

**The Diocese of East Carolina
Standing Committee Minutes
August 14, 2025, at 1:30 pm
Via Zoom**

Present: The Reverend Michael Singer, The Reverend Dr. Farrell Graves, Thomas Warren, Jane Gordon

Welcome: The Rev'd Michael Singer began the meeting at 1:30 pm

Opening Prayer was offered by the Rev. Michael Singer

Report from the Co-Chair of the Search Committee: Rev. Thomas Warren reported that the Search Committee is preparing for the Retreat, which will take place the last week in August. They are in the process of setting the agenda for the retreat. They will be sure to allow time for the candidates to make presentations and also some space for discernment. A shepherd for each candidate has been appointed from the Search Committee. The Chaplains will be at the retreat and will be available for the candidates if desired.

Report from the Co-Chairs of the Transition Committee: Mary Duane Hale and Stephen Thomas reported that the Riverfront Convention Center in New Bern has been booked for the consecration. They have developed a detailed Meet and Greet schedule and have updated the route for the Meet and Greets. They are pricing rooms and transportation. The subcommittees on candidate shepherds and farewell to Bishop Skirving have begun their work.

Interviews with Candidates for Holy Orders: The Standing Committee interviewed Stephen Thomas, Gary Fetter, and Hugh Davis. After the interviews, Farrell made a motion to recommend Thomas, Fetter, and Davis to be candidates for Holy Orders. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Michael asked if we had given any thought to who could join us on the Standing Committee to replace Caleb and Vera. Tom nominated Rev. Jody Greenwood. Jane seconded the Motion, and it passed unanimously. **New Business:**

Michael reported that he is going to become the Interim Rector at St. Andrew's By the Sea in Wilmington.

The committee reviewed the proposed Letter of Understanding for the new Bishop and made comments. Michael will send the letter to the Chancellor for her review.

The Minutes from the July 2025 Standing Committee were approved unanimously, with Farrell moving and Tom seconding the motion.

The time frame for nominations by petition for bishop was discussed. Farrell moved that the petition process would run for 14 days after the public announcement of the slate of candidates. Tom seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed voting software for the election and decided to follow Chris Williamson's recommendations.

Farrell moved to adjourn and Tom seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM.

The next meeting of the Standing Committee is scheduled for September 11, 2025 at 1:30 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at ? pm.

Future Items:

- Next scheduled meeting: **September 11, 2025, at 1:30 pm**