

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

The Diocesan Council of The Diocese of West Missouri met Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Members attending:

Canon Shirley Bolden  
Ms. Anne Breid  
Ms. Hayley Cobb  
The Very Rev. Miranda Cully, Dean, Northwest-Metro  
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 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, Election of President Pro Tempore, Devotion and Opening Prayer.**
  - a. Due to the absence of both the President and Vice President of Diocesan Council, the Secretary determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- b. The Secretary noted that according to Robert's Rules of Order, if neither the President nor Vice President is present, after the Secretary calls the meeting to order, the body is immediately to elect a president pro tem to preside during the session. The Secretary called for nominations. As acting chair, the Secretary nominated Cn. Mark Galus. There being no further nominations, the Secretary declared that **Cn. Galus was elected President Pro Tem** by acclamation.
    - c. Ms. Hayley Cobb led Council in a devotion and prayer.
- 2. **Consent Agenda Adoption.** The President Pro Tem reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda, and hearing no objection, he declared the following items were:
  - a. Approved: February 14, 2026 Diocesan Council meeting minutes
  - b. Received: March 4, 2026 Executive Committee meeting minutes
  - c. Received: Vocations quarterly report, the Discipleship report, and the Bishop's report.
- 3. **Reports.**
  - a. **Deanery Reports**
    - i. Central Deanery  
The Very Rev. David Wilcox, Dean, had no report.
    - ii. Southern Deanery  
Mr. Hayden Vaughn reported that the Deanery has reduced the frequency of meetings. The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok, Dean, had no report.
    - iii. Northwest-Metro Deanery  
The Very Rev. Miranda Cully, Dean, had no report. Council congratulated Dean Miranda on her election. The President Pro Tem reminded Council that the clergy seat on Council held by Mtr. Miranda before her election as Dean is vacant, and Council will elect a replacement at the April meeting.
  - b. **Standing Committee Report**  
The Rev. Cn. Robin James, President, reported that the Standing Committee met on March 10 and is in the process of developing bylaws.
  - c. **Registrar's/Archivist's Report**  
The Rev. Chandler Jackson III had no report.
  - d. **Secretary's Report**  
The Secretary had no report.
  - e. **Treasurer's Report**  
The Treasurer reported that there was not a quorum at the Finance Committee meeting, and there were no reports from the central and property grant committees. Finance Administrator Ron Weil reviewed the

financial reports, including the operating revenue and expense report. He updated the statement of financial position report, advising Council that the Bishop has repaid the line of credit in connection with the purchase of her residence.

f. **Vice President's Report**

The Vice President was absent and had no report.

g. **Canon for Common Mission's Report**

The Rev. Cn. Chas Marks reported that he has been in contact with smaller, lay-led congregations to ensure that they have clergy for Holy Week and Easter services. He has visited churches in Trenton, West Plains, Clinton, and will visit Neosho. Regarding the 2026 Diocesan Convention, Friday Eucharist and reception will be held at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, and he is looking for another Kansas City convention location for Saturday's business session. Cn. Chas reported that the transition website has been replaced with a Vocation Hub for clergy and lay positions.

h. **Bishop's Report**

The Bishop was absent and submitted a written report.

4. **Old Business**

The President Pro Tem advised Council that the Executive Committee determined that the allocation/distribution of the \$220,366 proceeds from the sale of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maryville, would be considered at the in-person Council meeting in April.

5. **New Business**

The President Pro Tem stated that there was no new business to come before Council, but Council needed to hold an Executive Session to discuss legal, canonical, and personnel matters.

6. **Executive Session**

Mr. Phil Metz moved, seconded by The Rev. Cn. Robin James, that Council move into Executive Session to discuss legal, canonical, and personnel matters. **The motion carried.** The Rev. Cn. Chas Marks and Finance Administrator Ron Weil left the meeting. Council remained in executive session from 10:15 a.m. to 10:42 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, The Very Rev. David Wilcox moved, seconded by The Rev. Cn. John Spicer, to adjourn. **The motion carried,** and the President Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Donna Stanford, Diocesan Secretary