

Plenary Session II

July 15, 2025



Opening Prayer

His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All American and Canada



21st ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL

July 14-18, 2025

Nominations Procedures

Priest David Bozeman, Chair, Nominations
Committee



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Nominations Procedures

***Deadline to submit
nominations:
Tuesday, July 15,
5 pm PT***

Metropolitan Council

3 Clergy members

3 Lay members

2 Alternates (1 Clergy and 1 Lay)

Pension Board

2 Clergy members

2 Lay members

2 Alternates (1 Clergy and 1 Lay)

Procedures

Article III, Section 4(g) of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America states that the members of the Metropolitan Council are elected “from among the All-American Council delegates,” thus requiring that they be attendees. Section 4(h) does not contain this restriction for the Pension Board, who are not required to be present at nor delegates to the All-American Council.

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Elections for the Metropolitan Council and Pension Board will be held on Thursday, July 17, at Plenary Session V.

Nominations are accepted only when received with the completed form which includes some brief biographical and professional information of the candidate.

Self-nominations are allowed. Verbal or written consent of the nominee must be received by the Nominating Committee before the name is added to the slate of candidates.

Resolutions Procedures

Archpriest Timothy Sawchak, Chair, Resolutions
Committee



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Resolutions Procedures

Resolutions may be submitted at any time during the All-American Council.

The Resolutions Committee reserves the right to reject any resolution that falls outside the competence of the All-American Council or that is in conflict with the Holy Canons or the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America.

Upon receipt, the Committee will review each resolution, consolidate similar submissions where appropriate, and may recommend revisions or redrafts.

If the Committee determines that a proposed resolution clearly lies outside the Council's competence—whether for canonical reasons or due to conflict with the Statute—it will notify the submitting body accordingly or refer the matter to the Holy Synod.

In such cases, and in consultation with the Holy Synod and the submitting body, the Committee may explore alternative means of presenting the underlying concerns of the resolution to the All-American Council.

Metropolitan's Report

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All American and Canada



Chancellor's Report

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino
Chancellor
Orthodox Church in America



Statute Amendment

Article XVII

The Statute may be amended by a regular All-American Council or an extraordinary All- American Council called for that purpose. An amendment can be proposed by the Holy Synod, the Metropolitan Council, Diocesan Assemblies, Diocesan Councils, Deaneries, Parish Assemblies, Parish Councils, Monasteries, and Seminaries.

A proposed amendment must be submitted to the Commission on Canons and Statute at least ninety (90) days prior to the date set for the convening of an All-American Council. The Commission on Canons and Statute shall consider proposed amendments and may either approve, consolidate, or return proposed amendments.

Final drafts of proposed amendments, together with recommendations of the Commission on Canons and Statute, shall be disseminated at least sixty (60) days prior to the date set for the convening of the All- American Council. An amendment of the Statute requires a two-thirds majority of the delegates of an All-American Council present and voting.

Metropolitan Council Statute Amendment

Ms Lynnell McFarland

Ms Lisa Mikhalevsky

Members of the Metropolitan Council

*Current Statute: Article V, Section 3.b—Metropolitan Council
Terms of office*

b) Diocesan Representatives to the Metropolitan Council are elected for a term of three (3) years.

Proposed Amendment

Terms of office

b) Diocesan Representatives to the Metropolitan Council are elected for a term of three (3) years. This term begins on January 1 of the year immediately following their election and concludes three years later, on December 31.

Discussion & Vote on Statute Amendment

Archpriest Andrew Jarmus & Ms. Hollie
Benton, Council Vice-Chairs



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Questions & Discussion

Archpriest Andrew Jarmus & Ms. Hollie Benton, Council Vice-Chairs



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Housekeeping

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino
Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America

Protodeacon Peter Ilchuk
21st All-American Council Manager



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Plenary Session III

3:00 PM

Panikhida

5:30 PM

Arizona Grand Ballroom



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