

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley
Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, August 2, 2023

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6:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:00 1. CALL TO ORDER & OPENING RITUALS

- a. Chalice reading & lighting – Cordell
- b. Board Covenant reading – Michael
- c. Land Acknowledgement Statement – Pier
- d. Widening the Circle Statement - Kay

7:10 2. CONSENT AGENDA – Items may be approved in one motion unless a Board member requests an item be removed for question or placement under discussion/action

- a. Approve agenda
- b. Approve July Board Meeting minutes
- c. Accept Executive Director’s report
- d. Accept Freestone Oversight Committee Update

7:15 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/LISTENING

- a. Announcements – Board Members, Executive Director
 - Welcome Rev. Marcus!
 - Safety Committee Update
- b. Report from Board listening presence (Randall)
- c. Congregants who wish to speak to the Board on agenda items or other matters

7:25 4. BOARD COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

7:35 5. DISCUSSION/ INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Beacon on the Hill article focus for September (Pier)

7:40 6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- a. Vote on Executive Director’s sabbatical application

8:00 BREAK

8:05 7. DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS, con’t

- b. Kensington Police Dept.'s request to lease space on the church's site

8:35 8. CLOSING COMMENTS

8:40 9. ADJOURNMENT

August Listening Presence: Randall | Next Beacon On the Hill Article: Pier – due 8/15/23

Aspirational Covenant of the UUCB Board of Trustees

Approved September 2019, updated May 2020

We as the UUCB Board of Trustees agree:

- To stay committed to connection even when we disagree;
- To recognize the fullness of our power, and the many responsibilities that power entails;
- To listen actively to each other and the congregation, and to seek out opportunities to do so;
- To be caring, respectful, present and open-minded;
- To work together to make the changes the congregation needs, as we keep the best interests of the congregation above our own and to live into our mission;
- To support and trust each other in our work;
- To remember the goal of our work is to build a thriving, loving congregation;
- To be unafraid in the face of hard decisions, to be unafraid of making mistakes, knowing that we will learn from them if we do, and to be unafraid of challenging sacred cows; and
- To come to decisions we all feel we can support while recognizing diverse views.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

As we begin, we want to acknowledge that this church occupies land in Huchiun, the unceded territory of the Chochenyo-speaking Ohlone people. We understand that we continue to benefit from the seizure and occupation of this land. We acknowledge and embrace our responsibility to take restorative action. We affirm that this is deeply felt and commit our congregation to be in right relationship with Indigenous communities, aligning in solidarity, supporting Indigenous projects, and caring properly for the land.

Widening the Circle Vision Statement

We, the trustees of UUCB, commit ourselves to championing racial justice embodying anti-racist practices, and confronting and dismantling white supremacy culture and all forms of oppression (including but not limited to racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, ageism, xenophobia and religious oppression (including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia) in everything we do.

Mission Statement of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley

The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley is to create loving community, inspire spiritual growth, and encourage lives of integrity, joy and service.

Vision Statement of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley is a welcoming and vibrant congregation. We joyously support spiritual development guided by individual faith, reason, and conscience. We are committed to serving one another, the church community, the community at large, and the global community. We foster a spirit of generosity and trust that encourages care for our church home and affirms diversity and relationships consistent with Unitarian Universalist principles.