

**General Synod Council
Reformed Church in America
Minutes of October 9, 2023 Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting**

Welcome and Opening Business

Kimberly Van Es, moderator of the General Synod Council (GSC), called the GSC's meeting to order on October 9, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. (eastern), following the presence of a quorum. The moderator prayed and welcomed new members.

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

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| Calvin Brouwer | Sheila Moses |
| Vivian Campbell | Judith Nelson |
| Michelle Chahine | Eric Nichols |
| Linda Cline | Jonathan Opgenorth |
| Devonna Cousins | Neale Roller |
| Susan Davis | Joshua Scheid |
| Brian Engel | Jidong Shan |
| Clair Hoeksema | Kimberly Van Es |
| Randy Karcher | Harris Van Oort |
| Bradley Kautz | Patricia Varga |
| Yong Bok Kim | Hank Vrielink |
| Michael Meyer-Veen | Maudelin Willock |

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

Eddy Alemán, ex-officio Kjersten Sullivan (ELCA)
Dwayne Jackson

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

Lisa Stover, *Interim Chief Financial Officer and Interim Treasurer*
Angela Worthley, *Recorder*

Ad Interim Appointment

The GSC is empowered to appoint persons *ad interim* to fill vacancies that occur between sessions of the General Synod. All such appointments are then subject to the approval of the General Synod at its next stated session (*BCO*, Chapter 3, Part I, Article 4, Section 3 [2023 ed., p. 112]).

The moderator explained that a vacancy currently exists for a Council for Hispanic Ministries (CHM) representative to the GSC. The GSC has

received an *ad interim* appointment request from the CHM. The GSC discussed the request.

GSC 23-56

A motion was made, supported, and adopted:

To appoint *ad interim* Carlos Rivera (representing the Council for Hispanic Ministries) to the General Synod Council.

GSC 23-57

Motion made, supported, and adopted to adjourn the October 9, 2023, meeting of the GSC at 11:18 a.m. (eastern) following prayer by the moderator.

Angela Worthley, Recorder