

**General Synod Council  
Reformed Church in America  
Minutes of November 16, 2023 Meeting  
Zoom Video Meeting**

Welcome and Prayer

Kimberly Van Es, moderator, called the meeting of the General Synod Council (GSC) to order on November 16, 2023, at 11:15 a.m. (eastern) followed by prayer.

Members Present

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

Eddy Alemán, ex-officio	Sheila Moses
Calvin Brouwer	Judith Nelson
Vivian Campbell	Eric Nichols
Michelle Chahine	Carlos Rivera
Linda Cline	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

Members Absent

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

Devonna Cousins	Jonathan Opgenorth
Dwayne Jackson	Kjersten Sullivan (ELCA)

Staff

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

Terri Boven, *Recorder*  
Elizabeth Brand, *Director of General Synod Operations*  
Lisa Stover, *Interim Chief Financial Officer and Interim Treasurer*  
Christina Tazelaar, *Chief Operating Officer*

Correspondence

The moderator reported that a letter was received from the board of directors of the Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC). The board requested the GSC form a short-term team with ARC board members to address several

concerns raised by the ARC board. The GSC discussed the request and determined to decline the request as the concerns raised do not fall under the authority or responsibility of the GSC but to other RCA assemblies or bodies. The moderator presented a proposed letter of response.

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A motion was made, supported, and adopted as follows:

To approve the response letter with the amendments discussed.

Miscellaneous

The GSC and the general secretary discussed the involvement of several GSC staff members in recent transfers of candidates for ministry from one classis to another and the candidates' subsequent ordinations.

Executive Session

The GSC met in executive session, part of which was a report from the Relationship and Review Committee.

Terri Boven, Recorder