



Diocese of California Standing Committee  
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## STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 11-12, 2023.

Mercy Center,  
2300 Adeline Drive, Burlingame, CA

### ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81710573530?pwd=ajNBTGhZOW1ndGNuakRVU0JmWVVOZz09>

Password: P82021

**PRESENT:** Warren Wong, president; Mauricio Wilson, vice-president (ZOOM); Jane Stratford, secretary; Todd Bryant; Sean McConnell; Carolyn Bolton; Robyn Amos; Gretchen Lintner.

Opening Devotion Jane  
Closing Devotion Mauricio  
Snack (if needed) Everyone

**2:00 PM** Check-in and Registration (front desk). Settle into rooms and explore grounds.

### **3:12 PM** CALL TO ORDER & OPENING DEVOTION

*Jane offered the opening prayer.*

*Sister Amy welcomed us to Mercy Center and gave us an orientation.*

*Warren went over the program for the weekend.*

*Three card exercise – expectations/anxieties/what we hope to accomplish.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*July 13, 2023*

*Motion to approve the minutes from July.*

*Moved by Todd Bryant. Seconded by Gretchen Lintner.*

*Carried unanimously.*

### **COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

- Commission on Ministry (Sean McConnell)  
*Attached*
- Executive Council (Carolyn Bolton)  
*Discussion re. whether EC should seek their own nominations.*
- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees (Warren Wong)  
*Integrating Cathedral resources/processes w/ larger dioceses.*



- Committee on Governance (Gretchen Lintner)  
*Report attached. Will appoint to empty position after diocesan convention.*
- Working Group on Diocesan Institutions (Robyn Amos)  
*Nothing to report. Bishop Ranch has requested a review of bylaws which we will do in October.*
- Nominations Committee (Jane Stratford)  
*Attached.*
- Executive Compensation Committee (Mauricio Wilson)  
*No report.*
- Episcopal Elections (Todd Bryant)  
*How do we lessen administrative responsibility for the president who already has many other duties?*

**3:55 PM BREAK**

**4:15 PM CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS FILE REVIEW**

Travis Stephens joined the meeting @ 4:15 PM.

*Travis updated SC on new document requirements for candidacy, diaconal ordination, and priestly ordination.*

- *Pamela Stephens*  
*SC received all documents and information about change in numbering and canonical requirement.*

***Motion to approve Pamela Stevens for diaconal ordination.***

***Moved by Mauricio Wilson. Seconded by Gretchen Lintner.***  
***Passed unanimously.***

*There are currently twelve people in process SC need to approve: 6 candidacy interviews.*

*1 file review for vocational diaconate.*

*8 file reviews for transitional diaconate (including 6 waiting for candidacy interviews).*

*2 file reviews for priesthood.*

*Discussion about how to accommodate the necessary process for this many applicants before December ordination date.*

***Motion to form sub-committees to perform interviews comprising of at least two clergy and two laity to make recommendation to full SC at October's meeting.***

***Moved by Todd Bryant. Second by Robyn Amos.***  
***Passed unanimously.***

*File reviews will be considered at November's meeting.*

Travis Stevens left the meeting at 4:55 PM.



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**4:55 PM BISHOP SEARCH AND TRANSITION**

Rev. Paul Fromberg, Brenda Paulin, Christopher Hayes joined the meeting at 4:55 PM

- Updates – *discernment meeting on Saturday to consider final candidates and plan for retreat 8/28-31. Retreat planning coming together well. Will include presentation from each candidate on topic of their choice; whole STC interview with each candidates; creative engagement with case studies. Candidates will meet w/ Bp. Marc.*  
*Starting 2<sup>nd</sup> round of reference checks and started background checks. Chancellor will meet with all candidates. CFO doing budget orientation with each one of them. Discussion about whether to offer legal orientation.*
- Review draft petition process - *Discussion about draft petition process. Vote tabled until September meeting to allow members of SC to consider and reflect on draft process. SC will apply same criteria to petition candidates as STC slate and approve their addition to final slate at their October meeting.*

Paul Fromberg, Brenda Paulin, and Christopher Hayes left the meeting at 5:25 PM

Mauricio Wilson left the meeting at 5:27 PM

**5:30 -  
6:30 PM DINNER**

**6:30 PM PERSONAL TIME**

**7:00 PM GROUP TIME**  
*SC watched Presiding Bishop Curry's vide about the Jesus Movement*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=token5ppXj0Y>  
*and discussed how it might inform our search process.*  
*Group discussion about hopes for diocese.*

**8:20 PM GROUP CHECK IN**

**8:48 PM COMPLINE**

**8:58 PM ADJOURN for night.**

**SATURDAY**

**7:30 –  
8:30 AM BREAKFAST**

**9.00 AM EUCHARIST**



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**10:09 AM BST CONVERSATION – CONTINUED**

*3-cards exercise pt. II – reviewed cards SC completed previous evening. Discussed themes and takeaways and how they might inform our work in the future.*

**11:30 AM NEXT STEPS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION**

*Established sub-committees for candidate interviews. Each sub-committee will ask a pre-agreed set of questions for parity and equity.*

*Team A: Robyn, Todd, Carolyn, Sean – will meet 9/26/2023 @ 4:30 PM*

*Team B: Warren, Jane, Gretchen, Mauricio – will meet 9/23/2023 @ 11 AM*

*Discussion about September special meeting agenda. What are our priorities, and goals.*

*Discussion about bishop's housing. What are our considerations and intentions.*

**12:15 PM ADJOURNMENT**

*check out & lunch (12-1 PM)*