

## **Executive Summary**

### **Standing Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 6 PM

Present: Bishop Paula Clark, Daphne Cody, Jaime Briceño (convenor), Wes Kimes, Bryan Cones (Zoom)

### **Election of Officers for 2026**

Jaime Briceño convened the first meeting of the new Standing Committee with the business of electing a president and secretary. Daphne Cody was elected president, and Bryan Cones was elected secretary.

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

The committee approved the November minutes with one amendment.

### **New Business**

#### *Bishop's Report*

Bishop Paula Clark reported on feedback from this year's hybrid diocesan convention. There was general preference for some portion of the convention to be in person. The bishop then reviewed the strategic plan process, which she will be leading with the support of the diocesan staff.

#### *Consents*

The Standing Committee unanimously consented to the election of Miguelina Howell as Bishop of Western Massachusetts and Sarah Kathleen Fisher as Bishop of East Carolina.

#### *Lay Vacancies*

The committee with the bishop discussed the two vacancies for lay members of the Standing Committee and the need to appoint members to serve until the next convention. The committee agreed to approach Elsie Saldaña and Judi Jordan to fill these vacancies. As president, Daphne Cody will make the formal invitations.

*Supplemental minutes:* In a special meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, 11 AM, the Standing Committee unanimously appointed Elsie Saldaña and Judi Jordan to fill the lay vacancies on the committee until the next annual convention of the Diocese of Chicago.

### **Old Business**

#### *Consent for St. Gregory's in Deerfield to Sell Property along Wilmot Road*

Daphne Cody will circulate both original and supplementary materials for the St. Gregory proposal, along with a motion to consent via email. Members will vote by email and confirm the decision at its January meeting.

*Supplemental minutes:* In an email exchange on Thursday, December 11, the Standing Committee unanimously consented to the sale of the property at St. Gregory's.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. The committee agreed to meet in person on Wednesday, January 14.

Future Meetings of the Standing Committee (tentative)

Wednesday, January 14

Wednesday, February 11

Wednesday, March 11