

The Standing Committee Minutes of the Diocese of Colorado October 15, 2025

Present: Chuck Theobald, President, Karla Schapansky, Recording Secretary, Nancy Jones, Treasurer, Matthew Frey+, Donna Colville, Chip Page, Greg Foraker+, Chris Ditzenberger+, Michelle Danson+, +Bishop Kym Lucas, Linda Brown, Kate Dykstra, Melissa Adzima+.

Absent: Wren Blessing+, Lucy Amerman+

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chuck Theobald, President. Michelle led Formation.

The Consent Agenda was approved with a correction to the minutes. The minutes are corrected as follows: The committee reviewed the guidelines for applications for regional grants, including the need for each applying parish to be current with its diocesan obligation. The requirement to tithe 10% of plate and pledge was most recently approved by diocesan convention in 2008. Parishes that are below that level will be reminded that a plan to reach 10% must be in place prior to the grant request being considered.

The meeting covered nominations and elections, with Melissa and Kate abstaining. Chuck was nominated and elected president and Chris Ditzenberger was nominated and elected as vice president. Karla was re-elected as secretary. These officers were elected by acclamation.

Nancy included in the treasurer's report The Colorado Trust's annual grant to the Episcopal Church and Presbyterian Church highlighting the need for better communication and possible cash-out in the future. This is the fortieth year of the Colorado Trust. She referenced the approval of the 2026 Diocesan Budget at the Convention on October 11th. There is no further update, at this time, on Cathedral Ridge.

Bishop Kym offered details of her sabbatical. The committee also discussed the formation and ordination processes, emphasizing the importance of subsidiary and innovative ministry. Postulants for candidacy to the Diaconate were interviewed. They are Angela Hummel and John Thexton. Angela was approved unanimously. The motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Melissa. John was approved unanimously. The motion was made by Chuck and was seconded by Linda.

Michelle led with a moment of quiet reflection and appreciation for the work done and the relationships formed to conclude the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Schapansky, Recording Secretary

The November meeting is the 19th at 9 a.m.

