Standing Committee

Members

The Rev. Rhett Solomon, President	Clergy	2026
The Rev. P. Richard Game, Secretary	Clergy	2028
Mrs. Angelica Godoy de Baños	Lay	2026
The Rev. Bonnie Underwood	Clergy	2027
Mrs. Kelley Dial	Lay	2027
Mr. Matt Tarkenton	Lay	2028

Changes in Membership

Term Expired:
The Rev. George Maxwell, Clergy 2025
Mr. Robert Townes, IV, Lay 2025

Mandate

Article 4: Of the Standing Committee

The Council shall annually elect members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Atlanta. When there is a Bishop canonically authorized to act, the Standing Committee shall be a Council of Advice to the Bishop and perform the rights and duties prescribed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention and the Canons of the Diocese. If there be no Bishop, or Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan canonically authorized to act, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes declared by General Convention.

Canon 3.1

The Standing Committee shall be composed of six members, three clergy and three lay. One clerical and one lay member shall be elected at each Annual Council for a term of three years. No member of the Standing Committee completing more than one half of a term shall be re-elected until after an interval of one year from completion of an elected term, except that a member elected to fill a vacancy and who has served less than one half of a term shall be eligible for election.

Canon 3.6

The Standing Committee shall annually report its proceedings to the Diocesan Council except for its function as the Council of Advice to the Bishop.

Summary of Work

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta conducted the following business since the 119th Annual Council was adjourned on Saturday, November 8, 2026.

Resolutions

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta approved the following resolutions (resolutions are listed by meeting dates and/or dates of approval):

1) January 22, 2026
    a) St. Edward's Episcopal Church
        i) *Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby approves the request of St. Edward's Episcopal Church to extend the existing lease, approved in 2021, with Family Promise of Gwinnett for one (1) year with a rent increase as stipulated in the lease agreement.*
    b) St. Martin's Episcopal School
        i) *Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby approves the request of St. Martin's Episcopal School to execute an Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Real Property with Merkos Linyonei Chinuch Chabad Lubavitch of Georgia, Inc.*
    c) St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church
        i) *Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby approves the request of St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church to enter into a License Agreement with Frontline Healthcare Center, LLC.*
2) February 3, 2026
    a) St. Edward's Episcopal Church
        i) *Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby approves the request of St. Edward's Episcopal Church to extend the existing lease,*

approved in 2021, with Family Promise of Gwinnett for one (1) year with a rent increase as stipulated in the lease agreement and the potential sale of the Couch Mason property to Family Promise of Gwinnett.

3) February 27, 2026

   a) St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Atlanta)

      i) Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby approves the request of St. Paul's Episcopal Church to consider and elect one of the two pricing options offered as terms for the purpose of refinancing the existing real estate loan with SYNOVUS.

4) March 26, 2026

   a) St. Benedict's Episcopal Day School

      i) *Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby approves the proposed First Amendment to the Lease between Daniel A. Coleman (Danco) and St. Benedict's Episcopal Day School and requests to review the final lease after negotiation before signature.*

      ii) Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby approves the proposed First Amendment to the Lease between Daniel A. Coleman (Danco) and St. Benedict's Episcopal Day School and authorizes St. Benedict's Episcopal Day School to execute the First Amendment to the Lease provided there are no material changes. That is, the First Amendment to the Lease executed between Daniel A. Coleman (Danco) and St. Benedict's Episcopal Day School must be the same first amendment approved by the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.

5) April 23, 2026

   a) St. Benedict's Episcopal Day School

      i) Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby accepts the Cover Letter and Executive Summary of the Financial Assessment conducted by Fahrenheit Advisors, pursuant to a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, as the standard for all future decisions and/or approvals made by the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta and/or the Standing Committee of this same Diocese concerning St. Benedict's Episcopal Day School.

   b) St. Mark's Episcopal Church (LaGrange)

      i) Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby approves the request of St. Mark's Episcopal Church to demolish the property known

as Phillips House and to conduct the attendant refuse removal, grading, and grassing.

c) St. Thomas Episcopal Church

i) *Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby approves the Use and Shared Expense Allocation Agreement made and entered into by and between the Church Wardens and Vestry of St. Thomas' Church in Columbus and St. Thomas Day School.*

6) July 23, 2026

a) St. Edward's Episcopal Church

i) *Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby requests that St. Edward's Episcopal Church secures an appraisal for the Couch Mason property and provides financial statements for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026 to date. St. Edward's Episcopal Church must conduct this appraisal and provide financial statements for the stipulated fiscal years before the Standing Committee can consider approving the sale of the Couch Mason property to Family Promise of Gwinnett.*

7) August 7, 2026

a) St. Edward's Episcopal Church

i) *Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby approves the request of St. Edward's Episcopal Church to sell the Couch Mason property to Family Promise of Gwinnett. Moreover, the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta requests to review the Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Real Property between St. Edward's Episcopal Church and Family Promise of Gwinnett before it is executed for final approval.*

8) August 27, 2026

a) St. Anne's Episcopal Church

i) *Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby approves the Letter of Intent between St. Anne's Episcopal Church and Atlanta Speech School, Inc. Moreover, the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta requests to review the Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Real Property between St. Anne's Episcopal Church and Atlanta Speech School, Inc. for final approval before it is executed.*

9) September 11, 2026

a) Christ Episcopal Church (Norcross)

i) *Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta hereby approves the sale in principle of a parcel of land owned by Christ Church Norcross to the City of Norcross, Georgia for $80,000 provided that the City provide and fund all legal documentation and other costs and that the parish retains $80,000 net.*

Approvals for Candidacy and Ordinations

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta recommended the following individuals to The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright as Candidates for Holy Order and/or as Candidates for Ordination and/or as Ordinands to the Transitional Diaconate and/or the Priesthood.

1) March 26, 2026 | Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests
   - Dominique Deming

2) March 26, 2026 | Candidates for Holy Orders
   - Christian Foster
   - Taylor Irwin

3) April 23, 2026 | Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests
   - Shannon Darke
   - Brandon Dasinger
   - Emily Elder
   - Nicole Walters

4) October 22, 2026 | Candidates for Holy Orders
   - Randy Pruitt
   - Djalia Uwimana
   - Barbara Yankey

5) October 22, 2026 | Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate
   - Christian Foster
   - Taylor Irwin

6) October 29, 2026 | Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate
    - Randy Pruitt
    - Djalia Uwimana
    - Barbara Yankey

Consents for Bishop Elections

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta consented to the following Episcopal elections (consents are listed by meeting dates and/or dates of consent):

1) February 26, 2026
    a) The election of The Rev. Richard Lawson as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama
    b) The election of The Rev. Karin MacPhail as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia
2) May 28, 2026
    a) The election of The Rev. Adam Shoemaker as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
    b) The election of The Rev. Elizabeth Berman as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii
3) June 23, 2026
    a) The election of The Rev. Keith Chen-Cheng Lee as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Taiwan
4) August 27, 2026
    a) The election of The Rev. Jenifer Chatfield as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania
    b) The election of The Rev. David Sibley as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington
5) September 24, 2026
    a) The election of The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida