

**Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago**  
**Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting of June 8, 2022**

**Present**

Via Zoom Standing Committee: Jeannette DeFriest, Miguel Briones, Anne Jolly, Luis Garcia, Laura Singer, Paul Clark, Chilton Knudsen

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

**Minutes**

Jeanette DeFriest made a motion to approve the minutes and the executive summary minutes from May 11, 2022 and the minutes from the special meetings held on May 13, 2022, May 20, 2022 and May 31, 2022. Miguel Briones seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Bishop Consent**

Luis Garcia made a motion to consent to the election of The Rev. Phyllis Spiegel as Bishop of Utah and The Rev. Canon Shannon Rogers Duckworth as Bishop of Louisiana. Jeannette DeFriest seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Ordination Approvals**

Luis Garcia made a motion to approve the ordinations of William Olivier Bouvel and Barnabas Eliah Pusnur to the Sacred Order of Priests. Jeannette DeFriest seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Bishop Chilton Report**

The Sun Times article about the Richard Kearney case published last week. The diocesan staff has been very responsive. There has been good communication to diocesan staff. Canticle Communications efforts were helpful especially on a Friday night.

Bishop Chilton reviewed the ordination schedule and said all the candidates in process will be ordained before Bishop Elect Clark will be consecrated.

**Bishop Elect Clark Report**

The Venerable Jennifer McKenzie met with diocesan staff and reviewed the state of the diocese. It will be considered to have the Standing Committee also talk with Jennifer McKenzie. Anne Jolly will work on scheduling.

**President Report**

Employee Manual update – there is a need to have parity for clergy and laity for 12 week parental leave. Anne Jolly presented some updated language for the employee manual. Miguel Briones made a motion to approve the new language for the employee manual to extend paid family leave from 8 weeks to 12 weeks for priests with at least one full year of

employment with the church and lay employees on the bishop's staff. Jeanette DeFriest seconded the motion and it passed.

**Diocesan Convention**

It will be announced next week that the diocesan convention will be online. There may be some negative feelings about this; yet, it would be really difficult for the diocese to plan two major events within months of each other. We will have the consecration weekend to meet and celebrate together in person.

**Next Meetings & Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Singer  
Secretary

Approved August 10, 2022

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