

## Elected and Appointed Members of Diocesan Committees

COMMITTEE	ROLE / FUNCTION	MEETS	APPOINTED / ELECTED	TERM	COMPOSITION	BY WHOM	INCUMBENTS
<b>CANON 2.1 ADMISSIONS</b>	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	Appointed within 60 days after Convention	3 years	1 clergy 2 lay	Bishop Confirmed by Diocesan Council	
<b>CANON 2.4 CANONS</b>	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	Appointed within 60 days after Convention	3 years	At least 4 persons with at least 1 clergy 1 lay	Bishop Confirmed by Diocesan Council	Mr. John Hines (2024)* Mr. Robert Larder, Esq. (2024)* The Rev. Hartwell Hylton (2026) Ms. Carolyn Swiggart (2026)
					Additional members		Mr. Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew
<b>CANON 2.5 AGENDA</b>	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	Bishop Confirmed by Diocesan Council	Bishop Nicholas Knisely Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy
<b>CANON 2.6 RESOLUTIONS</b>	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	Appointed within 60 days after Convention	3 years	At least 2 clergy 2 lay	Bishop Confirmed by Diocesan Council	<b>The Rev. Dante Tavolaro (2024)*, Chair</b> Ms. Susan Newkirk (2024)* Clergy vacancy Lay vacancy
<b>CANON 2.7 ELECTIONS</b>	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 least 2 clergy 2 lay	Bishop Confirmed by Diocesan Council	<b>The Rev. Bettine Besier (2024)*, Chair</b> Mr. Stan Schofield (2024)* Ms. Phyllis Spaziano (2026) Clergy vacancy
<b>CANON 4.1-4.4 STANDING COMMITTEE</b>	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 <sup>ND</sup> Tuesday 4:00 p.m.	Elected	4 years	4 presbyters** 4 lay	Convention	<b>The Rev. Susan Wrathall (2024)*, President</b> Dr. Rebecca Silliman (2024)* The Rev. Jackie Kirby (2025)* Mr. David Monroe (2025)* The Rev. Kevin Beesley (2026)* Mr. W. Grant Willis (2026)* The Rev. Jennifer Zogg (2027) Mr. H. Scott Hovanec (2027)

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<b>CANON 5.1-5.6 OFFICERS</b>	<p><b>Secretary:</b> 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><b>Treasurer:</b> The treasurer shall oversee the financial affairs of the Diocese.</p> <p><b>Registrar:</b> 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><b>Chancellor:</b> 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 (2024) Ms. Vicki Escalera (2024) The Rev. Mary Ann Mello, Registrar (2024) Mr. Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor (2024)
<b>CANON 6.1-6.6 DIOCESAN COUNCIL</b>	<p>Council meets monthly to develop and implement the mission, program, budget and policies of the diocese. It shall have authority</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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;</li> <li>b. To approve the Bishop’s appointment of individuals to chair Diocesan organizations; and</li> <li>c. To make adjustments in the current budget of the Diocese upon recommendation of the Commission on Finance.</li> </ol>	4 <sup>TH</sup> Wednesday 6:00 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) WB Ms. Cheryl Abney (2024) A. Ms. Alison Huff (2024) C. The Rev. Ed Beaudreau (2025)* N.
		6-8 Elected (deanery labelled after year)	Up to 4 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, President Mr. Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor (ex-officio) Ms. Vicki Escalera, Treasurer (ex-officio) The Rev. Susan Wrathall , Pres. of Standing Comm (ex-officio) Mr. James Segovis, Member of COF (ex-officio)		

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<b>CANON 6.8 COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS</b>	The Committee shall have responsibility for reviewing compensation levels and making recommendations for appropriate changes.	As needed	Appointed	3 years	At least 3 members	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council	<b>Ms. Susan Ursillo (2024)*, Chair</b> Mr. Robert Fye (2024)* Mr. John Bracken (2025) The Rev. Jennifer Zogg (2025)
<b>CANON 6.9 DIOCESAN AUDIT</b>	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 least 3 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
<b>CANON 7.1 FINANCE</b>	The Commission shall maintain general supervision of the financial affairs of the Diocese.	2 <sup>ND</sup> Thursday 5:00 p.m.	Elected	3 years	Up to 9 members At least 2 clergy** At least 2 lay (clergy may not outnumber lay)	Elected by Diocesan Council; approved by Bishop	<b>Mr. Jim Segovis, Chair (2024)*</b> Mr. Andrew Faulkner (2024)* Mr. Robert Bergstrand (2024)* Mr. Stan Schofield (2024)* The Rev. Dr. Veronica Tierney (2024)* The Rev. Mary Ann Canavan (2025) Ms. Jane Peach (2025) The Rev. Dante Tavolaro (2025) Ms. Elaine Burress (2026)
					Additional members		Bishop Nicholas Knisely Ms. Vicki Escalera (Treas.)
<b>CANON 7.2 CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	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 <sup>ST</sup> Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	Appointed	3 years	2 clergy 2 lay	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Convention	The Rev. Johanna Marcure (2024) The Rev. Tim Watt (2024) Mr. Paul Bolles-Bevans (2025) Lay vacancy (2025)
			Elected		2 clergy 2 lay	Convention	<b>The Rev. Patrick Greene, Chair (2024)</b> The Rev. Julie Hanavan (2024)* Ms. Phyllis Schumacher (2024)* Ms. Ivy Swinski (2024)

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<b>CANON 7.3 MINISTRY</b>	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	<b>Canon Betsy Fornal (2024)*, Chair</b> 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)*
<b>CANON 7.4 INVESTMENTS</b>	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."	Quarterly on a Wednesday from 12-1:30 In-person and Zoom	Appointed & Elected	3 years	3 clergy 6 lay	Nominated by Diocesan Council; elected by Convention	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)
<b>CANON 16.3-16.4 DISCIPLINARY BOARD</b>	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 board serves for 1 year	At least 5 presbyters** 4 lay	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Convention	<b>The Rev. Joan Testin, President (2024)</b> 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)

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<b>CANON 17.1 DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION</b>	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  <u>Alternates</u> Up to 4 clergy** Up to 4 lay	Convention	<p><b><u>Clergy</u></b> The Rev. Patrick Greene (2025) The Rev. Dante Tavolaro (2025) The Rev. Cn. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew (2025)</p> <p>The Ven. Janice Grinnell (2025) <b><u>Clergy Alternate</u></b> The Rev. Dr. Veronica Tierney (2025)</p> <p><b><u>Lay</u></b> Mr. Scott Avedisian (2025) Ms. Olive Swinski (2025) Ms. Laura Clarke (2025) Mr. Adejuwon Aikulola (2025) <b><u>Lay Alternate</u></b> Mr. Kinte Howie (2025)</p>
<b>CANON 17.2 DEPUTIES TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD</b>	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 deputies	Convention	<p>The Rev. Michele Adamo The Rev. Beth Sherman Ms. Olive Swinski</p>