

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
Standing Committee Meeting  
January 15, 2025

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ATTENDEES

Members Present: Toni Daniels, Daphne Cody (Secretary), Gerald Floyd, Jo Ann Lagman, Jaime Briceño, Wes Kimes (President).

Absent: Bishop Clark (vacation).

Guest: T.J. Houlihan (Canon for Development, Diocese of Chicago)

KEY TOPICS & ACTIONS

Opening Prayer and Introductions

- The meeting opened with a prayer led by Toni Daniels. Members shared their roles and diocesan/parish experiences to strengthen collaboration.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- The December 2024 minutes, executive summary, and January agenda were approved unanimously.

Strategic Planning Update - presented by T.J. Houlihan (Canon for Development, Diocese of Chicago)

- The Diocese is partnering with Saison Consulting, an Episcopal-affiliated firm, to develop a unified vision addressing financial challenges and sustainability through a 12-member committee prioritizing racial/geographic diversity, with a diocesan-wide survey launching February 5, listening sessions March 9–12, and results shared in late March. T.J. Houlihan emphasized transparency and mission-focused stability as foundational to the process.

President's Report (Wes Kimes)

- A draft Vision and Guiding Principles framework was shared for SC's 2025 work; members will review and propose edits.
- CCD Model: Jo Ann Lagman and Daphne Cody will research the model to clarify the SC's advisory role to the Bishop.

Administrative Matters

- Consents:
  - No consents for Bishop or Commission on Ministry (COM).
  - Property Transactions: St. Ignatius, Antioch (sale) and St. Luke's, Evanston (purchase) planned for spring 2025.
- Governance: Toni Daniels proposed drafting SC bylaws (e.g., voting procedures); Wes Kimes will research templates.

Old Business

- COM Reviews: No immediate updates, but a schedule is expected in January.