

**Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago**  
**Minutes of the Special Standing Committee Meeting of May 13, 2022**

Present

Via Zoom Standing Committee: Jeannette DeFriest, Toni Daniels, Miguel Briones, Anne Jolly,  
Luis Garcia, Laura Singer  
Bishop Elect Paula Clark

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

The Standing Committee and Bishop Elect Clark met to follow up on a few items as we prepare for a consecration date.

Medical Team

Bishop Elect Clark reported that she is currently working with a speech therapist and is in process to identify a physiatrist to coordinate her case in Chicago. Benefits are being clarified with insurance and the Presiding Bishop's office has also offered to pay for some therapy if needed.

Staff Feedback Loop

Bishop Elect Clark will be meeting with Melissa Perrin next week to discuss implementation of the staff feedback loop. There is also a meeting with Jennifer McKenzie scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> for strategic planning and staff consultation where the feedback loop will be discussed. Bishop Elect Clark said the feedback loop will especially be considered as staff portfolios shift to meet new priorities.

Staff Relations

Bishop Elect Clark stated that she was grateful for the facilitated staff meeting with Rev Juan Reed after a racist comment was made at a staff meeting. Bishop Elect Clark has plans to continue antiracism training with the staff and to coordinate with the Diocesan Antiracism Commission. Bishop Elect Clark will follow up with staff personally to support those who were hurt and emphasize healing.

Leadership Transition/Consecration Date

A discussion was had about the transition in the diocese from Bishop Elect to Bishop. The Presiding Bishop's office is coordinating as necessary to be able to announce a consecration date for Chicago.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Singer  
Secretary

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