

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF RHODE ISLAND
BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING
April 30, 2024

The Board of Ministries meeting was held via Zoom on Tuesday, April 30 , 2024 at 7:00 PM

Present: Rev. Dr. Cal Lord, President; Eva Irby-Davis, Vice President; David Dolce, Treasurer; Rev. Dr. Courtney Davis Olds, Executive Minister; Rev. Kathryn Palen, Associate Executive Minister; Beth Berry; Rev. Darin Collins; Jan Fletcher; Rev. Debra Lee, Clerk; Sue Guilman; Rev. Sarah Reed Jay.

Absent: Rev. George Barclay, Joanne Brown, Dr. Michael Browner Jr., Bob Butzier, Jim Ellison

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:02 p.m. He then opened with a short devotion and a word of prayer.

Introductions: The board members introduced themselves by sharing their name, church affiliation, role on the board, and fun fact about themselves.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Minutes from the February 12, 2024, meeting were presented. Motion to approve made by Eva Irby Davis . Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Board Orientation: Cal reviewed the following as a refresher for returning board members and orientation for new board members:

- The role and responsibilities of the board, including governance, management of ABCORI's assets, and setting goals/priorities for the organization
- How the board will spend its time together in meetings
- The Board of Ministries covenant Discussion followed.

Treasurer's Report: Dave provided an overview of ABCORI's financial situation, took questions about ABCORI's finances, and solicited suggestions for information the board members would find helpful in his future reports. ABCORI's fiscal year began April 1. Year-end reports for prior fiscal year are not yet completed.

Written Reports: Reports were provided by the Executive Minister and the Associate Executive Minister.

Old Business: Cal noted two areas of ongoing business before the board:

- ABCORI's financial stability will continue to be a focus of the board's work.
- The property task force will present its report to the board at an upcoming meeting.

New Business: The board meets at least six times per term year. The following tentative meeting dates were set:

- Monday, June 17, at 7 p.m. Location: Community Church of Providence
- Saturday, September 14, at 9 a.m. Location: TBD
- Monday, October 28, at 7 p.m. Location: TBD

Additional dates to be discussed at a later meeting.

Closing: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Eva offered the closing prayer.

Submitted by,
Rev. Debra Lee