

NOMINATIONS TO THE VIRGINIA BAPTIST EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Virginia Baptist Executive Board nominates the following persons to serve on the Virginia Baptist Executive Board.

TERMS TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2028

Roberta Anderson (Minister), Bethlehem Baptist Church (Capital), second term

Roberta Anderson currently serves as Associate Minister for Bethlehem Baptist Church, Richmond, VA. She is an active Member of HerMission (formerly WMUV). Roberta is a graduate of Virginia Union University's Samuel DeWitt School of Theology, where she earned a Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Christian Education in 2010. She earned a Master of Arts Degree in Education and Human Resource Development from George Washington University and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Saint Paul's College. Roberta is currently serving on the Virginia Baptist Executive Board.



Annette Bennett (Layperson), Providence Baptist Church (Southside), first term

Annette is a career public school educator (40 years), culminating with seven years of service as the Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools, where she led a school system with approximately 400 employees and an annual budget of \$37,000,000. She is retiring from that position in June 2025. She is the daughter of the late Coan Agee, who pastored three BGAV churches over a 54-year career. In her local church she serves as a deacon, secretary of the deacons, Sunday School director and teacher, and adult choir director. She has previously served on committees for personnel, scholarships, pastor search, and building and grounds. She has also served on Appomattox Association committees.



Allen Jessee (Minister), Highlands Fellowship (Southwest Region), third term

Allen Jessee has served in ministry for over 30 years. He has lived in Southwest Virginia his entire life and graduated from Emory and Henry College with a degree in Chemistry. Allen continued his education at Liberty University, receiving his master's degree in biblical studies. He then graduated from Luther Rice Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree and returned to Liberty University for his Doctor of Ministry. Allen started Community Heights Church in Claypool Hill, VA, and pastored that congregation for 25 years. He then joined the staff of Highlands Fellowship, becoming Lead Pastor in 2012. He has since retired as their Lead Pastor but is now Pastor of Regional and Global Networks. Allen currently serves on the Virginia Baptist Executive Board and chaired the board 2024-25 year.



Diane Mosby (Minister) Anointed New Life (Capital Region), first term

Dr. Diane Mosby is the founding pastor of Anointed New Life Baptist Church, located in Henrico, VA. She is a committed servant of God who reaches beyond the walls of the church to seek those who are lost and to invite them into a relationship with Jesus. She has led the church to support a mission in the Philippines. She is a preacher, teacher, author, and past president of the AAFVA. She is an innovator who can study what is and seek creative options for what can be. She formerly worked in state government.



John Sawyer (Minister), James River Community Church (Capital Region), second term

John Sawyer responded to God's call to vocational ministry in 2006 and currently serves as pastor of James River Community Church. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Averett University and a Master's in Ministry Leadership from Portland Seminary at George Fox University. John has worked since 2009 with Dr. Peter Scazzero and Emotionally Healthy Discipleship, training and equipping pastors around the world to implement these discipleship courses across diverse denominations and cultures. In 2014, he founded Bridging RVA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting people, groups, and causes to advance the common good. John has served BGAV in various leadership roles, including two years as chair of the Committee on Christian Life. He currently serves on the Virginia Baptist Executive Board.



ELECTION OF VIRGINIA BAPTIST EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIR

John Sawyer (M), James River Community Church

John is currently serving on the Executive Board, term to expire 2025.