

Presbytery of Boston  
Council  
March 15, 2023

**Draft Minutes.**

Present: Ken, John, Kathy B., Kate, Meagan, Trina, Drew, Katie, Ivy, SuYoung Kim, (PFR)

A Special Meeting of the Council of the Presbytery of Boston was called to order on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 10:33 am, with prayer by the Moderator, Kate Carlisle.

**Personnel.**

Meagan reported. The Presbytery of Southern New England approved a plan last night to share a Stated Clerk with Boston. They agreed to go with posting on CLC. The job description will be 50/50 in terms of the work, but PSNE will take on a little more of the funding. At some point we need to decide what specific tasks the new SC will do for PoB. Apparently there is a synod grant for which we can apply, having to do with issues of transition. The deadline for applications to be received is April 10. The Council **VOTED** to approve the plan and Job Description presented.

**New Business.**

The Council moved into an informal conversation concerning issues arising from the recent Stated Meeting on March 9, 2023. The Stated Clerk, the COM chair, and the Moderator all admitted and accepted responsibility for a botched process over the COM's motion to approve a Commissioned Pastor (CRE) relationship between Sam Caraballo and Primera iglesia. The Council has received two letters expressing concern. The Stated Clerk said the specific delinquencies could be resolved by COM doing an if-the-way-be-clear recommendation for presbytery to approve at its next meeting both a term and a Mentor for the position. However, the general opinion on Council was that this would be insufficient, given information that came out only at the meeting about Mr. Caraballo's previous controversial involvement in a church of the presbytery.

The Council concluded this discussion without taking action not included in the call to the meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on April 13, 2023, and be focused on staffing issues. The Council also called for a second Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 12:10 pm, to take action on calling a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Boston, for Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7 pm., to rescind the action taken by presbytery on March 9, 2023, to appoint Sam Caraballo as Commissioned Pastor (CRE) at the Primera Iglesia, and take up a new motion from COM which will include a proper examination, limited to the three areas named in the BoO, personal faith, motivation, and educational requirements, and include as well the naming of a minister to serve as Mentor to Mr. Caraballo, and a term to his covenant with Primera Iglesia.

The Council **VOTED** to adjourn at 12:09 pm, with prayer by Trina.

Attest:

Paul F. Rack  
Interim Stated Clerk

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Since this was a continuation of the immediately previous discussion at which all Council members were present, the Council decided that notice for this extraordinary meeting was sufficient. Plus, it met the standard for calling a Special Meeting of the presbytery.

The Council **VOTED** to Call a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Boston, for Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7 pm., to rescind the action taken by presbytery on March 9, 2023, to appoint Sam Caraballo as Commissioned Pastor (CRE) at the Primera Iglesia, and take up a new motion from COM which will include (1) a proper examination, limited to the three areas named in the Book of Order (personal faith, motivation, and educational requirements), (2) name a minister to serve as Mentor to Mr. Caraballo, and (3) stipulate a term to his covenant with Primera Iglesia.

This meeting would happen after CPM and COM had a chance to meet and review their role in this process.

The Council **VOTED** to adjourn at 12:17 pm, with prayer by .

Attest:

Paul F. Rack  
Interim Stated Clerk