

Members of The General Board of Examining Chaplains

Term of office: 6 years

Number to be elected: 3 lay persons; 3 faculty members of theological seminaries or other educational institutions; 3 presbyters with pastoral cures or in specialized ministries; 2 bishops (HOB elects; HOD confirms elections)

Position Description:

GBEC board members write the annual General Ordination Examination (GOE) administered to candidates for eventual ordination as priests. The examination includes tests for proficiency in six areas: Holy Scriptures, the history of the Christian church, Christian theology, Christian ethics and moral theology, Christian worship, and the practice of ministry. Writing the GOE includes both composing questions and the associated rubrics for answering those questions; these rubrics are provided to guide candidates as they answer the questions. Board members also evaluate the candidates' answers in the weeks following the administration of the exam. For any exam marked 'non-proficient,' the grader must include an explanation of the reasons for the grade. In addition, bishop members review exams that other readers have marked 'non-proficient' to verify that result. At its meetings, the board, made up of 22 members total, evaluates and plans for the succeeding year's work and oversees the work of the board's paid executive director and testing and professional consultants.

Qualities & competencies nominees should have:

Nominees should have an interest in theological education and some expertise in one of the six canonical areas, as well as experience teaching at a seminary and / or experience in pastoral ministry. Previous experience on a diocesan Commission on Ministry or as a diocesan examining chaplain is helpful.

Competency in testing methods and procedures is useful. Board members should be able to work comfortably in teams and task groups. GBEC assignments demand ability to concentrate intently on tasks at hand. It is vital that applicants have computer literacy, Internet access, and the ability to work online with others.

Duties of this office:

The primary duties of the office include writing exam questions and grading the exams. In writing exam questions, members must consider both academics and practical application.

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| Number of meetings: | One board meeting (October), one readers' conference (February), as well as numerous meetings online or via email with other team members (primarily June through January). |
| Usual location of meetings: | Meeting location varies; in recent years at Kanuga Conference Center in North Carolina. |
| Usual length of meetings: | February: three weekdays face-to-face. October: three |

How much more time is required?	weekdays face-to-face. The remainder of the year: several hours of online meetings with team members. Time spent reading at home each year is approximately 50 hours to evaluate answers in one canonical area. Occasionally, new members are not assigned to a question writing team, but rather spend time observing the process and participating in general board review of the questions.
Do members serve on committees?	Yes, members are expected to work on projects (for example, developing GOE questions with two or three other members).
Are meeting expenses paid?	Yes
Are travel advances available?	Yes
Attendance expectation:	All meetings, arriving on time and staying until the end.
Summary of time expectations:	
Regular meetings:	Six days per year
Reading Exams:	Varies, depending on the complexity in each canonical area for writing questions and evaluating answers.
Individual projects:	Varies