

**DRAFT REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS
November 3, 2020**

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, having considered comments made at our open hearing on October 31, 2020, presents its report to Convention as follows:

C-1 Amend Article I of the Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE I
Order, Government and Discipline.

The order, government and discipline of the **Diocese of Virginia, formerly and otherwise known as** the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, shall be vested in the Bishop, and in the Convention of the Diocese, constituted as provided in Article III hereof, which shall have power to adopt Canons, and take any other action for the conduct of its affairs not in conflict with this Constitution.

The Committee recommends APPROVAL.

C-2a Amend Canon 7.1.(c) as follows:

**CANON 7.
The Executive Board.**

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed as follows:

- (a) One member elected by each Regional Council or in the absence of the member, an alternate member elected by each Regional Council.
- (b) The Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor if there be one, and the Suffragan Bishops if there be such.
- (c) **To provide for wider diversity and equity that may not always be represented, the Bishop may appoint, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, no more than three at-large members (whether lay or clerical) for a one-year term, with the option of reappointment for each at-large member for no more than two additional one-year terms. The appointed at-large members shall be Clergy who are on the Official List of the Clergy of the Diocese (Canon 1) or Lay persons eligible for election to the Vestry of a Church in the Diocese, and may not be the Dean or President of a Region or a member of the Standing Committee.**

The Committee recommends APPROVAL as amended by the Committee. (The Committee's amendments to C-2 are shown in red.)

Amendments to the amendments may be submitted to amendments@thediocese.net until close of business November 9, 2020. Questions and comments may also be submitted amendment@thediocese.net.

The Committee reserves the right to update this report as appropriate.

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