

Elected and Appointed Members of Diocesan Committees

COMMITTEE	ROLE / FUNCTION	MEETS	APPOINTED / ELECTED	TERM	COMPOSITION	BY WHOM	INCUMBENTS
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	
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.	As needed	60 days after Convention	3 year	3 clergy 3 lay	Bishop	Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor (<i>ex-officio</i>) The Rev. Michael Pearson (2024)*, Chair Mr. John Hines (2024)* Mr. Robert Larder, Esq. (2024)* The Rev. Della Wager Wells (2024)*
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.	As needed	60 days after Convention	3 year	3 clergy 3 lay	Bishop	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	60 days after Convention	3 year	3 clergy 3 lay	Bishop	The Rev. Bettine Besier (2024)*, chair Mr. Stan Schofield (2024)* The Rev. Dr. John Reardon (2024)
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.	2 ND Tuesday 4:00 p.m.	Elected	4 year	4 presbyters** 4 lay	Convention	The Rev. John Higginbotham (2022)* Mr. John Gilmartin (2022)* The Rev. Elizabeth Habecker (2023)* Mr. David Olsen (2023)* Dr. Rebecca Silliman (2024)* The Rev. Susan Wrathall (2024)* The Rev. Jackie Kirby (2025)* Mr. David Monroe (2025)*

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CANON 5.1-5.5 OFFICERS	<p>Secretary: The secretary shall be responsible for the preparation of the minutes of every Diocesan Convention during which he or she was in office.</p> <p>Treasurer: The treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Diocese.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Chancellor: The chancellor shall be a person learned in the law and act as an advisor to the Bishop in legal affairs.</p>		Elected Elected Appointed Appointed	1 year		Convention Convention Bishop Convention	Bishop Nicholas Knisely, President The Rev. Bettine Besier, Secretary (2022) Mr. Jay Candon, Treasurer (2022) The Rev. Mary Ann Mello, Registrar (2022) Mr. Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor (2022)
CANON 6.1-6.7 DIOCESAN COUNCIL	<p>Council meets monthly to develop and implement the mission, program, budget and policies of the diocese. It shall have authority</p> <p>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;</p> <p>b. To approve the Bishop's appointment of individuals to chair Diocesan organizations; and</p> <p>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.</p>	4 TH Wednesday 6:00 p.m.	6 Appointed	3 year	3 clergy** 3 lay	Bishop	The Rev. Ed Beaudreau (2022) Mr. Joel Gardner (2022)
CANON 6.8 PROGRAM & BUDGET			9 Elected		5 clergy** 4 lay	Convention	Mr. Scott Hovanec (2022) Vice President The Rev. Al Marcetti (2022) The Rev. Ricky Brightman (2024) Mr. Robert F. Fye (2024)* The Rev. Jack Lynch (2024) Ms. Phyllis Spaziano (2024) Ms. Olive Swinski (2024)*
CANON 6.8 PROGRAM & BUDGET	The Committee shall have responsibility for initially evaluating all requirements and requests for funding from the Diocese and shall then prepare and propose a budget for the Diocese.	2 ND Thursday 5:00 p.m.	Feb. 1 Term Starts in January	3 year	3 individuals	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council	Bishop Nicholas Knisely Mr. Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor (<i>ex-officio</i>) Mr. Jay Candon, Treasurer (<i>ex-officio</i>) Pres. of Standing Comm (<i>ex-officio</i>) The Rev. Peter Tierney, Chair of COF, (<i>ex-officio</i>)
						additional members:	(see Commission on Finance)

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CANON 6.9 COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS	The Committee shall have responsibility for reviewing compensation levels and making recommendations for appropriate changes.	As needed		3 years	3 individuals	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council	Ms. Susan Ursillo (2024)*, Chair The Rev. Dr. Veronica Tierney (2022) Mr. Robert Fye (2024)*
CANON 6.10 DIOCESAN AUDIT		Yearly	Appointed	1 year	3 individuals	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council	The Rev. Mary Canavan (2020) Mr. Stan Schofield (2020) Mr. Gregory deRoot (2020) Mr. Jay Candon, Staff
CANON 7.1 FINANCE	The Commission shall maintain general supervision of the financial affairs of the Diocese.	2 ND Thursday 5:00 p.m.	Appointed	3 year/ 2 terms	**	Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council	The Rev. Peter Tierney (2022)*, Chair Mr. Andrew Faulkner (2024)* Mr. Robert Bergstrand (2024)* The Rev. Dr. Veronica Tierney (2024)
			Elected		**	Convention	The Rev. Bettine Besier (2022) Mr. James Segovis (2024)* Mr. Stanley Schofield (2024)*
			Additionally				
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.	1 ST Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	Appointed	3 year	3 clergy 3 lay	Bishop; confirmed by Convention	Ms. Rose Murrin (2022) Chair The Rev. Craig Swan (2024)
			Elected		3 clergy 3 lay	Convention	The Rev. Sunil Chandy (2022) Ms. Deborah Collins (2022)* The Rev. Patrick Greene (2024) 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 as needed	Appointed	3 year	6 clergy (4 presbyters) 6 lay	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Convention	Canon Betsy Fornal (2024)*, Chair The Rev. Timothy Rich (2022)* The Rev. Craig Swan (2022) Mr. Grant Willis (2022)* 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)
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 from 12-1:30 In-person and Zoom	Appointed & Elected	3 year	3 clergy 6 lay	Nominated by Diocesan Council; elected by Convention	Ms. Vicki Escalera (2022) The Rev. Mitch Lindeman (2022) Ms. Liz Segovis (2022) 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)
							Additional members
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 <i>The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, 2012</i> . Members of this board are asked to take part in training (usually an online course).	As needed	Elected	3 years President of this board serves for 1 year	5 presbyters** 4 lay	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Convention	Mr. John Bracken (2022)* The Rev. Hartwell Hylton (2022) The Rev. William Locke (2022)* The Rev. Al Marcetti (2024)* Mr. Neal McNamara (2024)* The Rev. Susan Wrathall (2024)* Mr. James Grayshaw (2024)*

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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	4 clergy** 4 lay 4 clergy altern. 4 lay altern.	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) <u>Alternates</u> The Rev. Dr. Veronica Tierney (2022) The Rev. Beth Sherman (2022) Mr. Dave Seifert (2022)
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 Ven. Janice Grinnell (2022) Ms. Olive Swinski (2022) The Rev. Dante Tavolaro (2022)

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OTHER DIOCESAN BOARDS/COMMITTEES REPORTING TO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

EPISCOPAL CHARITIES ADVISORY BOARD						Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council	Ms. Nancy Kaull, Chair (2020) The Rev. Ted Hallenbeck, Vice Chair (2019)* The Rev. Eileen Lindeman (2019) The Rev. Jennifer West (2019) The Rev. Christine Cassels (2020) The Rev. Noel Bailey (2021) Canon Betsy Fornal, Director The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely
EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE CENTER BOARD						Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council	Mr. Ken Vivian (2019), Chair The Rev. Jennifer West (2019) Ms. Kristin McJunkins (2019) 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)