

Standing Committee Meeting Executive Summary

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 6 PM

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

Approval of SC Minutes & Executive Summaries

The Standing Committee approved the minutes and executive summary for the February 11, 2026, as well as the executive summary of the January 14, 2026, meeting.

Consents to Episcopal Elections Around The Episcopal Church

The Standing Committee unanimously consented to the episcopal elections of Richard Lawson as bishop of the Diocese of Alabama and Karin McPhail as bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

New Business

Bishop's Time

- Consultation with the Presiding Bishop's Office

Bishop Clark updated the Standing Committee on her ongoing consultation with the Presiding Bishop's office.

- Ministry with the Diocese of Chicago's Black Episcopalians and Historically Black Episcopal Congregations

Bishop Clark reported on a February 27 meeting regarding the ministry and needs of historically Black congregations in the diocese and their members. The question of the property at Trinity Chicago in Bronzeville has yet to be resolved. The bishop and staff plan to meet with nearby St. Thomas to talk about creating a relationship with Trinity. The bishop will be devoting Holy Week to visiting many of the diocese's historically Black parishes, including St. Clement (Palm Sunday), St. George and St. Matthias (Maundy Thursday), and St. Martin's (Good Friday).

- Bishop and Trustees

Bishop Clark reported that Bishop and Trustees met with the treasurer of The Episcopal Church regarding the proposed sale of 65 E Huron. The next meeting of B&T in May will be devoted to issues raised in that meeting.

The Standing Committee's Role in the Ordination Process

The Standing Committee reviewed the canons related to admission to candidacy for ordination to the presbyterate and diaconate (Canon 6.4 for deacons and Canon 8.4 for priests). The committee then discussed how its members can be good listeners in interviews with applicants for candidacy. Commission on Ministry co-chairs Emily Culbertson and Fran Holiday will join the Standing Committee for its meeting on April 15 to continue the conversation.

Approval of Postulants Applying for Candidacy

The Standing Committee consented to the candidacies of Ally Henny (priesthood) and Amanda Wright (diaconate).

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. The committee will next meet at St. Michael & All Angels in Berwyn on April 15 at 6 PM.