

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**United Church of Christ Board**  
**September 14, 2022**  
**Via Zoom**

**Members in Attendance:** Joyce Bathke, Cameron Barr (Chair), Brian Bodager, Emma Brewer-Wallin, Charles Buck, Molly Carson, Rachel Chapman, Elly Chong, Tyler Connoley, Hannah Cranbury, Tom Croner, Edward Davis, Courtney Dobbins, John Dorhauer, Jamar Doyle, Mark Dutell, John Folk, Darrell Goodwin, Kevin Graham, Tim Hachfeld, Dick Hom, Gloria-Ann Muraki, Shari Prestemon, Lawrence Richardson, Bethany Ruhl, Bob Sandman, D'Angelo Smith, Paul Tch , Karen Georgia Thompson, Elizabeth Walker, Careina Williams, Marsha Williams, Jeannette Zaragoza DeL on, Lewis Zeidner

**Members Absent:** David Ackerman, Faufau Alaelua, Jasmine Coleman Quinerly, Shernell Edney Stilley, Derrick Elliott, Gabrielle Fields, Julia Gaughan, Eric Jackson, Tracy Keene, Onyx Kuthuru, Gordon Rankin, Rushan Sinnaduray, Kylie Steever, Danial Su'a,

**Non-members with Special Expertise Present:** Ron Patterson

**Non-members with Special Expertise Absent:** Lawrence Bashe

**Staff Present:** Donyale Copeland, Cindy Gaffney, Charles Jefferson, Heather Kimmel, Alisa Lewis, Tami Marinella, Kent Siladi

**Guests:** Carrie Call, Yvette Wynn

**ROLL CALL and DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

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

**WELCOME BY CHAIR, CAMERON BARR**

Cameron welcomed all members and thanked them for attending this special meeting. Members were given a reminder on committee vacancies. A welcome was extended to Charles Jefferson as the new Director of Marketing & Development and to new Board members Jamar Doyle and Gabrielle Fields.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was VOTED:**  
**UCCB-22-09-01**

to approve the Agenda.  
(Supporting Document: UCCB-22-09-01 Agenda)

**MOTION CARRIED BY CONSENSUS**

## **GRANT VOICE WITHOUT VOTE**

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB-22-09-02:** to grant voice without vote to Carrie Call (guest), Donyale Copeland, Cindy Gaffney, Heather Kimmel, Tami Marinella, Yvette Wynn (guest), and other National Staff members.

## **MOTION CARRIED BY CONSENSUS**

## **APPROVAL OF UCCB JUNE 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**It was VOTED**

**UCCB-22-09-03:** to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2022 Special Meeting of the United Church of Christ Board.  
*(Supporting Document: UCCB-22-09-02 Minutes 06.02.2022)*

**MOVED:** Cameron Barr

**SECONDED:** Hannah Cranbury

## **MOTION CARRIED**

*Jamar Doyle abstained*

## **REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY, BY YVETTE WYNN, CHAIR**

Yvette Wynn gave the report of the Task Force on Financial Sustainability. The task force was formed to look at how the National Setting will continue to have the resources they need given that there is lower giving and changes in sources of finances. The main focus at this time is around the philanthropy team enhancement and an administrative fee. Lawrence Richardson provided a report of his meeting with the Council of Conference Ministers.

Tami Marinella provided information on the administrative fee and how it will assist in funding the National Setting. We can only access unrestricted funds and those specially designed for operating sources. Currently 1/3 of funding covers 75% of the costs. Administrative fee allows for an overhead fee that is shared between all of the endowments.

Kent Siladi provided information on the enhancement of the philanthropy team. The team hopes to add three new generosity officers to the staff. The plan would be to deploy the 6 officers and use the regions as a guideline with each officer to have the two main goals: the development of 75-100 donors and cultivating planned or legacy gifts. It may take a year or two for the officers to develop relationships with donors.

Further discussion is needed on OCWM. No actions to alter OCWM will be taken without input from the partners most affected by it. To place philanthropy as a strategic priority gives clear direction to the GMP to expand the philanthropy staff. The report needs clarification on funds raised for others. There is a suggestion to encourage additional staff in terms of the

establishment of church ministries to figure out why Local Churches have not been able to contribute to OCWM and provide greater support to the local churches.

*(Supporting Document: UCCB-22-07-ExComm-04 Financial\_Sustainability\_Report)*

**GENERAL SYNOD FREQUENCY, FORM AND FUNCTION TASK FORCE REPORT  
By YVETTE WYNN and CARRIE CALL**

Carrie Call provided the report on the General Synod Frequency, Form, and Function Task Force. The task force looked at the resources, finances and staff time that goes into General Synod. A three-year cycle would help to meet the resource issues. The form of General Synod is proposed to be hybrid with some in person and some virtual. The resolution process needs to be considered. 2028 would be the first General Synod under the new plan. The proposal needs to be communicated. With many Conferences having their annual meetings in the fall, information on the proposal may be disseminated there.

**REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
By MARSHA WILLIAMS, CHAIR**

Marsha Williams provided the report of the Governance Committee and recommends to affirm and move forward. The Bylaw amendments would be brought forward at the October Board meeting.

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB-22-09-04:** To affirm and move forward with the proposal of the General Synod Frequency, Form, and Function Task Force to move to a three-year General Synod term.

*(Supporting Documents:*

*UCCB-22-07-ExCom-03-Form\_and\_Frequency\_GS Proposal*

*UCCB-22-08-GOV-5.2.2022\_GS\_Frequency\_Memo)*

*UCCB-22-09-GSFFFTF-01*

**MOTION COMES FROM THE COMMITTEE  
MOTION CARRIED**

*Bob Sandman abstained*

*Karen Georgia Thompson abstained*

OPTIC will take a role in the communication of the proposal. The chief of marketing and others at National Setting to meet to discuss communication platforms to push the messages out.

**REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT AND ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE  
By CAMERON BARR, CHAIR**

Cameron Barr provided the report of the Investment and Endowment Committee. The topic of the administrative fee went back to the I&E Committee where robust conversation was

had. The Investment and Endowment Committee will continue to examine the effect of the administration fee on the draw rate. At the time of meeting, the budget was not completed. There may need to be an ask for an adjustment.

**It was VOTED:  
UCCB-22-09-05**

To approve a draw rate not to exceed 1% on the endowment funds that have an unrestricted purpose and those restricted with operational purpose investment portfolio based on the average balance of the preceding 20 quarters for the 2023 resulting in a combined Administrative Fee and Draw not to exceed \$9,094,180 for 2023.

*(Supporting Documents:*

*UCCB-22-07-ExCom-05\_Memo\_Administrative Fee*

*UCCB-22-08-IE-01 Agenda 2022-08-24*

*UCCB-22-08-IE-04 2023 Administrative Fee and Draw Request)*

**MOTION COMES FROM THE COMMITTEE  
MOTION CARRIED**

Closing prayer and adjournment.