

The Executive Council
Minutes for September 11, 2025
Officers and Members

Diocesan Officers: The Rt. Rev. Ryan S. Reed, Mr. Walter Virden III, The Rev. Andrew Petta*, The Rev. Canon Joel Hampton

Diocesan staff: Mrs. Kristi Heffron, Mrs. Dale Ward, & The Rev. John Munson*

Western Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Donald Sackett
The Rev. Bill Estes (zoom)
Mrs. Paulette Sackett (zoom)
Mr. Tom Sikes

Eastern Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Alan Horton
Dr. EJ Oda*
Mr. Guy Huggins(zoom)
The Rev. Andrew Thebeau

Northeastern Deanery

The Vy. Rev. John Jordan*
Mr. Gus Hernandez (zoom)
Mr. Joe Hodges (zoom)
The Rev. Bob Tomlinson*

Northern Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Keth Roberson*
Mrs. Mary Howard *
Mrs. Gayla Slaugenhop *
The Rev. Elmer Miguel (zoom)

Ft. Worth West Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Chris Culpepper
Mr. Hans Luthi*
The Rev. Charles Humphrey(zoom)
Mrs. Donna Stubblefield(zoom)

Ft. Worth East Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Sergio Diaz*
Mr. Matthew Clemons(zoom)
Mr. Paul Prater
The Rev. Sam Wilgus

Southern Deanery

The Very Rev. Michael Heidt*
The Rev. Greg Crosthwait(zoom)
Mr. Craig Robinson*
Mr. Jeff Wallace(zoom)

Southwestern Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Cooper Morelock
Mr. Jimmy Henry
Mrs. Barb Kinney *
The Rev. Michael Mobley

*Denotes Absence

Bishop Reed opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes from May 15, 2025 were approved as written.

Motion to accept Alan Horton+ **Second** Jimmy Henry

Clergy Changes

- Lorenzo Cusick+, Licensed Priest canonical in Diocese of Christ Our Hope, serving at St. Annes, Fort Worth
- Jacob Hootman+, Priest ordination August 25 – Curate at St. John, Fort Worth
- Andrew Hollinger+, Curate – Christ Church, Waco - August 15
- Ron Drummond+, resigned from St. Stephens, Hurst - August 31
- Andrew Petta+ was called to Christ Church, Midland as their 4th Rector, starting September 1
- Travis Province+ was called to St. Matthias, Dallas as their 5th Rector, starting September 1
- Nick Athanaelos+, resigned from Christ Church, Waco – last day in parish will be September 15, he will be focusing on his health.
- Sandy Herrmann+, Canonical as of September 8. He is leaving the TEC Diocese of Dallas
- Felix Akinkugbe+, last day at St. Simon in Fort Worth will be September 28, 2025 and Deacon Daniel Macias will be at St. Simon in Fort Worth starting September 28, 2025

Bishop Remarks:

With those clergy changes, brings three open parishes in the diocese: St. Stephens in Hurst, St. Barnabas in Fort Worth and Christ Church in Waco.

We will recognize and welcome Iglesia San Miguel as a Parish at the 43rd Diocesan Convention on November 15th, 2025.

Expansions at St. Laurence, Southlake and Christ the Redeemer, Fort Worth are going very well and hope to be open by Ash Wednesday, we give thanks.

St. Alban in Arlington has an active financial investigation being performed due to some fraud activity in their finances.

Camp Crucis cabins are deemed unusable per Bill that was passed – Considered in a flood plain, we may need to have a Capital Campaign possibly to help with this matter.

Upcoming events:

Reach Conference – Getting Out of the Basement, October 4 at St. Vincent in Bedford

Deanery Meetings

Diocesan Convention November 14 & 15. Eucharist at Church of the Holy Apostles at 5:00 on the 14th followed by dinner at Ridglea Country Club. The business meeting will be the 15th at Ridglea Country Club as well.

Walter Virden gave the treasurer's report

Motion to receive Tom Sikes

Second Alan Horton+

Finance Committee:

Michael Mobley+ gave an update from the Finance committee. The Committee recommended the sale of the Sandy Lane Property, the sale of St. Philip in Arlington and approved a cell tower contract for St. Mark in Arlington.

Kristi Heffron presented the Proposed 2026 Assessment Formula which will be a decrease to 11.35%

Motion to accept Tom Sikes **Second** Don Sackett+

Kristi Heffron presented the Proposed 2026 Budget.

Motion to accept Alan Horton+, approved unanimously

Standing Committee:

Bishop Reed gave the Standing Committee report for Fr. Petta.

The Committee approved the Ordination to the Priesthood for Jacob Hootman

- Fr. Petta made a motion to list the Sandy Lane Property at appraised value & a motion for St. Mark, Arlington to enter into a cell tower agreement.
- Amendment to original vote - Recommend the sale of the Granbury property by Finance Committee as received
- Confirm the sale would be in the best interest of the Diocese and Good Shepherd, Granbury
- Consent to and approves the sale: and name that the President of the Board of Trustees, Walter Virden, will sign on behalf of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth to consummate the sale.

Board of Trustees:

Walter Virden reported that the Board of Trustees approved the sale of the Sandy Lane Property and the lot next to Good Shepherd, Granbury.

Bishop Reed handed out the updates from the Constitution and Canons Committee. Hand out attached.

Motion to adjourn Tom Sikes **Second** Cooper Morelock+

Bishop Reed closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Ward
Executive Council Secretary

The next Executive Council Meeting February 19, 2026