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

**MINUTES**  
2025 Special Session

**Monday, December 22, 2025**  
Conducted by video conference



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2025 Special Session - December 22, 2025

*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* Priest David Bozeman, *Secretary*  
Andrew Smith, *Treasurer*

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

Archpriest Timothy Sawchak	Miho Ochiai Ealy
Archpriest Sean Levine	Peter Bouteneff
Archpriest Christopher Foley	David Lane

**DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES**

**Diocese of Alaska**

Archpriest Maxim Isaac

**Bulgarian Diocese**

Deacon Marc Schmidt

**Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania**

Archpriest Raymond Martin Browne	Danalisa Radu
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**Diocese of the Midwest**

Priest Daniel Greeson	Basil Kochan
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**Diocese of New England**

Archpriest Patrick Burns	David Zavednak
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**Diocese of New York and New Jersey**

Archpriest David Garretson	Mary Buletza-Breton
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**Diocese of the South**

Archpriest Peter Robichau

**Archdiocese of Washington**

Deacon Matthew Prentice

Gregory Honshul

**Diocese of the West**

Archpriest Lawrence Margitich

**Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania**

Priest John Parker

Rebecca Danchenko

**ABSENT**

Archpriest Gregory Scratch (*Archdiocese of Canada*)

Hieromonk Danaks (Rhodes) (*Albanian Archdiocese*)

Donna Dimitri (*Albanian Archdiocese*)

Kevin Duffy (*Diocese of the West*)

Crystal (Anastasia) Dushkin (*Diocese of Alaska*)

Genevieve Lyday (*Diocese of the South*)

Jonathan Pageau (*Archdiocese of Canada*)

Daniel Ralich (*Bulgarian Diocese*)

**GUESTS**

Mark Hamilton (*OCA General Counsel*)

Alexis Liberovsky (*Recording Secretary*)

**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, Introduction, and Roll Call**

Fr. Margheritino reviewed the 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 this special session of the Council. He thanked everyone for taking time to participate in this meeting in the midst of preparations for the Lord's Nativity.

**E. Legal Case Settlement**

**E.1. MOTION MARGHERITINO/LANE – To move into executive session. CARRIED.**

In executive session, Mark Hamilton presented a confidential memorandum and a resolution indicating financial terms and authorizing settlement of a long-standing legal matter. After due deliberation, the financial terms of the case settlement were amended and the confidential settlement resolution was unanimously adopted by the Metropolitan Council. The Metropolitan indicated that he accepts the vote of the Council.

**E.1. MOTION MARGHERITINO/BURNS – To move out of executive session. CARRIED.**

**F. Adjournment**

Metropolitan Tikhon thanked the members of the Council for their attendance and adoption of the important resolution on a difficult matter at this sacred time of the year. He wished everyone a blessed celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord and closed the meeting with prayer at 1:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexis Liberovsky,  
Recording Secretary