

New Era Missionary Baptist District Association

2026 Moderator Election Committee Report

February 3, 2026

The 2026 Moderator Election Committee held 3 meetings via Zoom. The Committee followed the Election Guidelines outlined in the New Era Missionary Baptist District Association By-Laws and Constitution, and Minutes from the 2009 Election Committee.

On October 8, 2025, a notification packet was emailed to all Pastors and churches in the New Era Missionary Baptist District Association to submit a Letter of Intent by December 31, 2025, if they wanted to be a Candidate for Moderator.

A Letter of Intent was received from the following Pastors: Rev. James Terrance Jr, Friendship Baptist Church and Rev. Sheldon Gray, Pleasant Green Baptist Church.

The churches Association registration was used to confirm the candidate's church registration was up to date for the 1st and 2nd Quarterly Meeting, and Annual Session.

The Committee decided to invite the Moderator candidate to give a 3-minute presentation on their vision for the District during the Business Period at the 2nd Quarterly Board Meeting on February 3, 2026. Information regarding the determination of voting delegates will also be presented.

The Committee will continue to meet to finalize plans for the 2026 Moderator Election, which will be on Thursday, July 23, 2026, during the Annual Session at the Second Baptist Church on 39th Street.

In May of 2026, letters will be sent to all the churches in our District advising them of their delegate count based on the number of church members they have been registering during the Board Meetings and Annual Session.

The Executive Secretary will provide the church registration information to the Election Committee. The churches will be asked to provide the names of their delegates on their Church Letterhead. The Committee will use these names to identify who should be given a ballot.

The Executive Secretary will handle any registration concerns, using the registration information over the prior year to the current Annual Session.

More information will be provided after May.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sis. Brenda Rucker, 2026 Election Committee Secretary

Sis. Jacqueline Brown, 2026 Election Committee Chairman

Rev. Gregory Nichols, Moderator

NEW ERA MISSIONARY BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION MODERATOR ELECTION GUIDELINES BASED ON THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

MODERATOR CANDIDATES:

- 1.) Moderator Candidate must submit a Letter of Intent. A sample included.
- 2.) The time frame to submit a "Letter of Intent" is from the **end of the Annual Session in July (prior to the election year) to December 31st (prior to the election year)**. An Acknowledgement of the receipt of the Letter of Intent will be sent via email from the 2026 Election Committee.
- 3.) The list of candidates will be reported at the 2nd Quarterly Assembly (in February) of the election year.
- 4.) Moderator Candidates must ensure their church registrations are paid and current:
The 1st Quarterly Assembly registration,
The 2nd Quarterly Assembly registration, and
The Annual Session registration.
- 5.) Because the Moderator's tenure ends in July, four quarterly registrations will be required in the election year:
July Annual Session,
October 1st Quarterly Assembly,
February 2nd Quarterly Assembly,
and July Annual Session.
- 6.) The elected Moderators duties include the privilege of appointing the Executive Staff as listed in ARTICLE VIII Executive Staff Section 2 Members in the **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**.

**Approved Delegate Voting Guidelines from the
2009 Election Committee
(Chaired by Rev. Jessie Frazier in 2009)**

VOTING DELEGATES

1.) The number of voting delegates allowed for each church will be based on how that church has represented in the Quarterly Assemblies and the Annual Session as follows:

2 to 50 members = 2 votes;

51 to 100 members = 3 votes;

101 to 200 members = 4 votes;

201 to 350 members = 5 votes;

351 to 500 members = 7 votes;

501 members and above = 9 votes.

The maximum number of voting delegates per church is nine (9).