

Summary of Diocesan Council Actions and Motions

November 2023 to January 2024

Note: Some motions below have been edited to remove confidential information.

Monthly:

Each month the minutes of the previous month's meetings are approved. These motions are not listed here unless there is an item of note.

November 14, 2023:

- Motion to approve allowing the Diocesan Investigation Team to enter into a contract with Telios Law for assistance with Canonical Investigations. Up to \$10,000 of existing budgetary funds allocated.
 - Jeff Whitworth made motion and Katherine Heidenthal seconded
 - Vote of ten ayes, one nay, one abstained and motion passed

December 20, 2023:

- Motion to add Rev. Steven Kelley to the Finance committee and establish team rotation as noted in the document
 - Rev. Brian Campbell made the motion and Rev. Jan Buchanan seconded
 - All voted in favor and motion passed
- Motion to approve seven housing allowances for 2024.
 - Jerald Walz made the motion and Rev. Brian Campbell seconded
 - All voted in favor and motion passed
- Motion to elect Jeff Whitworth as the Vice Chair of the council
 - Jerald Walz made the motion and Rev. Dave Linka seconded
 - All voted in favor and motion passed
- Motion to reduce the 2024 budgetary expenses in the following ways
 - Freeze Judicatory Support to 2023 Levels
 - Reduce travel budget by \$15k
 - Reduce COLA adjustments to save \$20k (based on staff recommendations)
 - Reduce all leaders meeting by \$10k
 - Jerald Walz made the motion and Bishop Steve Breedlove seconded

- All voted in favor and motion passed

January 16, 2024

- No motions other than minutes

January 27, 2024

- Motion to accept final 2024 budget revisions (changes to Dec 20, 2023 motion)
 - Normal judicatory support (instead of reduction) and travel reduced by \$10k (instead of \$15k)
 - Motion made by Elaine Townley seconded by Katherine Heidenthal
 - Discussion: Should we keep COLA for staff or judicatory support
 - Vote of eleven ayes, one nay and motion passes
- Motion: Establish the working groups below, with DC members to bring back suggestions for additional team members and propose each working group charge to the DC.
 - Exec: Jeff Whitworth & Jerald Walz
 - Cred: Rev. Jan Buchanan & Seth McKinnis
 - Ministry Grant: Rev. Martin Rhodes & Elaine Townley
 - Governance: Rebecca Borah & Rev. Dave Linka
 - Enterprise HR: Eddie Waren & TBD (new DC member)
 - Safeguarding: Rev. Brian Campbell & Katherine Heidenthal
 - Motion made by Jeff Whitworth and seconded by Seth McKinnis
 - All voted in favor and motion passed