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COMMITTEE	ROLE / FUNCTION	MEETS	APPOINTED / ELECTED	TERM	COMPOSITION	BY WHOM	INCUMBENTS
CANON 2.1 ADMISSIONS	All applications for admission into union with the Convention shall be referred to the Committee which shall review and shall report to Convention all applications.	As needed	Appointed within 60 days after Convention	3 years	1 clergy 2 lay	Bishop Confirmed by Diocesan Council	
CANON 2.4 CANONS	All proposed amendments of the Charter, the Constitution and the Canons of the Diocese and the Rules of Order of the Convention shall be referred to the Committee which shall review and shall report to Convention all proposed amendments.	As needed	Appointed within 60 days after Convention	3 years	At least 4 persons with at least 1 clergy, 1 lay includes Chancellor & Cn. to Ordinary	Bishop Confirmed by Diocesan Council	Ms. Carolyn Swiggart (2026), Emmanuel, Newport Mr. John Hines (2027), St. Peter's by the Sea, Narragansett Ms. Stacey Nakasian (2027), St. Luke's, East Greenwich Clergy vacancy
					Additional members		Mr. Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor The Rev. Cn. Dr. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew
CANON 2.5 AGENDA	The Committee shall arrange the calendar for sessions of Convention and expedite business of the Convention.	Prior to Convention	Appointed within 60 days after Convention	1 year	3 persons	Bishop Confirmed by Diocesan Council	Bishop Nicholas Knisely **The Rev. Bettine Besier, Chair** (2026), St. Thomas', Alton Mr. George Nathanson (2026), St. Francis', Coventry Ms. Ivy Swinski (2026), St. Barnabas, Warwick
CANON 2.6 RESOLUTIONS	All resolutions recommending action by Convention, other than resolutions accompanying reports to be presented to Convention, shall be referred to the Committee which shall review and report to Convention. Courtesy resolutions are also prepared and reported to Convention by the Committee.	As needed	Appointed within 60 days after Convention	3 years	At least 2 clergy 2 lay	Bishop Confirmed by Diocesan Council	**The Rev. Dante Tavolaro, Chair** (2027), St. Thomas', Greenville Ms. Laura Clarke (2027), St. Matthew's, Jamestown Ms. Tracy Correll (2027), St. Matthew's, Jamestown The Rev. Joyce Thorne (2028)
CANON 2.7 ELECTIONS	The Committee shall research, formulate, and present nominations and conduct elections for all elective offices except the office of Bishop.	As needed	Appointed within 60 days after Convention	3 years	At least 2 clergy 2 lay	Bishop Confirmed by Diocesan Council	**The Rev. Bettine Besier, Chair** (2027)**,** St. Thomas', Alton Ms. Phyllis Spaziano (2026) Canon Betsy Fornal (2027), St. Luke's, East Greenwich The Rev. Libby Nestor (2027)
CANON 4.1-4.4 STANDING COMMITTEE	The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice to the bishop, must approve the sale or encumbrance of all church property, votes on the bishop's ordination candidates and gives consent to the election of bishops in other dioceses.	2ND Tuesday 4:00 p.m.	Elected	4 years	4 clergy** 4 lay	Convention	The Rev. Kevin Beesley (2026)*, St. John's, Newport Mr. W. Grant Willis (2026)*, Redeemer, Providence The Rev. Patrick Greene (2027-filled unexp. term), St. John's, Barrington Mr. H. Scott Hovanec (2027)*, Holy Cross, Middletown The Rev. Joan Testin (2028)*, Emmanuel, Cumberland Mr. Gregory DePardo (2028)*, St. Stephen's, Providence The Rev. Canon Meaghan Kelly Brower (2029)*, Trinity, Newport Ms. Ivy Swinski (2029)*, St. Barnabas, Warwick

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CANON 5.1-5.6 OFFICERS	**Secretary:** The secretary shall be responsible for the preparation of the minutes of every Diocesan Convention during which he or she was in office. **Treasurer:** The treasurer shall oversee the financial affairs of the Diocese. **Registrar:** The registrar shall procure, maintain and preserve all journals, reports and other documents relating to the history of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese. **Chancellor:** The chancellor shall be a person learned in the law and act as an advisor to the Bishop in legal affairs.		Elected Elected Appointed Appointed	1 year		Convention Convention Bishop Convention	Bishop Nicholas Knisely, President The Rev. Bettine Besier, Secretary (2026) Ms. Victoria Escalera (2026) The Rev. Mary Ann Mello, Registrar (2026) Mr. Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor (2026)
CANON 6.1-6.6 DIOCESAN COUNCIL	Council meets monthly to develop and implement the mission, program, budget and policies of the diocese. It shall have authority a. To approve the formation of all commissions, committees as may be necessary for the work of the Diocese, to define the scope of their work, and to require reports from all commissions and committees; b. To approve the Bishop's appointment of individuals to chair Diocesan organizations; and c. To make adjustments in the current budget of the Diocese upon recommendation of the Commission on Finance.	4TH Wednesday 6:00 p.m.	5 Appointed (deanery labelled after year-need one from each deanery)	3 years	See below	Bishop	Ms. Cheryl Abney (2027)* A., St. John's, Newport Ms. Alison Huff (2027)* C., St. Stephen's Providence Mr. Daniel Leonard (2027), N, Christ Church, Westerly The Rev. Ginny Wilder, St Michael's, Bristol
			6-8 Elected (deanery labelled after year)		Up to 4 clergy** 4 lay (equal number of clergy & lay)	Convention	**Ms. Valerie Martin, Vice-President (2027), A., Emmanuel, Newport** Ms. Phyllis Spaziano (2027)* The Rev. Julie Hanavan (2027)*,C, All Saints', Providence The Rev. K. Casenhiser (2028), A, Holy Trinity, Tiverton Ms. Margaret Clifton (2028)* N., St. Luke's, East Greenwich The Rev. Peter Tierney (2028)* B., St. James', Woonsocket
					Additional members		Bishop Nicholas Knisely, President Mr. Richard Sayer, Esq., Chancellor (ex-officio) Ms. Victoria Escalera, Treasurer (ex-officio)

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CANON 6.8 COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS	The Committee shall have responsibility for reviewing compensation levels and making recommendations for appropriate changes.	As needed	Appointed	3 years	At least 3 members	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council	Mr. Joel Goloskie, Grace Church, Providence Mr. John Bracken (2028), St. Martin's, Providence Mr. Robert Fye (2026)*, St. Columba's, Middletown The Rev. Drake Douglas (2028), St. Augustine's, South Kingstown
CANON 6.9 DIOCESAN AUDIT	The Committee shall ensure that all accounts of the Diocese are audited by a professional firm recommended by the Committee and approved by Diocesan Council as to terms, including cost and provide for a proper audit of all accounts of the Diocesan Investment Trust and report the findings to each Annual Convention.	Yearly	Appointed	1 year	At least 3 members	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Diocesan Council	Mr. John Lukens (2028), St. Luke's, East Greenwich Ms. Jennifer Conrad (2028), St. Luke's Pawtucket The Rev. Mary Canavan (2028), Christ, Lincoln
CANON 7.1 FINANCE	The Commission shall maintain general supervision of the financial affairs of the Diocese.	2ND Thursday 5:00 p.m.	Elected	3 years	Up to 9 members At least 2 clergy** At least 2 lay (clergy may not outnumber lay)	Elected by Diocesan Council; approved by Bishop	**Mr. James Segovis (2026)* Chair**, Trinity, North Scituate **The Rev. Dennis Bucco, Co-Chair** (2027), St. Luke's, Pawtucket Ms. Elaine Burress (2026), Trintiy, Newport Mr. Andrew Faulkner (2026)*, St. John's, Barrington Ms. Tracy Wilkinson (2027), St. Paul's, Wickford The Rev. Scott Lee (2027), St. Barnabas, Warwick Ms. Melinda DelCioppio (2028), St. Martin's, Providence Mr. Xay Khamsyvoravong (2028), Emmanuel, Newport
					Additional members		Bishop Nicholas Knisely Ms. Victoria Escalera (Treas.)
CANON 7.2 CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	The Commission shall serve as a resource to parishes and missions by providing grants to improve programs in the areas of stewardship, evangelism and church growth.	1ST Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	Appointed	3 years	2 clergy 2 lay	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Convention	Ms. Anita Burke (2027), Ascension, Wakefield The Rev. Savannah Ponder (2027), St. John's, Saunderstown The Rev. Lou Midura (2028), St. Matthew's, Jamestown Mr. Paul Bolles-Beavan (2028)*, St. Columba's, Middletown
			Elected		2 clergy 2lay	Convention	**The Rev. Patrick Greene, Chair** (2027)*, St. John's, Barrington Ms. Jennifer DePardo (2027), St. Stephen's, Providence Ms. Barbara Koll (2027), St. Paul's, Wickford The Rev. Dr. Peter Michaelson (2027)

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CANON 7.3 MINISTRY	The Commission shall advise and assist the Bishop in the implementation of Title III of the 2012 Canons of the Episcopal Church, the determination of present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized persons, and in the design and oversight of the ongoing process for recruitment, discernment, formation for ministry, and assessment of readiness therefor.	Saturdays from 9-12 as needed (every 3-4 months) In-person and Zoom	Appointed	3 years	5 clergy (at least 3 must be presbyters) 5 lay	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Convention	**The Rev. Linda Griggs, Co-Chair (2027)*, St. Martin's, Providence** **Mr. Donald Peach, Co-Chair (2028)*, St. James', Woonsocket** Ms. Murry Edwards (2026)*, St. Mary's, Portsmouth The Rev. Sean Manchester (2026), St. Francis, Coventry Ms. Patricia Morokoff (2027)*, St. Luke's, East Greenwich Ms. Rose Murrin (2027), St. John's, Barrington Ms. Candelaria Oviedo (2027), San Jorges, Pawtucket The Venerable Grace Swinski, (2027) The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick (2028), St. Mary's, Portsmouth The Rev. Maryalice Sullivan (2028)*, St. Peter & St. Andrew, Prov.
CANON 7.4 INVESTMENTS	The Commission shall have responsibility for the control and management of endowment and trust funds of the Diocese and shall administer the trust organized under Rhode Island law known as "The Diocesan Investment Trust."	Quarterly on a Wednesday from 12-1:30 In-person and Zoom	Elected	3 years	3 clergy 6 lay	Nominated by Diocesan Council; elected by Convention	**Mr. Matthew DiTomasso, Chair** (2027)*, St. Paul's, Wickford Mr. Rick Burlingame (2028)*, Ascension, Cranston Ms. Liz Segovis (2028)*, Trinity, North Scituate Mr. Mark D'Agostino (2027)*, St. Michael's, Bristol Mr. David Mackintosh (2027), St. Andrew's, Little Compton Mr. John Meier (2027), St. Peter & Andrew, Providence The Rev. Dr. Peter Michaelson (2027) Clergy vacancy Clergy vacancy
					Additional members		Bishop Nicholas Knisely Ms. Victoria Escalera (Treas.)
CANON 16.3-16.4 DISCIPLINARY BOARD	The Board shall serve as a court in matters related to members of the clergy and Title IV of *The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church*, 2012. Members of this board are asked to take part in training (usually an online course).	As needed	Appointed (nominated)	3 years Pres. of board serves for 1 year	At least 5 clergy** 4 lay	Nominated by Bishop; confirmed by Convention	The Rev. Susan Wrathall (2026)*, Trinity, Cranston Ms. Elena Acello (2027)*, Emmanuel, Cumberland Mr. Robert Larder (2027), St. James', Woonsocket The Rev. Linda Griggs (2027)*, St. Martin's, Providence The Rev. Joan Testin (2027),* Emmanuel, Cumberland Mr. Stephen Croteau (2028)*, St. Thomas', Greenville Mr. John Hines (2028)*, St. Peter's by the Sea, Narragansett The Rev. Jackie Kirby (2028), St. George's School

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CANON 17.1 DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION	At an annual convention which meets no more than 2 years prior to a General Convention, there shall be elected as many as 4 clerical deputies and as many as 4 lay deputies to represent the Diocese in the General Convention. Deputies and alternate deputies shall continue in office until their successors are elected, unless a deputy no longer meets the criteria of eligibility for election to the office. At the same Convention there shall be elected, in the same manner and with the same qualifications as prescribed in Section 17.1, as many as four clerics and as many as four lay persons who shall serve as alternate deputies.	As needed	Elected	3 years	Up to 4 clergy** Up to 4 lay Alternates Up to 4 clergy** Up to 4 lay	Convention	**Clergy** The Rev. Patrick Greene (2028), St. John's, Barrington The Rev. Dante Tavolaro (2028), St. Thomas', Greenville The Rev. Cn. Dr. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew (2028) The Rev. Dr. Veronica Tierney (2028), St. Stephen's, Providence **Clergy Alternates** The Rev. Trisha Thorme (2028), St. Peter & St. Andrew, Providence The Rev. K. Casenhiser (2028), Holy Trinity, Tiverton **Lay** Mr. Ishmael Asante (2028), Redeemer, Providence Ms. Laura Clarke (2028), St. Matthew's, Jamestown Ms. Olive Swinski (2028), Redeemer, Providence Mr. Taylor Wilkey (2028), St. Luke's, East Greenwich **Lay Alternates** Ms. Jennifer Conrad (2028), St. Luke's, Pawtucket Mr. Michael Kinnicutt (2028), Church of the Holy Spirit, Charlestown
CANON 17.2 DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE	At an annual convention there shall be elected three delegates and up to three alternate delegates. Neither the delegates nor the alternate delegates may be all clergy or all lay. Each shall serve a term of three years, and shall be eligible for re-election, but may not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms without an intervening year	As needed	Elected	3 years	3 delegates Alternates Up to 3	Convention	The Rev. Savannah Ponder (2028), St. John's, Saunderstown Ms. Olive Swinski (2028), Redeemer, Providence Mr. Taylor Wilkey (2028), St. Luke's, East Greenwich

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