

## Board meeting - Immanuel Church

Present: Greger Hjelm, chairman  
Evado Arfs  
Mats Bernö, not present during discussion of items §7 a-b  
Peter Dobers, not present during discussion of items § 7 a-b  
Ingrid Eiken  
Tobias Ejeby  
Barbro Eriksson  
Désirée Pethrus  
Johan Sahlén  
Ulrika Thunström  
Ingrid Östlund

Absent: Karin Pettersson  
Carin Dernulf, Senior Pastor

Ex officio: Marianne Eriksson, Chief of Administration  
Margret Josefsson, secretary  
Martin Nääs, PwC §§ 1- 3 and 6

### § 1 Introduction and opening of the meeting

The Chairman welcomed everyone, offered a prayer and declared the meeting open.

### § 2 Adoption of the agenda

Additions were made to the agenda under § 14 "Other matters", regarding the newspaper Sändaren (§14a) and Ecumenical Week (§14b).

The board *decided* to adopt the agenda with these changes.

### § 3 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22-02-2025

In the minutes of the previous meeting, the addition "MBL negotiation has taken place." were made to § 8 and two linguistic changes and two linguistic changes were made to § 9. The minutes of the previous meeting were *approved* and added to the documents with the above adjustments.

**§ 4 Follow-up on the meeting with the International Council**

The Chairman invited members to a discussion and the Board reflected on the two meetings that had taken place with the International Council. The dialogue was considered positive and will be followed up.

**§ 5 Report from the consultation work regarding the diaconal investigation**

A written report has been submitted with a summary of the consultation responses, showing the support received for various proposals for activities.

The board *decided* to task the reference group with developing a support document with two to three scenarios, which will then be presented to the board for a decision regarding the next step in the process.

**§ 6 Before the annual meeting**

**a) Auditor's report**

Martin Nääs (PwC) reported on the auditor's work. He emphasized that the financial statements are of high quality and that the cooperation has worked very well.

The report contains recommendations to the board to work further on the issue of conflict of interest and income tax related to the rental of the church premises.

The board *decided* to refer the issues of conflict of interest and income tax to the finance committee.

The Board *decided* to add the reports to the documents.

**b) Decision regarding the annual report**

The Chief of Administration presented the annual report.

The board *decided* to add the annual report to the documents.

**c) Proposed agenda for the annual meeting**

A proposed agenda for the annual meeting was presented and discussed.

The board decided to add “Information from the board” as item § 8 on the agenda.

**d) The board’ response to the incoming motion**

Désirée Pethrus and Peter Dobers presented a proposed response to the motion received. In the response, it is proposed that the annual meeting decide to forward the motion to the church board with a request to appoint a working group, which, after dialogue with congregations, will present a proposed strategic plan for the Uniting Church's joint social engagement at the church conference in 2026.

The board *decided* to submit the response to the annual meeting.

**e) Outcome of the investigation regarding the language**

Ulrika Thunström presented the working group's final report. The chairman thanked the group for their work.

The board *decided* to present a verbal report on the investigation at the annual meeting.

The board further *decided* to refer the working group's recommendations to the next board meeting for continued process.

**f) The Ministry Evaluation Committee**

The Ministry Evaluation Committee has submitted a report for the 2024 financial year.

The board *decided* to add the report to the documents.

The board further *decided* to assign the Constitution Committee the task of developing proposals for a mission statement for the Ministry Evaluation Committee.

**g) Other matters**

The Chairman informed the board that Christina Gotting, authorized auditor, will be thanked at the annual meeting after many years of service.

**§ 7 Other finance matters**



**a) Members to Probitas Board**

The board *decided* to elect the following members to Probitas board:

- Mats Bernö
- Bo Ingemarson
- Agneta Jacobson
- Patrick Adedal
- Johannes Nilsson
  
- Karin Sandström
- Johnny Mattebo

*Johan Sahlén did not participate in the decision.*

*Mats Bernö and Peter Dobers left the room and did not participate in the decision.*

**b) Members to IFAB board**

The Board *decided* to elect the following members to IFAB Board:

- Sophia Hober, chairman
- Hans-Olof Hagén
- Thure Torgren
- Anders Claesson
- Jacques Lombard

*Johan Sahlén did not participate in the decision.*

*Mats Bernö and Peter Dobers left the room and did not participate in the decision.*

**c) Application for extra support to the SIRA school**

The chairman informed the board about the letter received from the SIRA school asking for extra financial support for its activities, and the subsequent preparation made by the Mission and Development Committee.

The board *decided*, in accordance with the recommendation from the Mission and Development Committee, to give SEK 100,000 in extra support to the SIRA school. The cost will be charged to the Mission and Development Committee's budget.

**d) Donation to N'djili**

A request has been received from the Mission and Development Committee for a donation of SEK 10,000 to the N'djili congregation in Kinshasa.

The board *decided* on a donation of SEK 10,000. The cost will be charged to the Mission and Development Committee's budget.

## § 8 Security

### a) An overview of the work done so far

The Chief of Staff reported on what has been done so far to improve security at the church.

### b) Procurement for shell protection

The Chief of Administration explained the call for tender that had been made regarding shell protection.

The board *decided* to use Bravida Säkerhet AB as a supplier to update the shell protection of Immanuel Church at a cost of a maximum of SEK 2,185,000.

The board *decided* that if the issue of surveillance cameras becomes relevant, this should be decided by the board on a case-by-case basis.

## § 9 Investigation into the allocation of the church housing

Tobias Ejeby presented the interim report from the investigation into the allocation of the church housing. The board highlighted the need for clarity, transparency, relevance and flexibility.

The board *decided* to add the report to the documents and to task Tobias Ejeby and the Constitution Committee to continue the process of developing a system for allocating the church housing.

## § 10 Sustainability work and collaboration with the University College Stockholm (EHS)

Peter Dobers presented the project description and budget for a “Sustainability Manifestation”, after which the proposal was discussed by the board.

The board *decided* to reject the proposal.

**§ 11 Report from the Operations Committee**

The operations committee conducted an evaluation of the anniversary year, which formed a basis for discussion for the board.

The board *decided* to adjourn the matter to the next board meeting.

**§ 12 Reports**

**a) Report from the Senior Pastor**

A written report was submitted by the Senior Pastor.

The board *decided* to add the report to the documents.

**b) Report from the Chief of Administration**

There was nothing to report on.

**c) Report from the chairman**

There was nothing to report on.

**d) Report from the committees**

There was nothing to report on.

**e) Report from Probitas & IFAB**

There was nothing to report on.

**f) Other possible reports**

There was nothing to report on.

**§ 13 Congregational meeting on 23 March**

The chairman informed the board about the upcoming congregational meeting.

Ingrid Östlund presented a proposal for the nomination of the chair of the church board and recommended Helen Åkerman from Abrahamsbergskyrkan (Abrahamsberg Church) in Stockholm.

The board *decided* to propose to the congregational meeting to nominate Helen Åkerman as chair of the church board.

## § 14 Other matters

### a) Sändaren 2.0

A letter requesting funds for financing Sändaren 2.0 has been received from a working group within the Uniting Church. The proposal was discussed by the board.

The board *decided* not to grant financial support to Sändaren 2.0.

### b) Christian Council of Sweden - Ecumenical Week

A letter has been received by the board requesting financial contribution for, among others, financing the ecumenical week in Stockholm.

The board decided to adjourn the matter and tasked the Senior Pastor to contact the SKR's secretary general to obtain better information for decision-making.

## § 15 Conclusion

The Chairman concluded the meeting with a review and summary of the years he had held the position. He was thanked with flowers by the board.

A new chair of the board will be elected at the annual meeting.

Secretary

Adjuster

Margret Josefsson

Greger Hjelm