

Resolution to Create a Task Force to Review and Amend the Diocesan Canons and Standing Rules of Order

Resolved, That the 234th Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island establish a process to review and amend the Diocesan Canons and Standing Rules of Order; and be it further

Resolved, That a Task Force be created to review and propose amendments to the Diocesan Canons and Standing Rules of Order. The Task Force shall be composed of two members from Diocesan Council, two members from the Committee on Canons, one member from the Standing Committee, one member from the Committee on Elections, the Chancellor, and one Bishop's appointee, and such staff as the Bishop determines. The Task Force shall be constituted by December 31, 2025 and shall report its recommendations no later than the 236th Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island; and be it further

Resolved, The initial meeting of the Task Force shall be convened by the Vice-President of Diocesan Council no later than January 15, 2026. At this first meeting, the Task Force shall elect a chairperson and may recruit additional members with subject matter expertise; and be it further

Resolved, That the Bishop may appoint and Diocesan Council approve successors for any members who resign or who become ineligible when their terms on qualifying bodies end, provided that the named qualifying bodies in the second Resolved continue to be represented on the Task Force; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force make an interim report of its work to Diocesan Council at least twice each year and annually to Diocesan Convention in each year of its existence.