

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
United Church of Christ Board
June 2, 2022
Via Zoom

Members in Attendance: David Ackerman, Kearstin Bailey, Cameron Barr (Chair), Joyce Bathke, Traci Blackmon, Brian Bodager, Emma Brewer-Wallin, Charles Buck, Rachel Chapman, Elly Chong, Hannah Cranbury, Tom Croner, Edward Davis, Courtney Dobbins, John Dorhauer, Mark Dutell, Shernell Edney Stilley, Derrick Elliott, John Folk, Julia Gaughan, Darrell Goodwin, Tim Hachfeld, Dick Hom, Tracy Keene, Shari Prestemon, Gordon Rankin, Lawrence Richardson, Bethany Ruhl, Bob Sandman, D'Angelo Smith, Paul Tch , Elizabeth Walker, Marsha Williams, Jeannette Zaragoza DeL on

Members Absent: Faufau Alaelua, Molly Carlson, Jasmine Coleman Quinerly, Tyler Connoley, Kevin Graham, Eric Jackson, Onyx Kuthuru, Gloria-Ann Muraki, Rushan Sinnaduray, Kylie Steever, Danial Su'a, Karen Georgia Thompson, Careina Williams, Lewis Zeidner

Non-members with Special Expertise Absent: Lawrence Bashe, Ron Patterson

Staff Present: Donyale Copeland, Heather Kimmel, Alisa Lewis, Tami Marinella, Cheryl Williams

Guests: David Anderson, Gabrielle Fields, Kevin Peterson

ROLL CALL and DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Cameron Barr offered an opening prayer; Heather Kimmel called the roll and declared a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was moved and seconded. No discussion.

It was VOTED:

UCCB-22-06-01 to approve the Agenda.
(Supporting Document: UCCB-22-06-01 Agenda)

GRANT VOICE WITHOUT VOTE

The motion was moved and seconded. No discussion.

It was VOTED:

UCCB-22-06-02 to grant voice without vote to David Anderson, Donyale Copeland, Heather Kimmel, Kevin Peterson, and other National Staff members present.

APPROVAL OF UCCB MARCH 2022 MEETING MINUTES

The motion was moved and second. No discussion/no corrections offered.

It was VOTED:

UCCB-22-06-03 to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2022 Meeting of the United Church of Christ Board.
(Supporting Document: UCCB-22-06-02 Minutes 03.11.2022)

UPDATE FROM GENERAL MINISTER & PRESIDENT

Rev. John Dorhauer, GMP, offered an update on the sale of the office building at 700 Prospect. The sale has closed. He also lifted up the staff of the New York Conference in prayer on the transitions occurring in the Conference.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Cameron Barr gave the report of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee finalized the GMP Position Description and approved a GMP Search Committee Charter. Emma Brewer-Wallin offered an update on the search process and reminded the UCCB that the timeline is laid out on the website.

(Supporting Document: UCCB-22-04-ExComm_DRAFT MINUTES-04.19.2022)

(Supporting Document: FINAL_UCCB-22-04-ExComm-03_GMP Position Description)

Supporting Document: UCCB-22-04-ExComm-04_Search Committee Charter)

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Marsha Williams gave the report of the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee recommended the UCCB elect Gabrielle Fields to fill an unexpired board term for the class of 2023. No discussion.

It was VOTED:

UCCB-22-06-04 to elect Gabrielle Fields to fill an unexpired board term for the class of 2023.
(Supporting Document: UCCB-22-03-GOV-03 UCCB Gabrielle Fields Bio)

The Governance Committee recommended the UCCB approve the Thirty-Fourth General Synod Standing Rules. Kevin Peterson spoke to the major changes, including authority for submission; deletion of proposals for action/pronouncements; authority of Resolution Review Team to recommend rejection to the Committee on Disposition of a proposed resolution; updates to implementation conversations; and the codification of the Agenda Committee. Marsha spoke to

the implementation conversations update. Bob Sandman also noted a change to the substitute motions provisions and related that there was substantial conversation in the GSP&P and Governance Committees on that issue. A question was asked about substitute motions and some further discussion ensued; Heather Kimmel noted that it was part of the rationale that there was insufficient time in plenary to devote to substitute motions.

It was VOTED:

UCCB-22-06-05 to approve the Thirty-Fourth General Synod Standing Rules, with the changes discussed in committee.

(Supporting Document: UCCB-22-03-GOV-04 DRAFT Thirty-fourth GS Standing Rules)

Jeanette Zaragoza de Leon abstained.

Following the vote, Hannah Cranbury raised the issue of motions to end debate. Calling the question can be confusing and abrupt; the Governance Committee considered ways to make that less jarring. It could not come to a consensus and decided to make no change. The Gov Com will delve within the issue to try to see if it can find a more compassionate way to end debate within the Standing Rules, or find a way outside the Standing Rules to handle the tension of ending debate. The Governance Committee is dedicated to taking it seriously.

The meeting was adjourned.