

**Episcopal Diocese El Camino Real
Minutes of the Standing Committee**

August 19, 2023

Via Zoom

Attendees: The Rev. Rob Keim, President, Shonna Close, Jackie Pierce, The Rev. Salying Wong, and Matt Cameron, Secretary.

Absent: The Rev. Amber Sturgess and The Rev. Martin Juarez.

Vacant: One lay position. See notes below of resignation.

Guest: None

Rob called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

Lectio

Offered by Rob

- Jonah 4: 1 -11
- Jonah Pouting
 - Consider the word, phrase, image or metaphor that comes to mind on the first reading?
 - For your second reading, how is the Spirit speaking to you?

BUSINESS / INFORMATION

Minutes -

Motion.

Approval of the June 17, 2023, Standing Committee Minutes as presented.

- Motion: Rob
- Second: Shonna
- No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bishop Consent -

None before us.

Norms -

The Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real is a place of rich diversity and wonderful opportunity. Our identity is founded upon faithful pilgrimage, which means that we travel light, stay in balance, and have the courage to be lost

[Source: diocesan website]

1. Pray for each other and for the Church's ministries.
2. Be guided by the Holy Spirit.
3. Exercise grace, mercy and forgiveness. Assume best intentions.
4. Faithfully attend all meetings. But sometimes life happens.

5. Come on time to meetings and be prepared.
6. Stay on the agenda and keep comments to the topic at hand.
7. Come to meetings with a desire to serve and be of service.
8. Recognize that silence has an important place in our discussions. Pause intentionally.
9. Listen carefully with the intent to understand.
10. Be respectful and patient with each other; respect individual differences.
11. Do what you say you will do.
12. Respect the confidential nature of our time with the Bishop.
13. Maintain transparency unless something has been identified as confidential.
14. Read all diocesan communications.
15. Life happens. Don't expect perfection. Hold things lightly.

Motion.

Approval of the August 19, 2023 Standing Committee Norms as presented.

- Motion: Matt
- Second: Salying
- No further discussion. This motion culminates approximately three months of discussion and work. Motion passed unanimously.

Resignation -

Due to personal reasons Tricia Ottesen, Vice-President (Class of 2025) submitted her resignation effective immediately. There are many voids to fill as Tricia casts a large shadow and has been truly impactful to our work and spirit of our time together, such as, parish prayer life, deanery study group, nominations committee, and vice-president. To say the least, Tricia has served the Standing Committee, Bishop, and Diocese incredibly well and faithfully. Her spirit, wisdom, and skills will be greatly missed.

Information - what does the Standing Committee do in times of a resignation?

- Diocesan Canon V.4 - Standing Committee

If a vacancy occurs in its membership, the Standing Committee shall elect a replacement of the same order, who shall serve until the next Annual Meeting. At that meeting the Convention shall elect a member of the same order to fill the unexpired term.

- Anticipate a September Standing Committee Motion / Vote to elect a lay person to fill the position through the end of December 2023.

Election -

During the November 2023 diocesan convention there will be four elections related to the Standing Committee, as managed and presented by the diocesan Nominations Committee. All elected at the Convention begin their terms January 1, 2024.

- There will be two Standing Committee Lay elections during the Diocesan Convention: one 4-year term (term ending: Matt Cameron); and one 2-year term (length to fill the unexpired term: Tricia Ottesen).

- There will be two Standing Committee Clergy elections during Diocesan Convention: one 4-year term (term ending: The Rev. Martin Juarez); and one 3-year term (length to fill the unexpired term: The Rev. Jani Wild).
 - The Standing Committee previously elected The Rev. Amber Sturgess [February 18, 2023] to fill the clergy vacancy until the 2023 Convention election. Her current term ends: 12/31/23.

Updates -

- Nominations Committee
 - The committee diligently continues their work
 - Nominations are due September 28, 2023
 - Nominating information has been published in Real Episcopal
- Deanery Study Group
 - The Task Force continues its faithful work.
 - October: Quarterly update to be received
- Five-Year Recommendations
 - Reviewed the 10 recommendations as found in the 2016-2021 Five-Year Report.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LIFE

Guided Prayer -

Led by Salying

HOUSEKEEPING

Review Action Items -

- 8/19/23 Meeting: reviewed
- Prior meetings: none

Closing Prayer -

Offered by Rob

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:38am

Next Meeting -

- Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023
- 6pm - 8:30pm
- Via zoom

Respectfully Submitted,
Matt Cameron
Secretary