

1 **OVERTURE 19** from Northwest Georgia Presbytery (to CCB, OC)
2 “Amend *BCO* 15-2 Regarding Presbytery Commission Membership and Quorum”
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4 **Whereas**, *BCO* 15 deals with Ecclesiastical Commissions in the courts of the Church; and
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6 **Whereas**, the wording in 15-2 paragraph 2, sentence 1 differs from the wording of 15-3,
7 sentence 2; and
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9 **Whereas**, the difference in wording may lead to misunderstanding about the makeup of a
10 Presbytery Commission;
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12 **Therefore, be it resolved** that in order to clarify, to insure consistency, and to avoid any
13 future confusion, *BCO* 15-2, paragraph 2, sentence 1, be amended by adding the
14 underlined text below (strike-through for deletions).
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16 15-2. Paragraph 2:

17 Every commission appointed by Presbytery shall consist of at least two
18 teaching elders and two ruling elders from its members, and the Presbytery at
19 the time of the appointment of the commission shall determine what the
20 quorum shall be., ~~and the quorum shall be one more than half its~~
21 ~~membership unless otherwise determined by the Presbytery.~~ However,
22 should a Presbytery clothe a commission with judicial powers and authority
23 to conduct judicial process, or with power to ordain or install a teaching
24 elder of the Gospel, the quorum of such commission shall not be less than
25 two teaching elders and two ruling elders. The quorum for a commission
26 appointed as an interim session need not conform to the requirements of a
27 judicial commission, but only to those of a session (*BCO* 12-1). When the
28 ordination of a minister is committed to a commission, the Presbytery itself
29 shall conduct the previous examination.
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31 All other wording of 15-2 shall remain unchanged.
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34 *Adopted by Northwest Georgia Presbytery at its stated meeting, April 5, 2022*

35 *Attested by /s/ TE David E. Gilbert, stated clerk*