

## **Select McRaney Engagements with NAMB Trustee or Their Officers: Ezell**

- Fall 2014, Dr. Ezell starts communicating with NAMB Trustees something about having difficulties with me. It appears the trustees were given inaccurate information from Dr. Ezell, who had not had a single conversation with me directly to inquire, address or clarify any information he was gathering from his staff. Why?
- After Dr. Ezell wrote three concerns by email in mid-Nov. 2014 and then sent Letter of Cancellation Notice signed by him and NAMB VP Christopherson on Dec. 2, 2014
  - I contacted NAMB Trustee officer, known FL pastor and NAMB Trustee 2<sup>nd</sup> VC (at the time) Spike Hogan. We communicated by phone and email in both December 2014 and January 2015 to discuss the situation and Dr. Ezell's false written accusations, threats against the BCMD and cancellation of the Strategic Partnership Agreement. Nothing came from this.
    - Email 12/5/14 – express concerns, communicate Dr. Ezell's false statements, false accusations, and request to meet with he, Ezell and others.
    - Emails 12/12/14 – sent Hogan copies of emails where I requested to meet with Ezell but without Ezell accepting, communicate desire to find a path forward to advert Ezell's reckless cancellation
  - I contacted NAMB Chairman Chuck Herring by email on Dec. 30, 2014. Chuck knew me from past invitation to do ministry for him and other pastors in Mississippi back in 2002. I wrote,

“Looking forward to reconnecting and gaining your insights on how we navigate the relationship between the NAMB and our Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network. It has been apparent for some months that Kevin Ezell and Jeff Christopherson have been seeking a different type of relationship with our state Convention. I am struggling as to why they have made false claims against me that easily provable and why a NAMB VP Jeff is now sharing information with one of our DOMs that Kevin and I were sharing with each other regarding the future. This DOM made the information public recently in a meeting of the DOMs in our facilities in Columbia, which obviously leaked to our staff and pastors in the region. This is most unfortunate.”
  - The 3 officers of the BCMD and I write and sign a Letter of Response, detailing how the BCMD did not break Partnership Agreement with NAMB, on Jan. 14, 2015 that was copied to the 3 NAMB Trustee officers: Herring, Dyer, and Hogan.
- Dr. Ezell agreed to a meeting on the day the BCMD Mission Board (1) unanimously affirmed my leadership and their support, (2) unanimously rejected any SPA that would give NAMB controls of church planting at 100%. Meeting set for March 11, 2015. Ezell would ONLY communicate with BCMD President Warren, not me. With 5-6 witnesses in the room, Warren and Ezell exchanged texts. Here are statements exchanged on Feb. 6 with BCMD leaders sitting around the table as Warren and Ezell were setting up the Mar. 11, 2015 meeting of NAMB/BMCD leaders.
  - Ezell agrees to bring two trustee officers, not just one.

- Ezell says Spike Hogan would not be coming since McRaney was not going to get an advantage because of prior relationship with VP Trustee Hogan. Warren texts back having a second trustee in Hogan was his idea, not McRaneys.
- Ezell texts that he will bring Trustee Larry Robertson as second Trustee.
- March 11, 2015 Ezell violates his word and brings just 1 NAMB Trustee, and not Dr. Larry Robertson. Did Dr. Ezell found out that I served on Dr. Robertson’s Evangelism PhD dissertation committee?
  - Ezell comes with NAMB VP’s Davis and Christopherson, and Trustee Chairman Herring, without Robertson or a second Trustee.
    - VP Davis communicated false information regarding the actions of Christopherson’s sending me NAMB new policies. When I confronted him later with the facts in a several email exchange, he refused to correct himself to my senior staff and officers at BCMD or before Ezell. Actually, Davis encourage me to “move on” in so many words. So the truth was ignored and deception continued to accomplish their purposes and false storyline.
- June 8, 2015 – I was terminated by BCMD.
  - Between June 8, 2015 and August 2015
    - Ezell paid off the termination with promise of \$675,000 in additional support 2016 and \$825,000 in additional support for 2017.
    - Ezell gets the BCMD to agree to the new 2014 SPA instead of remaining with the 2012 version which did not give NAMB 100% controls of church planting.
- Several phone calls and emails to a few individual NAMB Trustees who I had prior and in one case 30 year relationship with. I also had a personal face to face conversation with a Trustee in Nov. or Dec. 2015 who still thought I was in MD/DE.
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oct. 23, 2015 – (2) emails</li> <li>○ Nov. 13, 2015</li> <li>○ Feb. 12, 2016</li> <li>○ May 31, 2016</li> <li>○ June 6, 2016</li> <li>○ June 29, 2016</li> <li>○ Sept. 14, 2016</li> <li>○ 20, 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dec. 9, 2016</li> <li>○ Dec. 10, 2016</li> <li>○ Feb. 12, 2016</li> <li>○ Feb. 20, 2016</li> <li>○ April 13, 2017</li> <li>○ April 20, 2017</li> </ul>
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- Feb. 4, 2016, I emailed and mailed a Letter of Concern to NAMB Trustee Officers, and select SBC leaders and select BCMD leaders.
  - Feb. 5, 2016 – reply from 3 NAMB Trustee Officers, denial of my claims received within 20 hours of my sending them my “Letter of Concern”, which means less

than 20 hours given to consider, investigate and then reply to serious charges against Dr. Ezell

- NAMB Attorneys send reply letter on Feb. 29, 2016 – letter contained multiple false statements as if they were accurate, complete denial of all my complaints and concerns

**I had several additional communications with NAMB Trustee officers.**

- Feb. 12, 2016 – to Spike Hogan, I wrote,  
*“Because of your position of stewardship and our prior relationship, I want to express to you that I am available to you to answer questions, provide clarification, documentation or details. I can also provide you with contact information from MD/DE pastors who have firsthand experience with these matters and are willing to share if that would be helpful to you or others at some point.” I did not receive a reply.*

- Feb. 18, 2016 – link to blog article on importance of cooperation in the SBC
- May 3, 2016 – 3 NAMB officers, providing them additional witnesses from BCMD that served to verify my statements with their names and signatures, Ezell also copied on this
- May 4, 2016 – 3 NAMB officers , Ezell also copied on this
- May 4, 2016 – reply to Spike Hogan – communicated what I have done is Biblical
- May 31, 2016 – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Dyer, link calling for independent investigation
- June 11, 2106 – all NAMB Trustees, open letter to all the Trustees, 15 Questions for NAMB Trustees to consider regarding Ezell, related Scriptures,
- August 9, 2016 – letter to Spike Hogan reviewing the situation and challenging him to examine the facts, consider his signature to denials of the facts, and desire to meet among other items

Ezell & NAMB leadership interferes with two known speaking engagements scheduled for fall 2016.

Ezell/NAMB leadership post my picture (8x10) in public view at NAMB Welcome Desk in Alpharetta main offices.

- Feb. 7, 2017 – letter from my requesting some form of mediation prior to filing a legal complaint
- NAMB Attorneys reply with denial and several inaccurate statements regarding the facts of the case
- Feb. 2017 – I secured legal counsel
  - March 8, 2017 – letter of demand from my attorney to NAMB’s attorneys in reply to letter of denials
- April 2017 – Legal complaint filed against Ezell/NAMB leadership
  - My attorney communicates we are still willing to discuss settlement for damages incurred. We wait on a reply.

