

THE DIOCESE OF WEST MISSOURI
Minutes of February 14, 2026 Diocesan Council Meeting

The Diocesan Council of The Diocese of West Missouri met Saturday, February 14, 2026, at Grace Episcopal Church, 520 Rte. 291, Liberty, Missouri, following the joint Standing Committee/Diocesan Council retreat.

Members attending:

Canon Shirley Bolden
Ms. Anne Breid
Ms. Hayley Cobb
The Rev. Miranda Cully
~~Ms. Kate French~~
The Rev. Jonathan Galles
Canon Mark Galus, Chancellor (non-voting)
Ms. Amy Garcia
The Rev. Canon Robin James, President, Standing Committee
The Rev. Chandler Jackson III, Registrar/Archivist (non-voting)
Anne Jetter Maas, Treasurer
~~Canon Tom Kokjer, Assistant Treasurer (non-voting)~~
Mr. Philip Lofflin
~~The Very Rev. Jean Long, Dean, Northwest Metro~~
The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, President/Bishop
~~Mr. Phil Metz~~
Ms. Amanda Perschall
The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok, Dean, Southern
Mr. Raja Reed
~~Ms. Jen Snider, Vice Chancellor (non-voting)~~
The Rev. Brittany Sparrow Savage
The Rev. Cn. John Spicer
The Rev. Donna Stanford, Secretary
~~Ms. Judy Turner, President, Episcopal Church Women~~
Mr. Hayden Vaughn
Ms. Elisa White
The Very Rev. David Wilcox, Dean, Central

Also attending: The Rev. Cn. Chas Marks, Canon for Common Mission
Mr. Ron Weil, Finance Administrator

1. **Call to Order and Devotion.** Bishop Meaux determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 12:41 p.m. Ms. Amanda Perschall led Council in prayer.

2. **Consent Agenda Adoption.** Ms. Elisa White moved, seconded by The Rev. Brittany Sparrow Savage, that the following Consent Agenda be adopted:
 - a. Approval of December 13, 2025 Diocesan Council meeting minutes
 - b. Receipt of February 4, 2026 Executive Committee meeting minutes
 - c. Receipt of reports, if any, from committees, commissions, and ministries

The motion carried.

3. **Reports.**

- a. **Deanery Reports**

- i. Southern Deanery
The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok, Dean, reported that the deanery is still “churching.”
- ii. Central Deanery
The Very Rev. David Wilcox, Dean, reported that the deanery is still “churching.”
- iii. Northwest-Metro Deanery
Mr. Philip Lofflin, Vice Dean, reported that The Rev. Jean Long resigned as dean. A deanery meeting will be held March 7 via Zoom to elect next dean.

- b. **Standing Committee Report**

The Rev. Cn. Robin James, President, reported that the Standing Committee consented to the elections of The Rev. Karin MacPhail as the seventh bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and The Very Rev. Richard T. Lawson III as the thirteenth bishop of the Episcopal Church in Alabama.

- c. **Registrar’s/Archivist’s Report**

The Rev. Chandler Jackson III reported that all records from the bishop search, transition, and consecration committees have been archived. Fr. Jackson also reported that Assistant Archivist Craig Amason has resigned.

- d. **Secretary’s Report**

The Secretary reported the Diocese received correspondence from the Marion Medical Mission. She also reported that the Community of Deacons met in retreat on Saturday, February 7, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Belton, and came to a consensus on organizational structure going forward.

- e. **Treasurer's Report** (with reports of Finance and Property Committees)
The Treasurer submitted a written Treasurer's report and a written report of the February 3, 2026 Finance Committee meeting. Finance Administrator Ron Weil reviewed the year-end financial reports.

Action Items:

On behalf of the Property and Finance Committees, The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok moved for approval of a grant to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Monett, of \$3,752 for seal coating, crack sealing, and striping their parking lot (the church has used the vendor before with good results). **The motion carried.**

The Treasurer and the Finance Committee are seeking indications of interest from auditors, initiating a Request for Proposal process to select an external audit firm for the Diocese.

The Treasurer reviewed in detail: the balance sheet dated December 31, 2025; expanded balance sheet (with a discussion of the Roanridge grant proceeds); and the revenue and expense report.

Mr. Hayden Vaughn moved, seconded by Ms. Amanda Perschall, that the Treasurer's report be approved. **The motion carried.**

- f. **Vice President's Report**
Ms. Amanda Perschall had no report.

- g. **Canon for Common Mission's Report**
The Rev. Cn. Chas Marks reported he has been in his position for a month and a half. Cn. Chas reported that there are currently three active transitions: Christ Episcopal Church, St. Joseph; Trinity Episcopal Church, Independence; St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Kansas City. Cn. Chas also reported that he, The Rev. Cn. Ann Kyle, and the Bishop will develop a canon visitation schedule so that each parish will see someone from the team regularly. Cn. Chas will be at Trenton tomorrow. Council discussed a 2026 Diocesan Convention proposal: either in Kansas City at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral or in Springfield at University Plaza Hotel, which is next door to Christ Episcopal Church where worship would be held. The total cost if the convention would be in Springfield would be \$18,000-\$20,000.

After discussion, the Bishop determined that the 2026 Diocesan Convention would be held in Kansas City, with worship held at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral on Friday, will further discernment as to whether the business session on Saturday will be held at another location. It was requested that a block of hotel rooms be reserved.

h. **Bishop's Report**

The Bishop:

- thanked Council for participating in two retreats
- reported that she has been in the diocese for year; due to work commitments, the Bishop will be in the diocese 15 days in March
- reported that a full-time Canon for Discipleship position job description is being prepared, with estimated start date June 1; Ms. Elisa White moved, seconded by The Rev. Brittany Sparrow Savage, that the Bishop be authorized to create a full-time position for the Canon for Discipleship with compensation commensurate with the compensation of the Canon for Common Mission. **The motion carried.**
- is working on developing Council/staff leadership on committees and commissions

4. **New Business**

The Bishop moved, seconded by The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok, that the June Diocesan Council meeting be moved from June 20 to June 27. **The motion carried.**

Bishop asked for volunteers to compose a task force to develop a three-to-five-year strategic plan for the diocese. The Rev. Miranda Cully, The Very Rev. David Wilcox, Cn. Shirley Bolden, The Rev. Chandler Jackson III, Mr. Philip Lofflin, and Ms. Anne Breid volunteered to be members of the strategic planning task force.

After discussion, it was agreed that an item of old business on the agenda for the March Diocesan Council meeting will be consideration of the allocation/distribution of the \$220,366 proceeds from the sale of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maryville.

5. **Executive Session**

The Bishop moved, seconded by The Very Rev. David Wilcox, that Council move into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. **The motion carried.** The Rev. Cn. Chas Marks and Finance Administrator Ron Weil left the meeting. Council remained in executive session from 2:12 p.m. to 2:34 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok moved, seconded by Ms. Amanda Perschall, to adjourn. **The motion carried,** and the Bishop adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Donna Stanford
Diocesan Secretary