

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF RHODE ISLAND
BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING
January 10, 2025

The Board of Ministries held a special meeting via Zoom at 10 a.m. on January 10, 2025.

Present: George Barclay, Beth Berry, Joanne Brown, Bob Butzier, Courtney Davis Olds, David Dolce, Jim Ellison, Sue Guilmain, Jan Fletcher, Eva Irby-Davis, Debra Lee, Cal Lord, Kathryn Palen

Call to Order: Cal Lord called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and opened with prayer.

Special Business Meeting: The purpose of the meeting was to receive updates on recent actions that have bearing on the ABCORI special business meeting scheduled for January 11, 2025. Cal Lord reported on ABCORI's receipt of two letters sent from an attorney on behalf of a group of individuals who have questions about the board's decision regarding Canonicus and the special business meeting; ABCORI's subsequent engagement of an attorney from the firm Cameron and Mittleman LLP; the meeting he and Courtney Davis Olds had with attorney Scott Bielecki yesterday; and counsel's advice regarding the special business meeting.

Following discussion, Debra Lee moved that the special business meeting scheduled for January 10, 2025, be postponed until a later date upon consideration of counsel's advice and Cal Lord's recommendation. Eva Irby-Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board heard and affirmed the language for the postponement announcement that was developed in collaboration with legal counsel.

Upon the conclusion of today's meeting, Courtney Davis Olds will send out an email notice to all registrants for the meeting, as well as to ABCORI pastors and churches. A special edition of *Connections* will be sent with the postponement announcement. The announcement also will be posted on ABCORI's website.

A rescheduled date will be determined after the legal issues that have bearing on the meeting are resolved.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 11:04 a.m.