

The Standing Committee Meeting Minutes May 28, 2025 of The Diocese of Colorado

Present: Bill Stanton+ Vice President, Matthew Frey+, Donna Colville, Chip Page, Wren Blessing+, Chuck Theobald, Greg Foraker+, Michelle Danson+, Nancy Jones, Diocesan Treasurer, Karla Schapansky, Chris Ditzenberger+, Jon Anderson+, Bishop Kym Lucas, Linda Brown, Lucy Amerman+

Absent: Darren Armstrong, President

The meeting was called to order by Bill Stanton at 9:06 a.m.

Michelle led Formation.

The agenda was approved unanimously. Motion by Chris and seconded by Chip.

The minutes for April 26, 2025, were approved unanimously (as amended). Amendment motion made by Donna and Chip and minutes moved by Wren and Donna.

Treasurer's Report (Nancy Jones)

- No financials to review this month.
- Finance Committee met recently; productive discussion noted.
- Looking for an additional finance committee member (meets quarterly via Zoom).
- Discussed CO Trust funds to be shared between 2025 and 2026.
- Budget development for 2026 is underway; first draft to be presented in June.

Property Committee Report (Jon Anderson & Scott Asper)

St. Matthew's, Parker: Request for approval of \$100K supervised line of credit.

- Purpose: To manage cash flow and cover unexpected costs (e.g., insurance deductibles). Approved unanimously Donna made the motion. Matthew seconded. Karla to sign resolution; consent letter to be prepared by Bishop Kym's office and signed by the Bishop and the President of The Standing Committee.

Karla will sign the Resolution for St. Barnabas and the Pre-School lease that was approved at the April Standing Committee meeting.

Yates Street Property (formerly All Saints):

- Full-price offer received (\$4.2M) with up to 240-day city approval/inspection period.
- Buyer walkthrough scheduled.
- Closing may occur late this year or early next year depending on city processes.

Update on St. Paul's, Central City

John noted lack of consistent communication and financial reporting from the congregation.

The Bishop's Warden has pledged to make 2024 pledge payment in full.

Bishop's Report (Bishop Kym Lucas)

Upcoming travel to Kenya; participation in Anglican churches of Africa gathering. Formation resources being developed with Canon Greg for diocesan-wide engagement during sabbatical.

Canon Greg was representing the bishop at the Standing Committee retreat at Cathedral Ridge in April.

The bishop shared plans to visit the Aurora, CO Detention Center with ecumenical partners.

Chancellor's Clarification (Larry Hitt)

- Explained that the Standing Committee will not serve as ecclesiastical authority during the bishop's sabbatical unless an emergency arises (e.g., incapacity or death).
- Emphasized:
 - Standing Committee's role remains advisory and governance-based.
 - No authority over diocesan staff.
 - Board members should avoid micromanagement.
 - Encouraged members to support the bishop's sabbatical publicly and affirm the strength of the diocesan staff.

Standing Committee Business

The Episcopal Diocese of Dallas has elected the Very Rev. Rob Price as its Bishop Coadjutor. The candidate for Bishop Co-Adjutor was approved unanimously by the Standing Committee for the Episcopal Church in Colorado. Donna motioned and Chuck seconded.

The candidates for ordination to the priesthood, Christina R. Heiser, Jonah Selzer, and Michael Kornelson, were unanimously approved. Wren made the motion and Chip seconded.

Wren and Chuck presented the Orientation binder they are preparing for new and existing Standing Committee members to use as a reference for multiple items. The committee thanked them for their work on this.

Open Discussion

- Chuck raised the original intent of supporting diocesan presence and unity during bishop's sabbatical.
- Bishop and staff to provide travel updates and diocesan formation resources to remain connected.
- Michelle checked in with members to gauge clarity and comfort following Larry's guidance—general affirmation expressed.
- Concerns about previous miscommunication acknowledged; further conversation to continue in a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 12:03 p.m. Motioned by Donna and seconded by Wren.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Schapansky Recording Secretary