

**General Synod Council
Reformed Church in America
Minutes of January 26, 2022 Meeting
Zoom Videoconference**

Welcome and Prayer

Ned Beadel, moderator of the General Synod Council (GSC), called the January 26, 2022 meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. (eastern) followed by devotions and prayer.

Members Present

The following members of the GSC were present for all or part of the meeting:

Eddy Alemán, <i>ex-officio</i>	Michael Meyer-Veen
Philip Assink	Eric Moreno
Carole Barber	Sheila Moses
Ned Beadel	Eric Nichols
Michelle Chahine	Albert Plat
Devonna Cousins	Neale Roller
Susan Davis	Glenn Spyksma
Bruce Deckinga	Lee Vande Voort
Hellen Harvey	Kimberly Van Es
Dwayne Jackson	Harris Van Oort
Robert Johnson	Patricia Varga
Kathryn Lohre (ELCA)	Imos Wu

Members Absent

The following members of the GSC were unable to attend the meeting:

Pedro Agudelo	Jidong Shan
EJ de Waard	Leigh Van Kempen
Kent McHeard	

Staff and Guests

The following staff members and guests were present for all or part of the meeting:

Terri Boven, *Recorder*
Elizabeth Brand, *Director of General Synod Operations*
Thomas Smith, *Regional Synod Observer from Council of Synod Executives*
Jillisa Teitsma, *Chief Financial Officer*
Jill Ver Steeg, *Associate General Secretary*
Angela Worthley, *Recorder*

Ad Interim Appointment

GSC 22-04 Motion made, supported, and carried to approve the *ad interim* appointment of Edward Thornton (RSMat) to the Commission on Judicial Business.

RF 21-1 Restructuring Team

Eddy Alemán, general secretary, presented an updated proposed membership list for the restructuring team mandated by General Synod in RF 21-1 that took into account feedback provided by GSC members at the January 7, 2022 meeting. The GSC provided further feedback.

GSC 22-05 Motion made and supported:

To approve the RF 21-1 restructuring team, provided that Candidate #8 meets the following requirements: they are an active member within an RCA congregation and have previous experience in organizational development.

Motion made and supported to amend the motion as follows (additions are underlined):

To approve the RF 21-1 restructuring team, provided that Candidate #8 meets the following requirements: they are an active member within an RCA congregation and have previous experience in organizational development; and further,

To add a member of the LBGTO community as a team member.

The amendment was not adopted.

The original motion was before the body.

The motion was not adopted.

GSC 22-06 Motion made and supported:

To approve the RF 21-1 restructuring team with the exception of Candidate #8; and further, to add Candidate #8 as a full member conditional upon that candidate meeting the following requirements: they are an active member within an RCA congregation and have previous experience in organizational development.

Motion made, supported, and carried to amend the motion as follows (deletions are stricken);

To approve the RF 21-1 restructuring team with the exception of Candidate #8; ~~and further, to add Candidate #8 as a full member conditional upon that candidate meeting the following requirements; they are an active member within an RCA congregation and have previous experience in organizational development.~~

The amended motion was before the body.

The amended motion was adopted. It reads as follows:

To approve the RF 21-1 restructuring team with the exception of Candidate #8.

See Schedule GSC 22-06 for the list of approved names alphabetical order.

The moderator advised the general secretary that the GSC would consider additional names for the membership list at a future meeting if desired.

March 2022 Meeting

The moderator requested feedback from the GSC members on how to proceed with planning the GSC's upcoming stated meeting on March 22-23 – as an in-person, virtual, or a hybrid meeting. The GSC voiced opinions and preferences. The officers will take this feedback into consideration as they make a final decision.

Adjournment

GSC 22-07

Motion made, supported, and carried to adjourn the January 26, 2022 meeting of the GSC at 2:48 p.m. (eastern).

Terri Boven, Recorder
Angela Worthley, Recorder

Schedule GSC 22-06

Approved RF 21-1 Restructuring Team and Resource People

Regular team members with vote:

Eddy Alemán, General Secretary of the Reformed Church in America

Dale Assink, Strategic Leader of the Central Plains Classis

Greg Brower, Pastor at Zion Reformed Church in Grandville, MI

Michelle Chahine, elder and member of the GSC

Chad Farrand, Classis Leader, Classis de las Naciones

Andrea Godwin, trustee at Western Theological Seminary and specialized minister of the Central Plains Classis

Sung Kim, Pastor at Grace Church in Ann Arbor and Associate General Secretary/COO of the Reformed Church in America

Micah McCreary, President of New Brunswick Theological Seminary and General Synod Professor

Young Na, Pastor at Forrest Park Reformed Church in Queens, NY

Dionne Harvey Parks, elder at Chosen Generation Church, Long Beach, CA

Andres Serrano, Pastor at Iglesia La Senda and Coordinator for Hispanic Ministries of the Reformed Church in America

Gildo Vieira, elder at Igreja Vida Nova in Ontario, Canada

Resource people without a vote:

Tim TenClay, Pastor at The Community Reformed Church in Manhasset, NY

One person from the Commission on Church Order

One person from the Vision 2020 Team (Brian Keepers or Marijke Strong)

Dr. Bob Logan will serve as the facilitator