

Report to 2024 Diocesan Convention: Diocese of Rhode Island Standing Committee Minutes

November 21, 2023

The Standing Committee accepted revised by-laws of St. Paul's, Pawtucket. The SC approved Jeffrey C. Drake Douglas for ordination to the transitional diaconate.

The Rev. Susan Wrathall was elected President. Dr. Rebecca Silliman was elected Secretary with terms ending with a new election in October 2024.

December 18, 2023

The Standing Committee approved St. James, Woonsocket's five-year lease with New Beginnings, a feeding program housed at St. James in partnership with the parish.

January 16, 2024

The Standing Committee consented to the election of the Rev. Austin K. Rios as bishop coadjutor in the Diocese of California.

February 20, 2024

The Standing Committee approved the Rev. Dn. Virginia Buckles for ordination to the priesthood.

March 19, 2024

The Standing Committee approved St. Francis, Coventry's revised by-laws. Episcopal Consents for the Rev. Dorothy Sanders Wells, Diocese of Mississippi and the Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer, Diocese of Rochester were approved. Approval was granted, contingent on graduation from seminary, for the Rev. Dn. Drake Douglas to be ordained to the priesthood.

March 20, 2024

The Standing Committee approved the sale of property bequeathed to St. Paul's, Pawtucket, at fair market value.

April 16, 2024

The Standing Committee consented to hold an election of a suffragan bishop of West Texas.

May 21, 2024

The Standing Committee consented to the election of the Rev. Phil N. LaBelle, Diocese of Olympia, and the Rev. Julia E. Whitworth, Diocese of Massachusetts, to the episcopate.

No meetings were held in June or July, 2024

August 20, 2024

Informed of St. John's, Newport, plan to sell the rectory and convert 3 rental units on the property to office and rectory. No action by the Standing Committee needed at this time.

September 17, 2024

Consent provided for the canonical transfer of The Rev. David Robinson from Diocese of Easton to Diocese of Rhode Island. Rev. Robinson will be developing a veterans' ministry for the Diocese.

October 15, 2024

Lunch with current and newly elected Standing Committee members scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th, 11:30 am at the Hope Club, Providence.