

**General Synod Council  
Reformed Church in America  
Minutes of August 30, 2022 Meeting  
Zoom Video Meeting**

Welcome and Prayer

Philip Assink, moderator, called the meeting of the General Synod Council (GSC) to order on August 30, 2022, at 4:35 p.m. (eastern) followed by prayer.

Members Present

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

Pedro Agudelo	Michael Meyer-Veen
Philip Assink	Sheila Moses
Carole Barber	Judith Nelson
Calvin Brouwer	Eric Nichols
Michelle Chahine	Albert Plat
Susan Davis	Neale Roller
Brian Engel	Kjersten Sullivan (ELCA)
Barbara Felker	Kimberly Van Es
Dwayne Jackson	Leigh Van Kempen
Randy Karcher	Harris Van Oort
Bradley Kautz	Patricia Varga
Yong Bok Kim	Maudelin Willock

Members Absent

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

Eddy Alemán, ex-officio	Bruce Deckinga
Devonna Cousins	Jidong Shan

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*  
Christina Tazelaar, *Chief Communications Officer*  
Angela Worthley, *Recorder*

## RF 21-1 Restructuring Team

The moderator reported that one member of the RF 21-1 Restructuring Team is no longer able to serve and that Eddy Alemán, general secretary, has recommended a replacement.

Motion made and supported:

To appoint Hellen Harvey to the RF 21-1 Restructuring Team in place of Dionne Harvey Parks, who is no longer able to serve.

A motion was made, supported and adopted to amend the motion as follows (additions are underlined, deletions are stricken):

~~To appoint Hellen Harvey to the RF 21-1 Restructuring Team in place of Dionne Harvey Parks, who is no longer able to serve~~  
To leave the restructuring team at thirteen members rather than replacing the member who is unable to continue, given the timetable and the work that has already been done by the team.

The amended motion was before the body.

**GSC 22-44** The amended motion was adopted. It reads as follows:

To leave the restructuring team at thirteen members rather than replacing the member who is unable to continue, given the timetable and the work that has already been done by the team.

## Board of Benefits Services

Kimberly Van Es, vice moderator, assumed the chair.

The vice moderator reported that the GSC needed to appoint two members to the Board of Benefits Services (BOBS) due to changes in the BOBS bylaws that were approved by the 2022 General Synod. The applicable section of the bylaws reads as follows:

“The composition of the board shall be as follows: ... one member of the General Synod Council with interest and experience in the work of The Board of Benefits Services designated by the General Synod Council from among its members, one person designated by the General Synod Council from among its moderator or the president or vice president of the General Synod ... The terms of office on the board of directors of the corporation for the member of the General Synod Council shall be limited to his or her term of service as such member ... (Article III, Section 3.3).”

**GSC 22-45** Motion made, supported, and adopted:

To appoint Phil Assink to the Board of Benefits Services as the GSC designee with interest and experience in the work of BOBS, coterminous with his term on GSC.

**GSC 22-46** Motion made, supported, and adopted:

To appoint Judy Nelson to the Board of Benefits Services, coterminous with her term on GSC as the vice president of the General Synod and, if elected, as the president of General Synod and the moderator of GSC.

The moderator resumed the chair.

**GSC 22-47** Motion made, supported, and adopted to adjourn the August 30, 2022 meeting of the GSC at 5:02 p.m. (eastern) following prayer by Dwayne Jackson.

Terri Boven, Recorder  
Angela Worthley, Recorder