

**The Diocese of East Carolina
Standing Committee Minutes
August 19, 2025, at 9:00 am
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 9:00 am

Opening Prayer was offered by the Rev. Michael Singer

Michael stated that the Search Committee and Dr. Silvestrini (Search consultant) had asked the Standing Committee to determine whether to allow people to apply to stand for election as Bishop if they had been through the Search process and were not selected for the slate of candidates.

A lively discussion followed on whether to exclude such candidates, which would indicate trust in the good work of the Search Committee.

After this discussion Farrell moved to exclude from the Petition process those people who had been through the search process with the Search Committee but who had not been selected for the slate of nominees by the Search Committee. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously..

Tom moved to allow Bishop Skirving to keep his laptop and cell phone for his personal use upon his retirement. Jane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Tom moved to adjourn and Jane seconded.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 am.