

# April 2026 Board Meeting Highlights

The New Bluffton Worship Board met on April 12, 2026, to discuss important updates and plans for our church community.

## Meeting Overview

The meeting was held in person with all members attending in Unit #104 and led by Chair Jeff Jones. The board welcomed Mary Martinez to her first board meeting as Administrative Assistant.

## Key Updates and Discussions

- **Security and Safety:** A representative of the Bluffton Police Department met with the Security Team to discuss their fees and availability. The Security Team will continue to evaluate options to keep our church safe and make recommendations to the board and congregation.
- **Children's Ministry:** Hiring efforts will begin soon to find a replacement for Mary as she has stepped into the Administrative Assistant role. (Mary will continue to work with the children until a new Children's Ministry staff member is put into place.)
- **Building Renovations:** An initial renovation estimate for reworking the worship space is around \$300,000. The board is considering obtaining additional bids to ensure responsible stewardship. Unit 101 has been painted and can be used soon to allow for the worship space renovations.
- **Data Security:** Emphasis on protecting member information through review of our Breeze data base access roles and backups.
- **Event Planning:** Efforts are ongoing to capture and plan events for 2026 and prepare the 2027 master calendar.
- **Pastor's Report:** Easter services saw record attendance, and the team adapted well to last-minute changes. The board will be looking at how The Town of Bluffton's new fees for Oyster Factory Park will impact worship event budgets.
- **Financial Updates:** Petty cash procedures have been drafted and investment account signers updated.
- **Communications:** The Board is considering a move to domain based emails for staff and others.
- **Leadership Development:** A suggested framework/structure for clarifying roles and authority across leadership and ministry teams was presented and, as a test of the concept, the board will begin by trying to construct a process for the board itself.
- Q1 accomplishments were compiled and will be shared soon.
- Easter flowers were delivered to members, spreading joy and care.

For more details or questions, please contact the church office or a member of the board.