Bishop Morales opened in prayer at 12:05 pm, CDT
The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 12:07 CDT.

Status updates on applications
Ms. Hogg was unable to attend the meeting but confirmed the name of a bishop in Province III willing to run for the Court of Review. As a result, the Secretary reported that there is now only one open spot remaining: for a bishop on the Court of Review, from Provinces VII, VIII, or IX. There are currently five anticipated applications outstanding, in addition to the one open spot. Committee members agreed that the application can remain open until those applications and the final bishop nominee’s application are received, without formally announcing an extension to the deadline.

The Secretary also noted that the committee had done great work to recruit, in the midst of a pandemic, upwards of 160 nominees, which is approximately double the number on the final slate in 2018. This is due primarily to two new large bodies being added to the committee’s responsibilities. Members for the new Court of Review are to be elected for the first time. The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, also a large committee, is for the first time being elected at General Convention rather than at the Provincial level, as in years past.

Evaluations
The Secretary noted that evaluations are a next step and offered to help members access and use the evaluation form as needed. Ms.Gordon asked about a deadline for applications, for which the Secretary suggested October 1.

Committee members discussed how best to split up the task of evaluating applications for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. Bishop Scanlan proposed a method whereby each application would receive at least two readings. The Vice Chair indicated that he, the Chair, and the Secretary would organize the applications for evaluation according to this method.

Blue Book Report
Ms. Pomerenk, Rev. Collins, and the Secretary have started the Blue Book report.
Future meetings
The Secretary asked that committee members hold open October 11-14 as a future meeting date. The Vice Chair confirmed that all in-person meetings for the foreseeable future have been cancelled, so this will be a Zoom meeting.

Next meeting: October 11-4 (times TBA), via Zoom

Rev. Middleton gave dismissal at 12:25pm CDT
Meeting adjourned 12:25pm CDT