

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
United Church of Christ Board
May 4, 2023
Via Zoom

The United Church of Christ Board is the Board of Directors of the United Church of Christ Board Corporation, Justice and Witness Ministries (a Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ), Local Church Ministries (a Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ), and Wider Church Ministries (a Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ). Each meeting of the United Church of Christ Board is a meeting of each of these corporations.

Members Present: Kearstin Bailey, Cameron Barr, Chair, Traci Blackmon, Brian Bodager, Noah Brewer-Wallin, Charles Buck, Cynta Butts, Molly Carlson, Rachel Chapman, Eleanore Chong, Jasmine Coleman Quinerly, Tyler Connoley, Tom Croner, Edward Davis, Courtney Dobbins, Jamar Doyle, Shernell Edney-Stilley, Derrick Elliott, Gabrielle Fields, John Folk, Julia Gaughan, Vice-Chair, Darrell Goodwin, Tim Hachfeld, Dick Hom, Tracy Keene, Onyx Kuthuru, Janese Murray, Gloria-Ann Muraki, Shari Prestemon, Gordon Rankin, Lawrence Richardson, Bethany Ruhl, Bob Sandman, Andrew (Rushan) Sinnaduray, D'Angelo Smith, Paul Tch e, Elizabeth Walker, Marsha Williams

Absent: David Ackerman, Joyce Bathke, Hannah Cranbury, John Dorhauer, Mark Dutell, Kevin Graham, Eric Jackson, Kylie Steever, Karen Georgia Thompson, Careina Williams, Jeanette Zaragoza De Leon

Non-members present with special expertise: Lawrence Bashe

Staff Present: Donyale Copeland, Cynthia Gaffney, Heather Kimmel

Cameron Barr opened the meeting with prayer.

Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

Heather Kimmel, Secretary of the United Church of Christ Board, declared a quorum.

Welcome By Chair

Cameron welcomed all of the members and thanked them for attending the special meeting.

Approval of Agenda

It was VOTED:
UCCB-23-05-01 to approve the Agenda.

(Supporting Document: UCCB-23-05-01 Agenda)

MOVED: Cameron Barr

SECONDED: Dick Hom

MOTION CARRIED

Grant Voice Without Vote

**It was VOTED:
UCCB-23-05-02**

to grant voice without vote to Donyale Copeland, Cindy Gaffney, Heather Kimmel, and other National Staff members.

MOVED: Cameron Barr

SECONDED: Janese Murray

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of UCCB March 2023 Meeting Minutes

**It was VOTED:
UCCB-23-05-03**

to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2023 Meeting of the United Church of Christ Board.

(Supporting Document: UCCB-23-05-02 Minutes 03.03.2023)

MOVED: Cameron Barr

SECONDED: Tom Croner

MOTION CARRIED

John Folk Abstained

Remarks of the Chair

Cameron gave thanks to all for attending the special meeting on short notice. The meeting was called to approve the UCCB Chair/Vice Chair Nominating Committee report as we head to General Synod. Cameron will be going on sabbatical leave for most of the summer and Julia will step into acting chair role while he is on sabbatical from May 8, 2023 to August 14, 2023. Cameron will attend the Board meeting prior to General Synod and will attend General Synod.

**Report of the United Church of Christ Board Nominating Committee on UCCB Chair and Vice-Chair for 2023-2025 biennium
By Molly Carlson**

The Committee nominates Julia Gaughan as Chair of the United Church of Christ Board for the 2023-2025 biennium. The Committee nominates Jasmine Coleman Quinerly as Vice Chair of the United Church of Christ Board for the 2023-2025 biennium.

It was VOTED:
UCCB-23-05-04 to elect Julia Gaughan as Chair of the United Church of Christ Board for the 2023-2025 biennium.

MOTION CARRIED

Cameron gave his thanks to Julia and thanks for the recommendation to the Board. Julia Gaughan will be the next Chair of the UCCB.

It was VOTED:
UCCB-23-05-05 to elect Jasmine Coleman Quinerly as Vice Chair of the United Church of Christ Board for the 2023-2025 biennium.

MOTION CARRIED

Julia was excited to see the recommendation and to be working with Jasmine Coleman Quinerly. Jasmine Coleman Quinerly will be the next Vice-Chair of the UCCB.

(Supporting document: UCCB-23-05-Chair_Vice-Chair_Nom_Com-01 Report)

Both Julia Gaughan and Jasmine Coleman Quinerly gave remarks and thanks.

Julia Gaughan gave thanks to Cameron for his service to the Board. She remarked that she is excited to work with Jasmine Coleman Quinerly. In the upcoming weeks Julia will be reaching out to each member via cell phone. In the weeks leading up to Synod, if you have questions, please reach out so we can be sure questions get answered as they come up. We will be implementing diversity training and consensus building. Please let us know about committee assignments you may be passionate about.

Jasmine Coleman Quinerly offered prayers for those who went before and for those in the future. The time is to stand on the shoulders of what has been done, at the precipice and what will be.

It was VOTED:
UCCB-23-05-06 to move into Executive Session.

MOVED: Molly Carlson
SECONDED: Julia Gaughan

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session (separate minutes)

It was VOTED:
UCCB-23-05-07 to return to Regular Session.

MOTION: Beth Walker
SECONDED: Darrell Goodwin

MOTION CARRIED

It was VOTED:
UCCB-23-05-08 to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2023 Executive Session minutes.

MOTION: Cameron Barr
SECONDED: Beth Walker

MOTION CARRIED

Cameron requested that all members attend the United Church of Christ Board meeting prior to General Synod

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Heather E. Kimmel