

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

September 13, 2023

Via Zoom

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

Absent: The Rev. Amber Sturgess.

Vacancy: One clergy position. See notes below of resignation.

Guest: Bishop Lucinda

Rob called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. The Opening Prayer was offered by Rob followed with welcome and introductions of Sheila Miller, Lay person filling the vacant position through the end of 2023.

BUSINESS / INFORMATION

Minutes -

Motion.

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

- Motion: Shonna
- Second: Salying
- No further discussion. Motion passed with one abstentia.

Bishop Consent -

Motion.

Consent to the Bishop-Elect of The Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas, The Rev. Canon John T.W. Harmon.

Reference: Episcopal Church Title III. Canon 11. Section 3.

- Motion: Jackie
- Second: Salying
- No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President, Standing Committee -

Motion.

Appointment of The Rev. Salying Wong as Standing Committee Vice President for the remainder of calendar year 2023.

- Motion: Matt
- Second: Shonna
- No further discussion. Motion passed with one abstentia.

Resignation -

Due to commitments to his parish and spiritual leadership, The Rev. Martin Juarez submitted his resignation effective immediate. The Standing Committee will miss Martin's presence and his perspective and advocacy on behalf of the people of the diocese, especially his voice of his Hispanic ministry.

Nominations Committee -

- The committee diligently continues their work
- Nominations are due September 28, 2023
- Nominating information has been published in Real Episcopal

Diocesan Convention 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 Convention begin their terms January 1, 2024.

- There will be two Standing Committee Lay elections:
 - 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:
 - 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).

Time with Bishop Lucinda

Spent meaningful time with Bishop Lucinda in support of her ministry and leadership. Topics included, but not limited to:

- Discernment of potential candidates in the ordination process
- Navajoland
- Missional Grants

DIOCESAN PRAYER LIFE

Every Standing Committee meeting includes prayer time. The following four congregations were held in prayer.

- St. Paul's Cambria and the Community of Divine Love (CDL)
- Saint Andrew's, Saratoga
- St. Andrew's Ben Lomond
- St. Dunstan's, Carmel Valley

Guided Prayer -

Led by Salying

HOUSEKEEPING

Review Action Items - 9/13/23 Meeting

Closing Prayer - Offered by Rob

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Next Meeting -

- Saturday October 28, 2023 / 9am - 1pm / In-person

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Cameron

Secretary