

**Subject:** Re: Requested Session Meeting  
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James Sauer  
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I'm writing two emails to you, one personal, and the other to the Clerk of Session. There's nothing in the personal one that's private, but I just want to make it clear that the one to the Clerk of Session is to the Session as a whole (as it's the session who is requesting this meeting). This also applies to the last email I wrote, which was addressed to the Clerk of Session, and I expect that the members of the session will all receive a copy.

It seems inappropriate for us to be going before session on the issue, being as it's outside their jurisdiction. I come to this conclusion, based on our understanding that the issue is a personal offense, which means that Matt 18 principles should be followed (BCO 31-5), and as of yet they have not. (See the comments in my last email regarding the personal issues between Sarah and Joan Brauning)

However, if the session is going to consider this more than a personal offense, and go so far as to pursue the issue as a general offense (BCO 29-3), then we have the right to know what charges are being considered against my wife and I before the meeting (BCO 32-2, 31-2). Also, those charges should be differentiated between my wife and I.

So, again, I'd still like to know the answers to the following questions:

What grounds does session think they have for getting involved in a situation that doesn't involve them? Who is actually precipitating this meeting, and what would be the goal of such a meeting, were it to occur?

If process has begun, I'd like to see the charges that have been made against Sarah and I before the meeting. If process hasn't begun, I don't really see any reason to meet, nor can we be compelled to do so.

And, the following is a formal request to the Clerk of Session in accordance with BCO 10-4:

Could you please send me a copy of the minutes and any other supporting documentation, including reasoning, requesting us to meet with the session on this issue?

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