

Charter and Canons
Resolution 2026-14
Removing Mandatory Layers of Governance
(A Red Resolution)

Whereas the Architectural Review Board and the Board of Regents have not always been active/filled over the years and;

Whereas these committees may be activated at need by Diocesan Council in accordance with revised canon 12.1.e and;

Whereas to require these Boards to exist and not to fill them constitutes a canonical violation therefore

Be it resolved that these layers of governance are available and need not be explicitly required by canon, Florida Canons 2025 Canon 13 and Canon 14 are removed:

~~**CANON 13 (2025) — Of the Architectural Review Board**~~

~~**SECTION 1. Statement of Purpose.** Subject to the authority and regulations adopted by the Diocesan Council, the Architectural Review Board shall review, offer consultation, and approve all building projects within the Diocese, whether initial projects, capital alterations or additions.~~

~~**SECTION 2. Establishment.** There is hereby established the Architectural Review Board of not less than six members to be appointed by the Bishop with the concurrence of the Diocesan Council.~~

~~**SECTION 3. Officers.** The Bishop shall designate the chair of the Architectural Review Board and the chair may designate a secretary from the membership. The Bishop is the ex officio chair of the board.~~

~~**SECTION 4. Reports.** The Architectural Review Board shall report to the Diocesan Council and through it to the annual Diocesan Convention.~~

~~**CANON 14 (2025) — Of the Diocesan School System and the Board of Regents**~~

~~**SECTION 1. Statement of Purpose and Mission.** The Board of Regents operates under the authority of the Bishop and shall serve, lead and support the schools of the Episcopal~~

~~Diocese of Florida. In exercising its responsibility to the Diocesan School System, the Board of Regents' mission is to: 1) nurture the teaching of Christian values; 2) promote and strengthen church/school/diocesan relations and 3) promote and develop Episcopal schools.~~

SECTION 2. Officers and Members. ~~Upon recommendation from the Heads of Diocesan Episcopal Schools and Directors of Diocesan Episcopal Early Learning Programs, the Bishop shall designate a Director, Rising Director, Secretary and one or more Diocesan Representatives~~