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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 Convention all applications. | As needed                   | 60 days after Convention     | 3 year     | 1 clergy 2 lay | Bishop       | Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor (ex-officio)  
The Rev. Michael Pearson (2021), Chair  
The Rev. Virginia Heistand (2020)  
Mr. John Hines (2020)  
Ms. Cindy Southern (2020)  
Mr. Robert Larder, Esq. (2021)  
The Rev. Della Wager Wells (2020) |
| **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 Convention all proposed amendments. | 60 days after Convention     | 3 year                      | 3 clergy 3 lay | Bishop       |                                        |
| **CANON 2.5 AGENDA**       | The Committee shall arrange the calendar for sessions of Convention and expedite business of the Convention. | Prior to Convention         | 60 days after Convention     | 3 year     | 3 persons    | Bishop       | Bishop Nicholas Knisely  
The Rev. Bettine Besier (2022)  
The Rev. Dante Tavolaro (2022)  
The Rev. Grace Swinski (2022) |
| **CANON 2.6 RESOLUTIONS**  | All resolutions recommendation 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 Convention by the Committee. | 60 days after Convention     | 3 year                      | 3 clergy 3 lay | Bishop       |                                        |
| **CANON 2.7 ELECTIONS**    | The Committee shall research, formulate, and present nominations and conduct elections for all elective offices except the office of Bishop. | 60 days after Convention     | 3 year                      | 3 clergy 3 lay | Bishop       |                                        |
| **CANON 4.1-4.3 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 year     | 4 presbyters 4 lay | Convention | The Rev. David Ames (2020)*  
The Rev. Whitman (2020)*  
The Rev. Joan Testin (2021)*  
Mr. Michael Ballard (2021)*  
The Rev. John Hugigkbotham (2022)*  
Mr. John Gilmartin (2022)*  
The Rev. Elizabeth Habecker (2023)*  
Mr. David Olsen (2023)* |

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<td><strong>CANON 5.1-5.5 OFFICERS</strong></td>
<td>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. Chanceller: The chancellor shall be a person learned in the law and act as an advisor to the Bishop in legal affairs.</td>
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<td>Elected Elected Appointed</td>
<td>1 year</td>
<td>Convention Convention Bishop Convention</td>
<td>Bishop Nicholas Knisely, President The Rev. Bettine Besier, Secretary (2020) Mr. Jay Candon, Treasurer (2020) The Rev. Mary Ann Mello, Registrar (2020) Mr. Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor (2020)</td>
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<td><strong>CANON 6.1-6.7 DIOCESAN COUNCIL</strong></td>
<td>Council meets monthly to develop and implement the mission, program, budget and policies of the diocese. It shall have authority a. 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; b. To approve the Bishop’s appointment of individuals to chair Diocesan organizations; and c. To make adjustments in the current budget of the Diocese upon recommendation of the Commission on Finance and the Committee on Program and Budget.</td>
<td>4th Wednesday 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>6 Appointed</td>
<td>3 clergy** 3 lay</td>
<td>Bishop</td>
<td>The Rev. Jennifer Zogg (2020) Ms. Kim Cabral (2020) Ms. Sherry Bailey (2021) The Rev. Johanna Marcure (2021) The Rev. Ed Beaudreau (2022) Mr. Joel Gardner (2022)</td>
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<td>CANON 6.9 COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS</td>
<td>The Committee shall have responsibility for reviewing compensation levels and making recommendations for appropriate changes.</td>
<td>As needed</td>
<td>Elected</td>
<td>3 years</td>
<td>3 individuals</td>
<td>Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council</td>
<td>Ms. Susan Ursillo (2021), Chair Mr. Robert Fye (2021) The Rev. Veronica Tierney (2022)</td>
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<td>CANON 6.10 DIOCESAN AUDIT</td>
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<td>Yearly</td>
<td>Appointed</td>
<td>1 year</td>
<td>3 individuals</td>
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<td>The Rev. Mary Canavan (2020) Mr. Stan Schofield (2020) Mr. Gregory deRoot (2020) Mr. Jay Candon, Staff</td>
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<td>CANON 7.1 FINANCE</td>
<td>The Commission shall maintain general supervision of the financial affairs of the Diocese.</td>
<td>2nd Thursday 5:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Elected</td>
<td>3 year/2 terms</td>
<td>1 clergy** 2 lay</td>
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<td>Mr. James Segovis (2020) Mr. Stanley Schofield (2021) The Rev. Greta Getlein (2022)</td>
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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. | Appointed | 3 year | 6 clergy (4 presbyters) 6 lay | Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Convention | Canon Betsy Fornal (2020), Chair | The Rev. Sandra Haines-Murdock (2020)*  
Mr. Ken Stomberg (2020)  
The Rev. Mark Sutherland (2020)*  
The Rev. James Kellieher (2021)  
Ms. Murry Edwards (2021)  
Mr. K.J. Istok (2021)  
Ms. Betsey Rice* (2022)  
The Rev. Timothy Rich* (2022)  
The Rev. Craig Swan (2022)  
Mr. Grant Willis* (2022) |
| **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 weekday morning. | Quarterly | Appointed & Elected | 3 year | 3 clergy 6 lay | Nominated by Diocesan Council; elected by Convention | Mr. Michael Lafaro (2020), chair | The Rev. Jennifer Zogg (2020)  
Mr. Timothy McCahan (2020)  
Mr. Dennis McLeavey (2021)  
Mr. David Monroe (2021)  
The Rev. Scott Lee (2021)  
Ms. Ellen Abell* (2022)  
Ms. Vicki Escalera (2022)  
The Rev. Mitch Lindeman (2022) |
| **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 years | 5 presbyters** 4 lay | Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Convention | The Rev. Pam Rannenberg (2021)*, Pres.  
The Rev. Al Marcetti (2020)  
Mr. Neal McNamara (2020)  
The Rev. Robert Travis (2020)  
The Rev. Susan Wrathall (2021)  
Mr. James Grayshaw (2021)  
Mr. John Bracken* (2022)  
Mr. Hartwell Hylton (2022)  
The Rev. William Locke* (2022) |

Additional members:  
Bishop Nicholas Knisely  
Mr. Jay Candon (Treas.)  
Mr. Richard Sayer, Esq.
### 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.

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**Vacancies to be filled by election 2020 Convention**

- The Rev. Patrick Greene (2022)
- The Ven. Janice Grinnell (2022)
- The Rev. Sunil Chandy (2022)
- The Rev. Dante Tavolaro (2022)
- Ms. Lora McFall (2022)
- Mr. Scott Avedisian (2022)
- Ms. Olive Swinski (2022)
- Ms. Laura Clarke (2022)
- The Rev. Veronica Tierney (2022)
- The Rev. Nathan Humphrey (2022)
- The Rev. Beth Sherman (2022)
- Mr. Dave Seifert (2022)

**Open positions**

- As needed

**Must be canonically resident**

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### 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.

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- The Ven. Janice Grinnell (2022)
- Ms. Olive Swinski (2022)
## OTHER DIOCESAN BOARDS/COMMITTEES REPORTING TO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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### EPISCOPAL CHARITIES ADVISORY BOARD
- **Ms. Nancy Kaull**, Chair (2020)  
- The Rev. Ted Hallenbeck, Vice Chair (2019)*  
- The Rev. Eileen Lindeman (2019)  
- The Rev. Christine Cassels (2020)  
- The Rev. Noel Bailey (2021)  
- Canon Betsy Fornal, Director  
- The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely

### EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE CENTER BOARD
- **Mr. Ken Vivian** (2019), Chair  
- The Rev. Veronica Tierney (2020)  
- Ms. Laura Clarke (2020)  
- Mr. Corey Martin (2020)  
- The Rev. Scott Lee (2021)  
- Mr. Steve Evans (2021)  
- Ms. Christine Losea (2021)  
- The Rev. Meaghan Brower, Director  
- Mr. Dennis Burton, Staff

### 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  
- Mr. Toby Field (2019)  
- Mr. Scott Hovanec (2019)

### 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  
- The Rev. Peter Michaelson (2019)  
- The Rev. Scott Lee (2019)  
- Mr. Bob Batchelor (2019)  
- Mr. Robert Fye (2019)