

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BERKELEY
Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, April 27, 2025, 12:00pm
In-person in the Sanctuary AND Via Zoom Video Conference

MINUTES - DRAFT

Call to Order and Determination of the Presence of a Quorum

Kay Fairwell called the meeting to order at 12:22PM and requested a quorum count. Seventy-nine members were present in-person and several on-line, substantially more than the 42 needed.

Chalice Lighting and Readings

Stephanie Ann Blythe lit the chalice. Kay Fairwell did a Chalice Reading and read UUCB's Covenant of Right Relations and the Freestone Decision Process Goals.

Adoption of the Agenda & Ground Rules for Discussion

The agenda was adopted. Kay Fairwell outlined some ground rules for discussion during today's meeting.

Freestone Petition Motion

Kay brought forward the motion to modify the 3-26-2023 Resolution pertaining to the Freestone Retreat Property as brought forth by petition (language of motion is below). Bob Moore seconded the motion.

Motion to modify the 3-26-2023 Resolution pertaining to the Freestone Retreat Property:

- A. Extend the date for completion of the first milestone, raising at least \$250,000, to September 30, 2025.
- B. All subsequent milestone dates shall be extended in accordance with their original durations following the first milestone.

There was discussion on the motion. Voting was done by secret paper ballot for members who attended the meeting in-person. A link to an electronic ballot was provided to members not attending in-person. The electronic voting team cross-referenced to ensure no double-voting occurred.

Cyndy Greenleaf made a **Motion to Call the Question**. Larry Nagel seconded. A vote by hand-raising was done. 77 voted "Yes," and 5 voted "No." The motion passed.

Motion to Extend Voting

David Rosales asked if he could make a motion. He expressed his wish to ensure that the voices of people who were not able to be at the meeting also be heard. He made a motion to extend the electronic voting to Monday April 28th at 6PM. Bob Moore seconded.

A requested quorum recount indicated 48 members were still present in-person with additional members online. A hand vote was done. There were 40 "Yes" votes and 8 "No" votes. The motion passed.

Benediction and Adjournment

Rev. Marcus Liefert provided a benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:22PM.

Results of the Vote on the Freestone Petition

Including absentee ballots, paper ballots, and electronic ballots, there were 77 "Yes" votes in favor of the Freestone petition and 74 "No" votes. The motion passed.