

**Executive Council Minutes
February 16, 2021
Zoom**

Attendance: Present Absent Excused

Officers:

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus Bishop and President **P**
Richard Patenaude Chair, Class of 2021 **P**
The Rev. Jon Owens Vice Chair, Class of 2022 **P**
Mees Tielens Secretary, Class of 2021 **P**

Class of 2021:

Bruce Morrow P
Eleanor Prugh P
Don Miller P
The Rev. Merry Chan Ong P

Class of 2022:

Marj Leeds P
Birgit Eschmann P
Tom Matthews P
Anna Haight P

Class of 2023:

Aidan Jobe-Sea P
Jeanette Dinwiddie Moore P
The Rev. Lindy Bunch P
The Rev. Krista Fregoso P
Sherry Lund P
Elaine Vallecillo-Miller P

Bishop's Appointees:

The Rev. Liz Tichenor P
Bruno Peguese P
Ana Marina Vaquero A
Edgar Woo P

Ex-officio members:

The Rev. Richard Edward Helmer Secretary of the Convention **A**
Lane Ringlee Treasurer of the Diocese **P**

Diocesan Staff:

The Rev. Canon Abbott Bailey Canon to the Ordinary **P**
Jim Forsyth Interim CFO **P**
Michele Racusin CFO **P**
Davey Gerhard Director of Development **P**
Stephanie Martin Taylor Working Group Head for Communications **P**

Other attendees:

Christopher Hayes, Esq. Chancellor of the Diocese **P**
Albe Larsen Standing Committee **P**
Kathleen Piraino Episcopal Impact Fund **P**

4:37 Call to Order and Opening Prayer

4:39 Approval Items

- **Meeting Agenda** Richard Patenaude moves to approve the agenda as amended. No discussion. The motion passes.
- **Minutes of Meeting of January 19, 2021** Tom Matthews moves to approve the minutes as amended. It is seconded and passes without discussion.

4:41 Bishop's Time

The Standing Committee approved the bishop's nomination for a new archdeacon: Hailey McKeefry, to serve alongside Nina Pickerell.

Stephanie Martin Taylor reports on the new Diocesan logo, taking the Council through the design evolution and thinking behind the rebranding efforts. The phased rollout will begin on March 1.

5:05 Chancellor's Time

The Chancellor speaks briefly to the rebranding efforts as they intersect with the diocese's legal name.

5:07 Welcoming Michele Racusin

The bishop welcomes the new CFO, the Rev. Michele Racusin, to Executive Council.

5:08 Reports

- ~~Diocesan Logo—Stephanie Martin Taylor~~ *see Bishop's time*
- Bluebird Village Update – Kathleen Piraino

Kathleen Piraino gives an update on the Bluebird Village project in Brentwood, describing the plans and partners for each of the components (market rate housing, affordable homes for first-time homebuyers, affordable rental housing, and a farm, community building, and childcare facility). They are working with Eden Housing and are at a decision point around ownership structures. In light of the potential risks and rewards, the task force recommends negotiating a ground lease. Kathleen Piraino is requesting authorization for the task force to work out a memorandum of understanding with Eden Housing. The MOU will be returned to the Council and the bishop for approval.

The council discusses the implications of the proposed vision and recommendations.

Birgit Eschmann moves to authorize Bluebird Village Taskforce to negotiate an MOU with Eden Housing that provides for the following ownership structure: 1. The property under the market rate housing will be sold to a market rate developer, 2. The property under the 1st Time Homeowner property will be sold to a nonprofit, not yet identified, and 3. the property under the affordable rental housing will be subject to a long-term ground lease. The MOU will be presented to the Executive Council at a future meeting for its final approval.

The motion is seconded and passes.

5:55 Break

6:05 Reports

▪ **St. Dorothy's Rest Update**

Aidan Jobe Sea and Liz Tichenor give an update on SDR. The application for the conservation easement has been officially accepted into the process by the county. The Board is working on a business plan to present to the Council and to Standing Committee in the next couple months. The SDR board is asking for approval to move forward with selling the office building. It is not necessary for SDR's functioning as a camper/retreat center and has a living space so will likely be an attractive building to purchase. The sale would generate \$300,000-\$600,000 and allow SDR the financial space to put a new business plan into action.

In concurrence with the Bishop, the Executive Council authorizes the St. Dorothy's Rest Association board of directors to list the Office building for sale, subject to final approval by the Bishop and the Executive Council. Liz Tichenor makes the motion and it is seconded. After some discussion, the motion passes.

▪ **Technology & Internet Access Update – The Rev. Jon Owens**

Reminder: each deanery needs to put forward one person to be appointed to this task force. Please submit names via Jon Owens.

▪ **Standing Committee Report – Albe Larsen**

Standing Committee met on February 11. They consented to the election of Paula Clark as the bishop of the Diocese of Chicago and approved the bishop's nomination of Hailey McKeefry for archdeacon.

• **Multicultural Ministry and Engagement Officer**

Canon Abbott updates the council on the search for the new diocesan Multicultural Ministry and Community Engagement Officer.

6:30 Committee Appointments

• Nominating Committee

To take place over email.

• Program and Budget Committee

The following members volunteer for the Program and Budget Committee:

San Francisco: Birgit Eschmann

Contra Costa: Marj Leeds

Alameda: Bruce Morrow

Southern Alameda: Richard Patenaude

Peninsula: Aidan Jobe Sea

Marin: Eleanor Prugh

~~6:00 Discussion – *We Shall Be Changed*, First Conversation: Distancing and Deepening~~

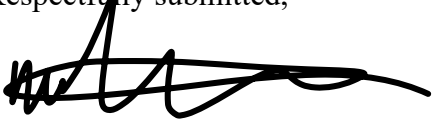
6:36 Talking Points and Deanery Reports

Talking points include the update on the Bluebird Village project, welcoming the CFO Michele Racusin, and the search for the Multicultural Ministry Officer.

Most deaneries are scheduled to meet next month.

6:39 Closing prayer and meeting adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mees Tielens', written over a horizontal line.

Mees Tielens
Secretary of Executive Council