

**The Diocese of East Carolina
Standing Committee Minutes
January 15, 2026 10:05 AM
St. Anne's Church, Jacksonville**

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

Michael opened the meeting with prayer.

The Committee first reviewed and approved the Minutes from its meetings on October 9, November 14, and December 7. Paul moved to approve the October Minutes, Jody seconded. Jody moved to approve the November Minutes, Tom seconded. Tom moved to approve the December Minutes, Jody seconded. All were approved by unanimous vote.

New Business. Michael reported that all necessary consents for the election of Bishop-Elect Sarah Fisher have been received. Michael also reported that he had a Zoom meeting with Bishop-Elect Sarah Fisher, Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, and members of the Transition Committee to discuss the Ordination. He confirmed that the Ordination will take place in the New Bern Convention Center so that we would have enough room for anyone who wants to attend.

Michael then went over handouts including a description of the duties and responsibilities of the Standing Committee and relevant sections of the Constitution and Canons.

Michael summarized the work of the Committee in 2025 and described the Bishop Search process.

The Committee elected officers of the Standing Committee. Tom moved to elect Jane to be Secretary, and Paul seconded the motion. Paul nominated Michael to be President, and Tom seconded. Both motions passed unanimously.

The Committee agreed to keep its meeting schedule at 1:30 PM on the second Thursday of the month, usually via Zoom.

Paul let the Committee know that Christ Church New Bern is likely to have a property matter this year to bring before the Committee.

The Committee discussed the logistics of the Bishop's Ordination in May.

A 10 minute break was taken at 10:55 AM. The meeting resumed at 11:05 AM, and 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 to facilitate Rev. Fisher's move to the area, planning for the Ordination, and working on farewell celebrations for Bishop Skirving.

Mary Duane reported that the Presiding Bishop will arrive on Thursday and will have dinner with Bishop Skirving, Rev. Fisher, and their spouses. Friday there will be a Clergy luncheon at Christ Church New Bern. A rehearsal will take place Friday afternoon, followed by a light reception.

Saturday morning, there will be a breakfast with the Bishops who are in attendance. Invitations to the Ordination will be electronic.

The Zoom call ended at 11:19 AM.

Michael mentioned the need to publicize the Ordination date and time in the coming weeks and months.

Jody moved to adjourn, and Marc seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm after Motion by Jody..

Future Items:

- The Committee agreed to meet in person on January 15, 2026.