



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CHURCH OF BERKELEY

**Congregational Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

**1. Call to Order**

Board President Kay Fairwell called the meeting to order at 1:06PM.

**2. Convene:**

- a. Quorum Count (15% of 311 = 46 members required). There were 89 members present.
- b. Chalice Lighting - Heley Toy lit the chalice while Kay did a chalice reading.
- c. Covenant Reading – read by the congregation
- d. Land Acknowledgment Reading – by Michael DeWitt

**3. Consent Agenda:**

Kay Fairwell noted that the following correction needed to be made to this meeting's agenda and to the consent agenda: Remove approval of April 27, 2025 minutes since those minutes were already approved at the May 2025 congregational meeting.

a. Adoption of corrected Agenda (Approval of the April 27, 2025 minutes was removed from the agenda since those minutes had already been approved at the May 2025 congregational meeting.)

b. Approval of May 18, 2025, and November 16, 2025 Congregational Meeting Minutes

Consent agenda was approved without dissension.

**4. Staff Recognition and Appreciation**

Rev. Marcus Liefert introduced and thanked our fabulous staff: the operations team; Minister of Congregational Life and Family Ministry, Rev. Kathryn Jay; intern minister Liesl Dees; the childcare staff; and the music department.

**5. Presentation of Flaming Chalice Awards for Extraordinary Service: (Listed alphabetically by last name)**

Cynthia Greenleaf – presented by Helen Tinsley-Jones

Phil Maynard – presented by Don Klose

Pier Sun Ho – presented by Beth Pollard

Sheila Tarbet – presented by Anne Wardell

**6. Reports:**

a. Stewardship Committee - Paul Hudson, Stewardship Co-Chair reported that 2026 stewardship campaign has ignited is already 60% towards our goal, with 1/3 of the

pledges in. On average, there has been a 12% increase in the per pledge amount, compared to last year. If you haven't pledged, please do so yet.

**b.** Discernment Task Force – See notes in the Slides created for the meeting that will be posted on the UUCB website along with these minutes.

**c.** Social Justice Council report by Cynthia Greenleaf. Written report will be on the website along with these meeting minutes

## **7. Board of Trustees:**

**a.** Call for General Assembly Delegates - Melissa Rosales provided a lot of information about General Assembly and how to get involved. See notes in the Slides created for the meeting that will be posted on the UUCB website along with these minutes.

**b.** Recognition of outgoing Board of Trustee members Kay Fairwell and Helen Tinsley-Jones  
Pier Sun Ho spoke on behalf of the board to thank Kay and Helen Tinsley-Jones for their amazing service.

**c.** Results of Board of Trustees Election – Michael Armstrong of the Nominating Committee announced that the following three board candidates Ryan Devine, David Rosales, and Karin Werner were voted into office.

**d.** Installation of Board of Trustees by Rev. Marcus Liefert

## **8. Benediction**

**9. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM

*There will be a brief Board of Trustees meeting immediately afterward to elect Board officers.*