

Executive Committee of Executive Council
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2024

Attending: Kent Anker, Kurt Barnes, Michael Barlowe, Jane Cisluycis, Mark Goodman, Charles Graves, Julia Ayala Harris, Scott Hayashi, Andrea McKellar, Diane Pollard, Sarah Stonesifer-Boylan, Gina Angulo Zamora

Staff and Invited Guests: Betsey Bell, Mike Glass, Molly James, Mary Kostel, Fiona Nieman, Chuck Robertson, Stephanie Spellers

Chair Julia Ayala Harris called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer.

The Chair called on Kurt Barnes to lead the discussion on the Delaney Endowment Fund. The resolution was moved and seconded, and Kurt spoke to it.

ECEC 013 Trust Fund # TBD – The Delany Endowment Fund (2024)

Resolved, that Trust Fund # TBD, The Delany Endowment Fund, shall be established pursuant to a memorandum outlined by the Trustees of the Sadie and Bessie Delany Trust (“S&B Trustees”); and be it further

Resolved, that Trust Fund #TBD shall be designated as a trustee endowment account for the benefit of scholarships for students of St. Augustine’s University (“SAU”), Raleigh, North Carolina; and be it further

Resolved, that the trust fund balance shall be transferred to SAU when the university regains and maintains its academic accreditation and financial stability for three consecutive fiscal years; and be it further

Resolved, that should SAU not be able to comply with the third Resolve above by March 2026, the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society shall rename the trust as the “Bishop Henry Delany Endowment” and be used to support undergraduate students attending any accredited college or university.

Several Council members had concerns about the language of the resolution, specifically around the fourth resolve. After discussion, a motion was moved to table the resolution until the next meeting of ECEC, allowing Kurt Barnes time to clarify the fourth resolve with the donors. This motion was adopted.

The Chair called on the Secretary Michael Barlowe discuss the agenda for the April meeting of Council. The meeting will be in Raleigh, North Carolina and will be this Council's final meeting. Secretary Barlowe reviewed items that would need to be included in the agenda, including the election of the Transitional Executive Committee of Executive Council, the ongoing conversation

around racism and a visit with the diocese of North Carolina. There will also be time for celebrations of both the Presiding Bishop and the outgoing class of Council. While Rose Sconiers was unable to attend, her proposed item of Racial Healing Circles was briefly reviewed and discussed. Due to timing and the plans in place for Zena Link, it was determined to not include the healing circles now.

Michael Barlowe shared the Diocese of North Carolina's willingness to assist with celebrations, including an offer from Anne Hodges-Copple to connect us to local contacts. Andrea McKellar will chair the committee planning the celebration and will contact Anne and several members of the returning class. The chairs have been asked to let Michael Barlowe know of any invited staff guests by February 29.

The draft agenda was moved and adopted.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn with prayer led by Michael Barlowe which was moved and seconded. The meeting ended in prayer.