
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL of the ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

MINUTES
2025 Special Session

Tuesday, June 17, 2025
Conducted by video conference



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PARTICIPANTS

CHAIRMAN

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon

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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 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

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 fruitful discussion on a difficult issue. We must remember to be faithful to the Gospel and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. A disconcerting statement in the latest Pension Plan newsletter was discussed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexis Liberovsky,
Recording Secretary