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| **CANON 2.1** **ADMISSIONS**  | All applications for admission into union with the Convention shall be referred to the Committee which shall review and shall report to the Convention all applications. | As needed  | Appointed within 60 days after Convention | 3 years  | 1 clergy2 lay  | BishopConfirmed by Diocesan Council |  |
| **CANON 2.4** **CANONS**  | All proposed amendments of the Charter, the Constitution and the Canons of the Diocese and the Rules of Order of the Convention shall be referred to the Committee which shall review and shall report to the Convention all proposed amendments. | As needed | Appointed within 60 days after Convention | 3 years  | At least4 personswith at least1 clergy 1 lay  | BishopConfirmed by Diocesan Council  | **The Rev. Michael Pearson** **(2024) \*, Chair**Mr. John Hines (2024) \*Mr. Robert Larder, Esq. (2024) \*The Rev. Della Wager Wells (2024) \*The Rev. Dante Tavolaro (2024) |
| Additional members | Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew |
| **CANON 2.5** **AGENDA**  | The Committee shall arrange the calendar for sessions of Convention and expedite business of the Convention. | Prior to Convention  | Appointed within 60 days after Convention | 1 year  | 3 persons  | BishopConfirmed by Diocesan Council  | Bishop Nicholas KniselyThe Rev. Bettine Besier (2023)The Rev. Dante Tavolaro (2023)The Rev. Grace Swinski (2023) |
| **CANON 2.6** **RESOLUTIONS**  | All resolutions recommend action by Convention, other than resolutions accompanying reports to be presented to Convention, shall be referred to the Committee which shall review and report to Convention.  Courtesy resolutions are also prepared and reported to the Convention by the Committee. | As needed | Appointed within 60 days after Convention | 3 years  | At least2 clergy 2 lay | BishopConfirmed by Diocesan Council  | **The Rev. Dante Tavolaro (2024) \*, Chair**Mr. Neal McNamera (2024) \*The Rev. Susan Wrathall (2024) \*Ms. Susan Newkirk (2024) \* |
| **CANON 2.7** **ELECTIONS** | The Committee shall research, formulate, and present nominations and conduct elections for all elective offices except the office of Bishop. | As needed | Appointed within 60 days after Convention | 3 years  | At least2 clergy 2 lay | BishopConfirmed by Diocesan Council  | **The Rev. Bettine Besier (2024) \*, Chair**Mr. Stan Schofield (2024) \*Clergy vacancyLay vacancy |
| **CANON 4.1-4.4** **STANDING COMMITTEE** | The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice to the bishop, must approve the sale or encumbrance of all church property, votes on the bishop's ordination candidates and gives consent to the election of bishops in other dioceses.   | 2nd Tuesday 4:00 p.m. | Elected  | 4 years | 4 presbyters\*\* 4 lay  | Convention  | The Rev. Elizabeth Habecker (2023) \*Mr. Orville Forbes \*Dr. Rebecca Silliman (2024) \*The Rev. Susan Wrathall (2024) \*The Rev. Jackie Kirby (2025) \*Mr. David Monroe (2025) \*The Rev. Kevin Beesley (2026) \*Mr. W. Grant Willis (2026) \* |

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|  **CANON 5.1-5.6**  **OFFICERS** | **Secretary:** The secretary shall be responsible for the preparation of the minutes of every Diocesan Convention during which he or she was in office. **Treasurer: The** treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Diocese. **Registrar: The** registrar shall procure, maintain and preserve all journals, reports and other documents relating to the history of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese. **Chancellor:** The chancellor shall be a person learned in the law and act as an advisor to the bishop in legal affairs.  |  | Elected Elected Appointed Appointed  | 1 year |  | ConventionConventionBishopConvention | Bishop Nicholas Knisely, President The Rev. Bettine Besier, Secretary (2023) Ms. Vicki Escalera (2023)The Rev. Mary Ann Mello, Registrar (2023)Mr. Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor (2023)  |
| **CANON 6.1-6.6****DIOCESAN** **COUNCIL**  | Diocesan Council meets monthly to develop and implement the mission, program, budget and policies of the diocese. It shall have authority 1. To approve the formation of all commissions, committees as may be necessary for the work of the Diocese, to define the scope of their work, and to require reports from all commissions and committees;
2. To approve the bishop’s appointment of individuals to chair Diocesan organizations; and
3. To make adjustments in the current budget of the Diocese upon recommendation of the Commission on Finance and the Committee on Program and Budget.
 | 4TH Wednesday6:00 p.m. | 5 Appointed(Deanery labelled after year-need one from each deanery) | 3 years | See below  | Bishop  | The Rev. Christa Moore-Levesque (2024) A.The Rev. Tanya Watt (2024) WBMs. Cheryl Abney (2024) A.Ms. Alison Huff (2024) C.The Rev. Ed Beaudreau (2025) \* N. |
| 6-8 Elected(Deanery labelled after year) | Up to4 clergy\*\* 4 lay (Equal number of clergy & lay) | Convention  | The Rev. Ricky Brightman (2024) C.Mr. Robert F. Fye (2024) \* A.The Rev. Jack Lynch (2024) B.The Rev. Beth Sherman (2024) N.Ms. Phyllis Spaziano (2024) C.Ms. Olive Swinski (2024) \* C.Ms. Margaret Clifton (2025) N.The Rev. Peter Tierney (2025) B. |
| Additional members | Bishop Nicholas Knisely, PresidentMr. Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor (ex-officio) Ms. Vicki Escalera, Treasurer (ex-officio)  , Pres. of Standing Comm (ex-offic)Mr. James Segovis, Member of COF (ex-officio) |

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| **CANON 6.8****COMPENSATION****AND** **BENEFITS**  | The Committee shall have responsibility for reviewing compensation levels and making recommendations for appropriate changes.  | As needed | Appointed | 3 years | At least3 members | Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council | **Ms. Susan Ursillo (2024) \*, Chair**Mr. Robert Fye (2024) \*Mr. John Bracken (2025)The Rev. Jennifer Zogg (2025) |
| **CANON 6.9****DIOCESAN AUDIT** | The Committee shall ensure that all accounts of the Diocese are audited by a professional firm recommended by the Committee and approved by Diocesan Council as to terms, including cost and provide for a proper audit of all accounts of the Diocesan Investment Trust and report the findings to each Annual Convention. | Yearly | Appointed | 1 year | At least3 members | Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council | The Rev. Mary Canavan (2023)Mr. Stan Schofield (2023)Mr. Gregory deGroot (2023)Ms. Vicki Escalera, Treasurer |
| **CANON 7.1****FINANCE**  | The Commission shall maintain general supervision of the financial affairs of the Diocese.  | 2nd Thursday5:00 p.m. | Elected  | 3 years | Up to 9 membersAt least 2 clergy\*\*At least 2 lay(Clergy may not outnumber lay) | Elected by Diocesan Council; approved by Bishop  | Ms. Elaine Burress (2023)Mr. Andrew Faulkner (2024) \*Mr. Robert Bergstrand (2024) \*Mr. Stan Schofield (2024) \***Mr. Jim Segovis (2024) \* Chair**The Rev. Dr. Veronica Tierney (2024) \*The Rev. Mary Ann Canavan (2025)Ms. Jane Peach (2025)The Rev. Dante Tavolaro (2025) |
| Additional members | Bishop Nicholas Knisely Ms. Vicki Escalera (Treas.)  |
| **CANON 7.2** **CONGREGATIONAL** **DEVELOPMENT**  |  The Commission shall serve as a resource to parishes and missions by providing grants to improve programs in the areas of stewardship, evangelism and church growth.  | 1st Tuesday5:00 p.m. |  Appointed | 3 years | 2 clergy 2 lay  | Bishop; confirmed by Convention  | The Rev. Johanna Marcure (2024)The Rev. Tim Watt (2024)Ms. Allison Martin (2025) |
| Elected | 2 clergy2lay | Convention | **The Rev. Patrick Greene (2024), Chair**The Rev. Julie Hanavan (2024) \*Ms. Phyllis Schumacher (2024) \* Ms. Ivy Swinski (2024) |

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| **CANON 7.3****MINISTRY**  | The Commission shall advise and assist the bishop in the implementation of Title III of the 2012 Canons of the Episcopal Church, the determination of present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized persons, and in the design and oversight of the ongoing process for recruitment, discernment, formation for ministry, and assessment of readiness therefor.  | Saturdays from 9-12 as needed (every 3-4 months)In-person and Zoom | Appointed  |  3 years  | 5 clergy (at least 3 must be presbyters) 5 lay  | Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Convention | **Canon Betsy Fornal (2024) \*, Chair**Ms. Murry Edwards (2024) \*The Rev. Linda Griggs (2024)The Rev. Jonathan Huyck (2024)\*Ms. Patricia Morokoff (2024)Mr. Ken Stomberg (2024) \*The Rev. Joan Testin (2024)Mr. Donald Peach (2025)The Rev. Maryalice Sullivan (2025)The Rev. Craig Swan (2025) \* |
| **CANON 7.4****INVESTMENTS** | The Commission shall have responsibility for the control and management of endowment and trust funds of the Diocese and shall administer the trust organized under Rhode Island law known as “The Diocesan Investment Trust.” Meetings are held quarterly, on a Wednesday at noon. | Quarterly on a Wednesday from 12-1:30In-person and Zoom | Appointed &Elected  |  3 years  | 3 clergy 6 lay  | Nominated by Diocesan Council;elected byConvention  | Mr. Mark D’Agostino (2024)Mr. Matthew DiTomasso (2024)The Rev. Scott Lee (2024) \*Mr. Dennis McLeavey (2024) \*Mr. David Monroe (2024) \*The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick (2024)Mr. Rick Burlingame (2025)Ms. Liz Segovis (2025)The Rev. Dr. Veronica Tierney (2025) |
| Additional members  | Bishop Nicholas Knisely Ms. Vicki Escalera (Treas.) |
| **CANON 16.3-16.4****DISCIPLINARY BOARD**  | The Board shall serve as a court in matters related to members of the clergy and Title IV of The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, 2012. Members of this board are asked to take part in training (usually an online course). | As needed  | Elected  |  3 yearsPresident of board serves for1 year | At least 5 presbyters\*\*4 lay | Nominated by Bishop;confirmed byConvention | **The Rev. Joan Testin, President (2023)**The Rev. Linda Griggs (2024)The Rev. Al Marcetti (2024) \*Mr. Neal McNamara (2024) \*The Rev. Susan Wrathall (2024) \*Mr. James Grayshaw (2024) \*Mr. Stephen Croteau )2025)Mr. John Hines (2025)The Rev. Hartwell Hylton (2025) \*The Rev. Jennifer Zogg (2025) |
| **CANON 17.1****DEPUTIES TO** **GENERAL CONVENTION** | At an annual convention which meets no more than 2 years prior to a General Convention, there shall be elected as many as 4 clerical deputies and as many as 4 lay deputies to represent the Diocese in the General Convention. Deputies and alternate deputies shall continue in office until their successors are elected, unless a deputy no longer meets the criteria of eligibility for election to the office. At the same Convention there shall be elected, in the same manner and with the same qualifications as prescribed in Section 17.1, as many as four clerics and as many as four lay persons who shall serve as alternate deputies.  | As needed | Elected |  3 years | Up to 4 clergy\*\* Up to 4 lay AlternatesUp to 4 clergy\*\* Up to 4 lay | Convention | ClergyThe Rev. Sunil Chandy (2025)The Rev. Patrick Greene (2025)The Rev. Dante Tavolaro (2025)The Rev. Cn. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew  (2025) Clergy AlternatesThe Ven. Janice Grinnell (2025)The Rev. Dr. Veronica Tierney (2025)LayMr. Scott Avedisian (2025)Ms. Olive Swinski (2025)Ms. Laura Clarke (2025Mr. Adejuwon Aikulola (2025)Lay AlternateMr. Kinte Howie (2025) |
| **CANON 17.2****DEPUTIES TO** **PROVINCIAL** **SYNOD** | At an annual convention which meets no more than two years preceding the meeting of the Synod of the First Province, there shall be elected the number of clerical and lay deputies and alternates allowed this Diocese pursuant to the ordinances of the First Province then in effect. Deputies and alternates shall serve until their successors are elected. Any vacancy in the deputation of this Diocese shall be filled by appointment by the Bishop with the concurrence of Diocesan Council. | As needed | Elected | 3 years | 3 deputies | Convention | The Rev. Michele AdamoThe Rev. Beth Sherman Ms. Olive Swinski  |

OTHER DIOCESAN BOARDS/COMMITTEES REPORTING TO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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| **EPISCOPAL CHARITIES ADVISORY BOARD**  |  |  |  |  |   | Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council | The Rev. Noel BaileyThe Rev. Susan CarpenterThe Rev. Christine Cassels**Ms. Nancy Kaull, Chair**Ms. Karen KniselyMr. Stevens McAteerMs. Susan UrsilloCanon Betsy Fornal, DirectorThe Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely, ex-officio |
| **EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE CENTER BOARD**  |  |  |  |  |   | Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council | Ms. Heather AnnisMs. Diana Bizzle **Mr. Steve Evans, Chair** Dr. Susan MorrisMr. Robert PowerThe Rev. Beth ShermanMs. Haley WhiteThe Right Reverend Nicholas Knisely, ex officio Mr. Edward Biddle, Diocesan CFO, ex officio The Rev. Canon Meaghan Brower, Director, ex officio |
| **SPONSORSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**  | This committee of Diocesan Council studies organizations that have asked the Diocese to become a member or sponsor of their group. This committee makes a recommendation of action to Diocesan Council |  | Appointed | 1 year  | 3 people  | Diocesan Council  |  |
| **SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS**  | This committee of Diocesan Council shall administer the fund formerly known as the Widows, Orphans and Clergy Fund.  | As needed  | Appointed | 1 year |   | Diocesan Council  |  |