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# **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL of the ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**MINUTES**  
2025 Special Session

**Tuesday, June 17, 2025**  
Conducted by video conference



*These draft minutes are subject to approval at a subsequent meeting of the Metropolitan Council*

## **PARTICIPANTS**

### **CHAIRMAN**

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon

### **CHURCH OFFICERS (*EX OFFICIO*)**

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, *Chancellor*

Andrew Smith, *Treasurer*

### **MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL**

Archpriest Justin Patterson

Archpriest Lawrence Margitich

Archpriest Christopher Foley

Elizabeth Mikhalevsky

Lynnell McFarland

Alexis Liberovsky

### **DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES**

#### **Diocese of Alaska**

Anastasia Dushkin

#### **Albanian Archdiocese**

Hieromonk Danaks (Rhodes)

Donna Dimitri

#### **Bulgarian Diocese**

Deacon Bogdan Popescu

#### **Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania**

Archpriest Raymond Martin Browne

Danalisa Radu

#### **Diocese of the Midwest**

Basil Kochan

#### **Diocese of New England**

David Zavednak

#### **Diocese of New York and New Jersey**

Archpriest David Garretson

#### **Diocese of the South**

Archpriest Peter Robichau

**Archdiocese of Washington**

Deacon Matthew Prentice

Gregory Honshul

**Diocese of the West**

Archpriest Andreas Blom

**Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania**

Rebecca Danchenko

**ABSENT**

Archpriest John Baker (*Diocese of the Midwest*)

Archpriest Patrick Burns (*Diocese of New England*)

Archpriest Maxim Isaac (*Diocese of Alaska*)

Archpriest Gregory Scratch (*Archdiocese of Canada*)

Priest John Parker (*Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania*)

Deacon Mitchell VanDuyn (*Diocese of New York/New Jersey*)

Kevin Duffy (*Diocese of the West*)

Jonathan Pageau (*Archdiocese of Canada*)

Daniel Ralich (*Bulgarian Diocese*)

**A. Opening Prayer**

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon led the meeting participants in prayer at 1:02 PM to open the Special Session of the Metropolitan Council conducted by video conference.

**B. Call to Order**

With His Beatitude's blessing, Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino called the meeting to order.

**C. Agenda (attached) Introduction & Roll Call**

Fr. Margheritino reviewed the attached agenda for the meeting and conducted the roll call. He stated that a quorum of members was present.

**D. Metropolitan's Remarks**

Metropolitan Tikhon welcomed everyone to yet another special session of the Council. He asked for prayers for the health of Judge E.R. Lanier, former Council member and OCA General Counsel, who is presently hospitalized. He then presented the candidacy of Priest David Bozeman for the position of OCA Secretary. His Beatitude spoke of the selection process as well as Fr. David's qualifications and qualities.

**E. Endorsement of OCA Secretary candidate (attached)**

The following motion was made and discussed.

- E.1. MOTION BROWNE/MCFARLAND – In accordance with Article V, Section 7.I. of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, to endorse for confirmation by the Holy Synod the Metropolitan’s selection of the Priest David Bozeman as Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America and to authorize the Treasurer and Finance Committee to execute an appropriate compensation agreement with him, including housing allowance, within the parameters of the OCA budget. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

His Beatitude indicated that he confirms the vote.

**F. Adjournment**

Metropolitan Tikhon thanked the Council for endorsement of the Secretary candidate, which will be conveyed to the Holy Synod for confirmation this evening. A disconcerting statement in the latest Pension Plan newsletter was discussed in detail.

His Beatitude closed the meeting with prayer at 1:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexis Liberovsky,  
Recording Secretary