

**MINUTES  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD  
March 4 - 6, 2021  
Via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Yvette Wynn, Chair, Cameron Barr, Vice-Chair, Faufau Alaelua, Kearstin Bailey, Traci Blackmon, Brian Bodager, Emma Brewer-Wallin, Charles Buck, Carolyne Call, Rachel Chapman, Eleanore Chong, Hannah Cranbury, John Dorhauer, Mark Dutell, Shernell Edney-Stilley, Derrick Elliott, Thaddaeus Elliott, John Folk, Julia Gaughan, Darrell Goodwin, Carla Gregg-Kearns, Tim Hachfeld, Richard Harter, Alice Hunt, Penny Lowes, Gloria-Ann Muraki, David Nelson, Shari Prestemon, Gordon Rankin, Michael Readinger, Inez Reid, Franz Rigert, Bob Sandman, D'Angelo Smith, Kylie Steever, Paul S. Tch , Karen Georgia Thompson, John Vertigan, Harriet Ward, Diane Weible, Marsha Williams, Bill Worley, Jeanette Zaragoza.

**Non-Board members with special expertise:** Lawrence Bashe, Ron Patterson

**Absent:** Dennis Coy, Kevin Graham, Eric Jackson, James Maki, Yesenia Menendez-Sanchez, Lewis Zeidner.

**Guests:** David Anderson, Elizabeth Dilley, Patrick Duggan, Jonathan Lee, Frank Loiacono, Tami Marinella, Kevin Peterson, Quanita Roberson, Matt Wagner, Tenneson Woolf

**Staff and Others Present:** Donyale Copeland, Cynthia Gaffney, Heather Kimmel, Dianne Roberts, Kent Siladi, Brian Tracy, Cheryl Williams

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021**

**FIRST BUSINESS SESSION**

**ROLL CALL and DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

**Welcome by Cameron Barr, Vice Chair**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was VOTED:**  
**UCCB-21-03-01** to approve the Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**It was VOTED:**  
**UCCB-21-03-02** to approve Consent Agenda Items UCCB-21-03-02a-e which includes the following items of business:

**UCCB-21-03-02a:** grant voice without vote to the following staff and guests, including Quanita Roberson and Tenneson Woolf and others making presentation to the UCCB: David Anderson, Donyale Copeland, Patrick Duggan, Cynthia Gaffney, Heather Kimmel, Kevin Peterson, Dianne Roberts, Kent Siladi, Brian Tracy, Cheryl Williams

**UCCB-21-03-02b:** to adopt the Governance Committee's recommendation that the United Church of Christ Board elect the following people to the General Synod Credentials Committee,

each for a term commencing on the date of election and ending at the conclusion of General Synod 2023: Cynthia Borrego-Hogan, Jeffrey A. Dodson, Thomas Kolb, Hannah Rice, and Tyler Ung

*Supporting Document: UCCB 21-03-GOV-03 Credential Comm Nominee Bios 02.22.21*

**UCCB-21-03-02c:** to adopt the Governance Committee’s recommendation that the United Church of Christ Board approve the election of Sivia Sasa, Brenda V. Smith, and Cameron Trimble to the Board of Directors of the United Church of Christ Church Building and Loan Fund.

*Supporting Document: UCCB-21-02-GOV-04 Sivia Sasa Bio 02-16-21;*

*Supporting Document: UCCB-21-02-GOV-05 Brenda V. Smith Bio 02-16-21;*

*Supporting Document: UCCB-21-02-GOV-06 Cameron Trimble Bio 02-16-21*

**UCCB-21-03-02d:** to adopt the Governance Committee’s recommendation that the United Church of Christ Board approve Angel Cepeda Velazquez to be eligible for election to the Board of Trustees of The Pension Boards –United Church of Christ, Inc. when a vacancy occurs.

*Supporting Document: UCCB-21-02-GOV-07 Angel Cepeda Velazquez Memo 02-16-21;*

*Supporting Document: UCCB-21-02-GOV-08 Angel Cepeda Velazquez Resume 02-16-21*

**UCCB-21-03-02e:** to adopt the Governance Committee’s recommendation that the United Church of Christ Board elect Robert F.R. Peters, Jr., Rochelle A. Stackhouse, and Laura J. Thomson to the UCC Historical Council, each for a first term of six years commencing on the date of election, and Carolyn Call and K. Ray Hill each for a second term of six years commencing on the date of election.

*Supporting Document: UCCB-21-02-GOV-11 Historical Council Nominee Bios 02-22-21*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB-21-03-03** to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2021 meeting of the United Church of Christ Board.

**Worship by Yvette Wynn, Chair**

**Remarks of General Minister & President, John Dorhauer**

Discussion of health of UCC during the pandemic which included video of National Setting staff discussing work on strategic priorities.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FACILITATED WORKSHOP**

With Quanita Roberson and Tenneson Woolf

**Closing prayer by Cameron Barr**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021**

**SECOND BUSINESS SESSION**

**Opening prayer by Yvette Wynn**

**COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE MINISTERS UPDATE**

By Gordon Rankin

**DISCUSSION: CREATION OF GMP COMPENSATION AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

By Yvette Wynn and Cameron Barr

The UCCB discussed the creation of a GMP Compensation and Evaluation Committee.

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB 21-03-04**

to create a GMP Compensation and Evaluation Committee, which will oversee the GMP's compensation and the annual evaluation of the GMP; the Personnel Committee and the GMP Evaluation Committee are dissolved; the Governance Committee shall recommend amendments to the UCCB Standing Rules in accordance with this vote at the next UCCB meeting.

Abstentions: Traci Blackmon, John Dorhauer, Karen Georgia Thompson

**AGM Report: Justice & Local Church Ministries, Traci Blackmon with guest Elizabeth Dilley**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISPOSITION COMMITTEE REPORT**

By David Anderson

The Subcommittee on Disposition recommends that the United Church of Christ Board, sitting as the General Synod Committee on Disposition, adopt the amended Report of the Subcommittee on Disposition.

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB 21-03-05**

to adopt the amended Report of the Subcommittee on Disposition.

*Supporting Document: UCCB-21-03-SoD-01 – Amended Report of Subcommittee on Disposition*

**INVESTMENT AND ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

By David Nelson

The Investment and Endowment Committee recommends that the United Church of Christ Board approve a proposal to liquidate the holdings now managed by SASCO and transfer those funds to United Church Funds.

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB 21-03-06**

to approve the recommendation of the Investment and Endowment Committee to liquidate the holdings now managed by SASCO and transfer those funds to United Church Funds.

Abstentions: Charles Buck

## **UCCB CHAIR/VICE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

By Inez Reid

Judge Reid provided an interim report of the committee's work.

## **FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

By Cameron Barr

The Committee recommends the UCCB receive the preliminary and unaudited Combined Operating Income Statement and Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2020, as presented.

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB 21-03-07** to receive the preliminary and unaudited Combined Operating Income Statement and Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2020, as presented.

*Supporting Documentation UCCB 31-03-FB-03 Combined IS & BS.pdf*

The Committee recommends that the UCCB adopt and recommend that General Synod adopt a projected National Basic Support allocation of \$4.210 million for the budget year 2022 and \$3.873 million for the budget year 2023 and that the percentage allocations for 2022 and 2023 be based on the recommendation of the United Church of Christ Board.

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB 21-03-08** to adopt and recommend to General Synod for adoption: 1) A projected National Basic Support allocation of \$4.210 million for the budget year 2022 and \$3873 million for the budget year 2023; and 2) That the percentage allocations for 2022 and 2023 be based on the recommendation of the United Church of Christ Board.

*(Supporting Documentation UCCB-21-03-FB-04 OCWM NBS 2022-2023.pdf)*

## **GENERAL SYNOD PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

By Penny Lowes

Progress is being made for virtual General Synod 33 with many segments pre-taped. PCBiz is the platform for the meeting. Keynote speakers and preachers for worship decided. Registration to begin in late April.

**AGM Report: Wider Church Ministries, Karen Georgia Thompson**

## **COUNCIL FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE MINISTRIES REPORT**

By Mike Readinger

Mike Readinger provided a report from Council on Health and Human Services.

*Supporting Document: UCCB Report 21-03 CHHSM*

## **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

By D'Angelo Smith and Ron Patterson

Discussion on six campaigns and legacy giving.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION  
(see separate minutes)**

**It was VOTED:**  
**UCCB 21-03-09** to move into Executive Session.

**It was VOTED:**  
**UCCB-21-03-10** to return to Regular Session.

**It was VOTED:**  
**UCCB-21-03-11** to approve the Executive Session minutes from October 2 and 3, 2020.

**It was VOTED:**  
**UCCB-21-03-12** to move into Executive Session with Officers excused.

**It was VOTED:**  
**UCCB-21-03-13** to approve the executive session minutes from the February 5, 2021 meeting with noted changes to attendance.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
By John Dorhauer**

John Dorhauer introduced new Chief Financial Officer Tami Marinella.

**Closing prayer by John Dorhauer**

**Adjournment**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021**

**THIRD BUSINESS SESSION**

**Opening prayer by Cameron Barr**

**PENSION BOARDS REPORT  
By Brian Bodager**

Yvette Wynn granted voice without vote to Jonathan Lee and Frank Loiacono by consent of the UCCB.

Discussion of investment funds and Ministers' Financial Vitality Initiative and the offering of Humana Healthcare program for Medicare supplement.

**COUNCIL FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE MINISTRIES REPORT  
By Mike Readinger**

Additional update from CHHSM regarding creation of a Fellowship Program for a current Yale post-graduate student.

**CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND REPORT**

By Patrick Duggan

Discussion on services offered in all stages of church life and the repurposing of church buildings for affordable housing.

*Supporting Document UCCB Report-21-03 CBLF*

**UNITED CHURCH FUNDS REPORT**

By Charles Buck and Matt Wagner

Yvette Wynn granted voice without vote to Matt Wagner by consent of the UCCB.

Discussion of sustainable investing and managing legacy gifts.

*Supporting Document UCF AR2020 Spreads 03[2]*

**CLOSING HARVEST**

By Yvette Wynn and Cameron Barr

A motion from Cameron and seconded to indicate that the UCCB celebrates our continued work with the Strategic Priorities of the National Setting in the biennium 2019-2021 and receives the Summary Review of our work as a resource for continuity to those who will follow us in the next biennium.

**It was VOTED:**

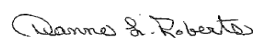
**UCCB-21-03-14** to celebrate the continued work with the Strategic Priorities of the National Setting in the biennium 2019-2021 and receive the summary Review of the work as a resource for continuity to those who will follow in the next biennium.

*Supporting Document UCCB Strategic Priorities Review*

**Closing prayer by John Dorhauer**

**Adjournment – 1:40pm EST**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Dianne Roberts - Recorder**