderator: Revd David Harvey (DH)

Voting delegates: 47 delegates representing 47 churches

Approximately 130 present in total

The meeting was held as part of the EMBA Gathering.

1 Appointment of EMBA Directors

DH notified the meeting that six nominations had been received for the six elected vacancies on the board. It was explained that two vacancies were carried forward from previous years, two arising from resignations; two Directors having been called to new ministries outside of the EMBA, one Director re-standing for a further term and DH (Moderator of Directors) having now served the maximum nine year term of office and therefore having to step down.

DH expressed thanks on behalf of those gathered to the six nominees; one standing for a second term of office, the other five, new nominations. Thanks were also expressed to the churches who had made the nominations.

Following a ballot vote, all six nominees received the votes of more than 50% of the voting delegates present and were therefore duly appointed to serve as Directors of the Association:

Revd Elaine Blundell

Mrs Kay McManus (re-standing for a second term)

Mr David Mellen

Mr Jonathan Morley

Mrs Elizabeth Shaw

Pastor Andy Warner

Revd Dr Nick Ashton (Regional Minister) led the meeting in prayer for the newly elected EMBA Directors and for the board of Directors as a whole.

DH then formally closed the meeting.

Revd Mark Clay (EMBA Regional Team Leader), on behalf of the Association, expressed his thanks and appreciation to Mrs Ellie Cox and Revd Martin Hills, both having served as Directors for over five years, but now having been called to new ministries outside of EMBA. Mark prayed for them and their families as they move and begin the next chapter in their ministries.

Mark then expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the member churches of the Association, to Revd David Harvey who was stepping down from the role of Moderator having served in this capacity for almost ten years. A card and gift of thanks was presented to David and his wife Jean, by way of thanks for their dedication, commitment and service to the

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Association over the last decade. Mark then led the meeting in a prayer of thanks for David and Jean.

Signed Date 10/07/25