

**The Diocese of East Carolina
Standing Committee Minutes
March 12, 2026 1:30 PM
Via Zoom**

Present: The Reverend Michael Singer, Tom Tully, Jane Gordon, The Reverend Jody Greenwood, Marc Asaad

Absent: The Reverend Paul Canady

Jody opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the February 2026 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Tom and a second by Marc.

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

The Transition Committee has been working on a farewell for the Skirvings and has been soliciting funds for a gift to help fund their trip to Iona in Scotland after the Bishop-Elect is ordained.

Stephen reported that planning and preparation for the Bishop's ordination is going well.

Michael asked if there is anything they need from the Standing Committee, and Stephen and Mary Duane said no.

Mary Duane reminded the Standing Committee to look at the website pages about the ordination and also mentioned that churches are being requested to bring banners that will be a part of the procession.

Mary Duane left the meeting.

Stephen stayed in the meeting to answer questions about his journey toward ordination. Stephen Thomas then left the meeting.

Jane moved to consent to Stephen's ordination as a Deacon subject to the remaining requirements being completed. Tom seconded the motion, and the consent was approved unanimously.

Gary Fetter joined the meeting to answer questions about his journey toward ordination. Gery then left the meeting. Jody moved to consent to his ordination to the diaconate, and Marc seconded the motion. The consent was approved unanimously.

Nicholas Kohlmann joined the meeting to answer questions about his journey toward candidacy to Holy Orders. Nicholas then left the meeting.

A motion to consent to Nicholas' candidacy for Holy Orders was made by Marc and seconded by Jane. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeremy Fiebig joined the meeting to answer questions about his candidacy for Holy Orders. Jeremy then left the meeting.

A motion to consent to his candidacy to Holy Orders was made by Tom, seconded by Marc, and passed unanimously.

Richard Preble joined the meeting to answer questions about his candidacy for Holy Orders. Richard then left the meeting.

A motion to consent to his candidacy to Holy Orders was made by Jane, seconded by Tom, and passed unanimously.

Carla Shores joined the meeting to answer questions about her candidacy for Holy Orders. Carla then left the meeting.

A motion to consent to Carla's candidacy for Holy Orders was made by Marc, seconded by Tom, and passed unanimously.

Sandra Joucks joined the meeting to answer questions about her candidacy to the priesthood. Sandra then left the meeting.

A motion to consent to Sandra's candidacy to the priesthood was made by Marc, seconded by Jane, and passed unanimously.

Jane moved to adjourn, and Jody seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM.

The next meeting will be via Zoom on May 14 at 1:30 PM.