

MINUTES
Stated Meeting
COMMITTEE ON THE
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
May 18, 2023
Video Conference

<p>WELCOME</p> <p>The Stated Meeting of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) convened via video conference at 12:00 p.m. by Moderator Eliana Maxim.</p>	<p>WELCOME</p>
<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAND AND OPENING PRAYER</p> <p>Leanne Masters led the acknowledgment of the sacred ground of our indigenous ancestors and then opened the meeting with prayer.</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAND AND OPENING PRAYER</p>
<p>APPROVE AGENDA [1.1R]</p> <p>By consensus the Committee approved the meeting agenda as amended.</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVAL [1.1R]</p>
<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting.</p> <p><u>COGA Members</u> Eliana Maxim, Moderator Dave Davis, Vice-Moderator Stephanie Anthony Lynn Hargrove Andy James Chenyangu Khonje Blythe Kieffer Ximena Leroux, ex officio Leanne Masters Miguel Rosa J. Herbert Nelson II, ex officio Diane Moffett, Executive Director, PMAB, ex officio Ruth Santana-Grace, Co-Moderator of the 225th GA (2022)</p> <p><u>EXCUSED</u> Robin Pugh</p> <p><u>OGA Staff</u> DeAmber Clopton Jayne Culp Tricia Dykers Koenig</p>	<p>PARTICIPANTS</p>

<p>Laurie Griffith Vicente Guna Rick Jones Jihyun Oh Kerry Rice Dianna Wright</p> <p>Other Guests: April Davenport, Assoc. General Council, ASG Ruth Gardiner, ASG Lucinda Isaacs, Presbyterian Outlook Sue Trigger, ACSWP</p>	
<p>Closed and privileged Session with all COGA members (voting and ex officio) as well as the Deputy Stated Clerk, General Counsel, and the Director of Human Resources</p> <p>MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED To move into executive session to discuss personnel issues, with the above-named persons attending.</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>ACTION</p>
<p>ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>Moderator Maxim reported that one action was taken during closed session:</p> <p>An ad hoc work group was assembled to conduct the search for the Acting Stated Clerk. This group includes M. Rosa Morales, C. Khonje, S. Anthony, D. Davis, and E. Maxim.</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS</p> <p>ACTION</p>
<p>REPORT OF THE CO-MODERATOR OF THE 225TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2022)</p> <p>R. Santana-Grace reported that the Co-Moderators are continuing work on committee nominations and the Unification Commission is still in its listening stages and working hard. The Co-Moderators have recently visited Chicago, Western Reserve, and Great Lakes, Middle TN presbyteries, and Ruth will soon be visiting the United Nations on behalf of the Stated Clerk.</p>	<p>CO-MODERATOR REPORT</p>
<p>REPORT OF THE COGA MODERATOR</p> <p>E. Maxim reported that the PHSB is in the process of gathering nominees for their board and we expect to hear more at the next COGA meeting.</p> <p>COGA Membership Update: E. Maxim will request that the Stated Clerk declare that COGA has two vacancies; one is through resignation and one is through no response. Once these are confirmed, COGA leadership will work with the GA Nominating Committee to fill these vacancies.</p>	<p>COGA MODERATOR REPORT</p>

<p>REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK NOMINATING COMMITTEE</p> <p>Committee Vice Moderator L. Masters reported that this committee has discussed goals and measures and desired characteristics of the next Stated Clerk. They are establishing a job description and have a specific timeline in place.</p>	<p>STATED CLERK NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT</p>
<p>REPORT OF THE DEPUTY STATED CLERK</p> <p>K. Rice reported on staff morale with regard to the announcement of J. Herbert Nelson's resignation. He noted that they are a resilient group who are feeling many things. Prayers for them are appreciated.</p>	<p>DEPUTY STATED CLERK REPORT</p>
<p>CLOSING PRAYER</p> <p>Moderator Eliana Maxim offered a closing prayer at 1:08 p.m.</p>	<p>CLOSING PRAYER</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Culp