

Diocese of Rhode Island Standing Committee  
Meeting Minutes December 20, 2022

Members present:

The Rev. Susan Wrathall, President, Becky Silliman (Secretary *pro tem*), The Rev. Jackie Kirby, David Monroe, The Rev. Kevin Beesley, Grant Willis.

Members absent: The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Habecker, Orville Forbes

1. Motion to affirm the Bishop's appointment of Orville Forbes to complete David Olsen's term (one year remaining) on the Standing Committee. Motion: David Monroe/Rev. Kirby.
2. The minutes from the November meeting approved as submitted. Motion: Becky/Grant
3. Agenda revision: Addition of Consent to Bishop Coadjutor of New York
4. Motion to approve St. Luke's Episcopal Church, East Greenwich, RI's Tiffany window project following its vestry's approval of the contract and unsuccessful attempts to contact next-of-kin of the donor. Motion: Rev. Kirby/Rev. Beesley
5. Motion to approve Trinity Church, Newport's revised by-laws pending the following revisions (to be reviewed by Rev. Wrathall): 1) Removal of a portion of Article V. Section 2. **Election of the Rector:** "In case the Bishop objects to the choice of the vestry, a second meeting of the vestry shall be held and the person first proposed can be elected only upon an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the lay members of the vestry. If the requisite three-fourths is not obtained, the same procedure shall be repeated for the election of another candidate."; 2) Addition of a **Reports** Section according to Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island Canon 10, Section 22: "Do the bylaws require that the parish, through its rector or, if none, its wardens, prepare annual reports for each preceding year ending December 31? Do the bylaws require the report be in the form prescribed by the General Convention and contain the information as required by the Canons of the Episcopal Church? Do the bylaws require that the report be sent to the bishop, in duplicate, by no later than February 1?"; and 3) careful proofreading of the final document. Motion: Becky/David
6. Bishop Consents
  - a. Columbia: The Rev. Pastor Elias Garcia Gárdenas. Motion: David/Rev. Beesley
  - b. Diocese of Ohio: The Rev. Anne Jolly. Motion: Becky/Rev. Kirby
  - c. Diocese of New York: The Rev. Matthew Foster Heyd. Motion: Grant/Rev. Kirby
7. Bishop's time with the Standing Committee.

Approval of the transfer of The Very Rev. Christopher Pappas to The Anglican Church of Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Silliman, Secretary *pro tem*

Next meeting of the Standing Committee: 4pm, January 17, 2023 (Rev. Beesley, opening prayer)