
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL of the ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

MINUTES
2023 Special Session

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Conducted by video conference



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His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon

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GUESTS

Judge E.R. Lanier (*OCA General Counsel*)

A. Call to Order

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon opened the session with prayer at 7:03 PM, and Archpriest Alexander Rentel then called the meeting to order.

B. Agenda, Introduction & Roll Call

Fr. Rentel indicated that the only item on today's agenda is a report from the Property Committee to provide an update on progress in efforts to sell the Westwood property in Oyster Bay Cove, NY, where the Metropolitan's Residence and OCA Chancery were housed for many years. He then conducted the roll call.

C. Metropolitan's Remarks

Metropolitan Tikhon welcomed all participants to the meeting and briefly reported on his recent and upcoming archpastoral activities. He particularly highlighted the upcoming episcopal ordination of Fr. Nikodhim (Preston) as Bishop of the Albanian Archdiocese. He extended congratulations to Fr. Alessandro Margheritino on his elevation to archpriest and his community to full parish status.

D. Property Committee

D.1. MOTION RENTEL/LANE - To move into executive session. CARRIED.

In executive session, Gregory Honshul and Ray Steeb presented a detailed confidential report outlining recent developments in efforts to sell the Westwood property in Oyster Bay Cove, NY, where the Metropolitan's Residence and OCA Chancery were housed for many years. Extensive discussion ensued.

D.2. MOTION RENTEL/LANE – To move out of executive session. CARRIED.

E. Adjournment

Fr. Rentel reviewed the schedule for the upcoming Fall Session of the Metropolitan Council, which will include a Zoom meeting on September 28 and in-person meetings on October 11-12 in Springfield, Virginia. Metropolitan Tikhon thanked the Property Committee and all members of the Council for fruitful discussion at today's meeting. He declared the Special Session of the Metropolitan Council closed and adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Liberovsky,
Recording Secretary