

**The Diocese of East Carolina
Standing Committee Minutes
February 12, 2026 1:32 PM
Via Zoom**

Present: The Reverend Michael Singer, Tom Tully, Jane Gordon, The Reverend Paul Canady, Marc Asaad

Absent: The Reverend Jody Greenwood

Michael opened the meeting with prayer.

New Business: The Committee was joined via Zoom by Mary Duane Hale, Co-Chair of the Transition Committee. She provided an update on the work of the Committee in connection with the Ordination of the new Bishop.

An email was sent from the Diocese on Feb. 8 with dates and opportunities to serve at the Ordination, and Chris Williamson is setting up a page on the Diocesan website with more details.

The Transition Committee is also working on Thanksgivings for Bishop Skirving and his wife Sandy.

Mary Duane went over the revised schedule of events and reported that Judy Whichard is heading up the Ordination planning and is doing a good job. Bishop Wright of Atlanta will be the preacher.

For Bishop Skirving's farewell, there will be a gathering on May 18 at the Trinity Center, which is intended to be for both Bishop Skirving and Bishop-Elect Sarah Fisher. The emphasis will be on encouraging youth participation.

Mary Duane left the meeting at 1:51 PM.

The Committee approved the minutes from the January 2026 meeting by unanimous vote after a motion by Mark and a second by Tom.

The Committee voted unanimously to consent to the election of Rev. Richard Lawson as Bishop of Alabama after a motion by Tom and a second by Marc.

The Committee voted unanimously to consent to the election of Rev. Karin MacPhail as Bishop of Southwestern Virginia after a motion by Paul and a second by Tom.

The Committee considered the request from Christ Church New Bern for its consent to sell the property located at 223 E. Front Street, New Bern, NC for \$250,000.00. After a motion from Tom and a second from Marc, the Committee voted unanimously to consent to the sale subject to review and approval of the settlement documents by the Diocesan Chancellor. Paul recused himself from the vote on this matter since he is the Rector of Christ Church.

Paul moved to adjourn, and Tom seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM.

The next meeting will be via Zoom on March 12 at 1:30 PM.