



Diocese of California Standing Committee
1500 Taylor Street
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STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2023, 9:00 AM

ZOOM

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Meeting ID: 817 1057 3530

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PRESENT: Warren Wong, president; Mauricio Wilson, vice-president; Jane Stratford, secretary; Robyn Amos; Carolyn Bolton; Todd Bryant; Gretchen Lintner; Sean McConnell.

GUESTS: Paul Fromberg & Brenda Paulin – *Joined the meeting @ 4:29 & 4:30 PM respectively; left the meeting @ 4:59 PM.*

Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Andrus, Bishop – *Joined the meeting @ 5:05 PM; left the meeting @ 6:16 PM.*

Cn. Christopher Hayes, Chancellor - *Joined the meeting @ 5:00 PM; left the meeting @ 6:16 PM.*

Rev. Br. Richard Helmer, Secretary of Convention - *Joined the meeting @ 5:03 & 5:45 PM respectively; left the meeting @ 4:59 PM.*

4:07 PM CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

Adaptation of 23rd psalm offered by Carolyn.

4:09 PM CHECK IN

Members of SC checked in.

4:17 PM CONSENT CALENDAR:

- *Minutes September 14, 2023.*

Motion to accept consent calendar as amended.

(change “Agenda” in heading to “Minutes”).

Moved/Todd Bryant; Second/Robyn Amos;

Carried/Unanimously.

4:20 PM FILE REVIEW:

Motion to approve Analise Deal for ordination to transitional diaconate.

Moved/Mauricio Wilson; Second/Robyn Amos;

Carried/Unanimously



Motion to approve Ben Dinglason for ordination to transitional diaconate.

Moved/ Robyn Amos; Second/ Mauricio Wilson;

Carried/Unanimously.

4:30 PM SEARCH AND TRANSITION PROCESS

Paul Fromberg joined the meeting @ 4:29 PM, Brenda Paulin joined the meeting @ 4:30 PM

- *Paul & Brenda officially reported to SC that there were no petition candidates.*
- *STC met last Tuesday and are working on the Meet & Greets.*
- *Discussion on release of information about nominees and when to do so – the STC communications sub-committee is working on the standardization of information to preserve equity in the process. There is a question about whether to release the original resumes or only a standardized one for nominees.*

Motion to release all information on candidates by Wednesday, 10/18, and no later than 10/27.

Moved Robyn Amos; Second/ Carolyn Bolton;

Carried/by majority.

- *STC sub-committee have complied standard questions for the meet & greets. Questions from the floor will be asked first.*

Paul Fromberg & Brenda Paulin left the meeting @ 4:59 PM

5:00 PM BISHOP'S TIME

Bp. Marc Andrus joined the meeting @ 5:05 PM; Cn Christopher Hayes joined the meeting @ 5:00 PM; Rev. Brother Richard Helmer joined the meeting @ 5:03 PM

- *Vote on candidates for ordination.*

Motion to approve Brendan Nee for candidacy.

Moved/ Mauricio Wilson; Second/ Robyn Amos;

Carried/Unanimously.

Motion to approve Cal Payne Taylor for candidacy.

Moved/ Jane Stratford; Second/ Gretchen Lintner;

Carried/Unanimously.

Motion to approve Tom Poynor for candidacy.

Moved/ Gretchen Lintner; Second/ Mauricio Wilson;

Carried/Unanimously.

Motion to approve Jeremy O'Neill for candidacy.

Moved/ Todd Bryant; Second/ Mauricio Wilson;

Carried/Unanimously.



*Motion to approve Larisa Shaterian for candidacy.
Moved/ Robyn Amos; Second/ Carolyn Bolton;
Carried/Unanimously.*

*Motion to approve Erin Wiens St John for candidacy.
Moved/ Sean McConnell; Second/ Warren Wong;
Carried/Unanimously.*

- Church of the Resurrection, Pleasant Hill - easement approval.

Motion to approve change to easement for Church of the Resurrection.

*Moved/ Gretchen Lintner; Second/ Sean McConnell;
Carried/Unanimously.*

Cn. Hayes gave approval on behalf of the Bishop of California.

- Diocesan convention agenda - Rev. Br. Richar Helmer answered questions from SC on the proposed agenda.

- Approve updated proposed Special Rules for Electing Convention.

Motion to approve updated Special Rules for Electing Convention for presentation to Diocesan Convention at the end of the month.

*Moved/ Jane Stratford; Second/ Mauricio Wilson;
Carried/Unanimously.*

- Update on Holy Innocents – *the bishop is establishing a working policy for property reverting to the diocese on the closure of a congregation. The Bishop is proposing there be a protocol for this, which SC supported. Gretchen and Sean were nominated to be on an advisory committee to implement this protocol.*
- Electing convention update – *Preparations are going well. There was a discussion on the candidates' access during the electing convention. Non-local candidates are not expected to attend the electing convention. STC will create expectations with all three candidates. The local candidate must be allowed to vote, as is his right, and will be escorted between the cathedral and Diocesan House in between votes. The non-local candidates will be asked to watch the livestream and to limit any contact to their shepherds only. SC have received all relevant canonical requirements and expectations re. the election of a bishop.*

Motion to get psychological evaluation done for all 3 nominees before electing convention.

*Moved/ Mauricio Wilson; Second/ Robyn Amos;
Carried/Unanimously.*

Brother Richard Helmer left the meeting @ 5:45 PM. Bp. Marc Andrus left the meeting @ 6:16 PM; Cn. Christopher Hayes left the meeting @ 6:16 PM.



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6:17 PM COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

- Commission on Ministry (Sean McConnell)
Discussion – could COM adjust the process to accommodate SC schedule and approve files in advance?
Ordinations are on 12/8/2023 @ Grace Cathedral at 4 PM.
- Executive Council (Carolyn Bolton) *No report*
- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees (Warren Wong)
The board met for a day retreat on 10/5. They formed a Committee on Diocesan Relations of which Warren is a co-chair.
- Committee on Governance (Gretchen Lintner)
In an email, Pam Jester, current chair of the Committee on Governance, shared: “The Committee is returning to work after a summer hiatus and hopes to have a report in the near future.
In my preliminary research, I tried to put myself in the position of someone who wants to learn more about ministry, including ordained ministry. I didn't find anything that addresses access or diversity in the diocesan canons (although I didn't read every one). Some diocesan websites are better than others at informing people of educational opportunities.”
The Governance Committee should be able to provide a more complete picture of how these issues are addressed, if at all. This may be an area in which DioCal could establish some new practices.”
- Working Group on Diocesan Institutions (Robyn Amos)
They are considering what they will be reviewing in 2024. St. Dorothy's land sale is moving forward finally.
- Nominations Committee (Jane Stratford) *No report*
- Executive Compensation Committee (Mauricio Wilson) *No report*
- Episcopal Elections (Todd Bryant)
Dioceses of Albany and S. Ohio
Motion to approve Albany.
Moved/ Sean McConnell; Second/ Mauricio Wilson;
Carried/Unanimously.
Motion to approve S. Ohio
Moved/ Mauricio Wilson; Second/ Carolyn Bolton;
Carried/Unanimously.

6:25 PM NEW BUSINESS

- *Warren Wong would like feedback on his report to convention so will send out a draft.*
- *Todd Bryant was thanked for his service on SC.*

6:30 PM OLD BUSINESS



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- Election of officers – *Mauricio suggests meeting during 10:25 AM break as slate will be approved by acclamation before first ballot.*
- November orientation meeting – *second Thursday starting at 3 PM.*
- Retreat w/ EC – *January 18th Current quote too expensive. Jane will explore a lower price.*

6:36 PM **CLOSING PRAYER** *by Gretchen - prayer from peace Elizabeth Eaton*
6:38 PM **ADJOURNMENT.**