

Offered by the Resolutions Committee of the Diocese of Southwest Florida

Resolution 25 – 2: Resolution Regarding Canon V Section 1

RESOLVED, by the 57th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida meeting in Punta Gorda on October 11, 2025:

That Canon V Section 1 be amended to provide:

Section 1. The Diocesan Council, subject to the provisions of the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and this Diocese and the direction of the Convention, shall have oversight of the work of the Diocese, and of such other work as may be submitted to it by the Convention of the Diocese. The Bishop shall be executive head of all such work, and the Council shall assist the Bishop in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of that office. A lay member of Diocesan Council is a Member of Convention **entitled to seat, voice, and vote.** ~~ex officio, without vote, provided, however, that a lay member who also serves a Congregation as one of its Lay Delegates is entitled to vote at Convention.~~

Explanation:

This will conform Canon V.1 with Article V.2 of the Diocesan Constitution.