

## **Executive Summary**

### **Standing Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 6 PM

Present: Bishop Paula Clark, Daphne Cody, Jaime Briceño, Wes Kimes (Zoom), Bryan Cones, Judi Jordan, Elsie Saldaña

### **Prayer and Introductions**

The Standing Committee welcomed newly appointed members Elsie Saldaña and Judi Jordan.

### **New Business**

#### *Canonical Role of the Standing Committee/ Roles of President and Secretary*

Standing Committee President Daphne Cody led the committee through various references to the Standing Committee and its role in both the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and those of the Diocese of Chicago.

#### *Bishop's Report*

Bishop Paula Clark updated the Standing Committee on the Commission on Ministry's work during the current pause in the ordination process. The bishop also shared information on continuing conversations with the staff of the Presiding Bishop regarding support for the diocese from the Presiding Bishop's office. At the bishop's request, the Standing Committee consented to the appointment of four clergy alternate deputies to the General Convention, the appointment of a fourth lay deputy, and the appointment of three lay alternate deputies.

#### *Meeting Minutes and Intended Audiences*

The Standing Committee discussed the different purposes of its semi-confidential meeting minutes and the public executive summary of those minutes, which are posted on the diocesan website. The committee then approved the minutes of the December 10, 2025 meeting (four yes, two abstentions), and of the December 23, 2025 special meeting to appoint lay members (four yes, two abstentions).

#### *Liaisons to Other Diocesan and Churchwide Groups*

The committee discussed different members serving as Standing Committee liaisons to other diocesan groups, such as the Commission on Ministry and the Strategic Planning Group, among others.

### **Reports**

There were no further reports presented at this meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM. The committee will next meet on Zoom on Wednesday, February 11 at 6 PM.

#### *Future Meetings of the Standing Committee (tentative)*

Wednesday, February 11 (via Zoom)

Wednesday, March 11

Wednesday, April 8