

**CASE No. 2023-02**

***MRS. KAPPIE REYNOLDS***  
***v.***  
***PEE DEE PRESBYTERY***

**RULING ON COMPLAINT**

October 20, 2023

The instant Complaint is judicially out of order because it was not timely filed. The Complaint seeks to redress acts or decisions taken by a Session which received and acted upon a confession at a meeting of the court in excess of six months before the Complaint was filed, putting the Complaint far outside the sixty-day period prescribed by *BCO* 43-2.

For these reasons, the Complaint is not demonstrated to be timely, nor can it be cured to be rendered timely. Therefore, the instant Complaint is judicially out of order and should be dismissed.

This Ruling expresses no opinion (1) as to whether Mrs. Reynolds might be eligible to bring a charge as an “injured party” and prosecute her claims as a “personal offense” (*BCO* 31-5) or (2) concerning the Session’s jurisdiction to determine whether Mrs. Reynold’s claims are outside the scope of the confession it received from the censured Ruling Elder.

The Panel included TE Coffin (chair), RE Pickering and RE Eggert, with alternates RE S. Duncan and TE Greco. After reviewing the Panel’s 6/30/23 proposed Ruling, the SJC voted to approve this Ruling on the following **18-1** vote, with four absent and one recused.

Bankson	<i>Concur</i>	S. Duncan	Absent	Maynard	<i>Concur</i>
Bise	<i>Concur</i>	Eggert	<i>Concur</i>	Neikirk	<i>Concur</i>
Carrell	<i>Concur</i>	Evans	<i>Concur</i>	Pickering	<i>Concur</i>
Coffin	<i>Concur</i>	Garner	Absent	Sartorius	<i>Concur</i>
Dodson	<i>Concur</i>	Greco	<i>Concur</i>	Ross	Recused
Donahoe	<i>Dissent</i>	Kooistra	Absent	Waters	<i>Concur</i>
Dowling	<i>Concur</i>	Lee	<i>Concur</i>	White	Absent
M. Duncan	<i>Concur</i>	Lucas	<i>Concur</i>	Wilson	<i>Concur</i>

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TE Ross recused himself from Case 2023-02 reporting it was "because of personal advice given to members of these disputes and prior knowledge of issues in said Cases."