

Board of Trustees

MEETING: October 20, 2023, 1:30 pm, Eastern Time

Pursuant to notice duly given, this meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held via Zoom conferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sofía Betancourt (President), Chris Chepel (Co-Financial Advisor), Barbara de Leeuw, Charles Du Mond (Co-Moderator), Suzanne Fast, Sherman Logan, John B. Newhall, JeKaren Olaoya, Meg Riley (Co-Moderator), Adam Robersmith, Justine Sullivan, David Stewart (Co-Financial Advisor), Amanda Weatherspoon, Bill Young (Secretary)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Elizabeth Mount, Sam Trumbore

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS: Carey McDonald (Recording Secretary & Executive Vice President), Stephanie Carey Maron, Executive Assistant to the Executive Vice President and Board of Trustees

OBSERVERS: 13

Meeting Minutes

Co-Moderator Charles Du Mond opened the meeting at 1:30 pm and shared an opening reading.

Article II

Co-Moderator Meg Riley reported that the Article II Study Commission will be releasing its next draft before the November Board meeting. She confirmed that the February 1 deadline is firm in the UUA Bylaws for congregations to submit amendments.

General Assembly 2024

Trustees briefly discussed how much time would be required for General Sessions for business agenda items. This will depend on how many amendments to Article II are submitted, and whether anything else besides the Article II vote is on the agenda.

The Board agreed they will participate online from their individual locations, rather than trying to get together in a central physical location for the all-virtual event.

Moderator Search Committee

Executive Vice President Carey McDonald gave a brief overview of the process and timeline for the search for the next Moderator:

- Make Moderator Search Committee appointments in the next few months, begin recruitment.
- Confirm role description, open application in Spring 2024.



- Receive applications and interview candidates in Summer 2024.
- Present candidates to the Board, make a nomination in Fall 2024.
- Board makes nominations by November 15, 2024.
- Petitions due for any additional candidates by February 1, 2025.
- Election June 2025.

Secretary Bill Young noted potential changes to the bylaws during the next Moderator’s term, Co-Moderator Riley pointed to the need to think about leadership continuity, and collaboration between Moderator and President.

Board members interested in working more on the Moderator search process included Justine Sullivan, JeKaren Olaoya, and Meg Riley.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved to Executive Session at 2:00 pm for the purpose of considering appointments and to discuss other sensitive matters.

It was later reported that Robert Essink was appointed to the Employee Benefits Trust for a two-year term.

The meeting ended at 3:55 pm.



Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carey McDonald

Recording Secretary