

**First Religious Society Parish Board**  
Special Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2019

Present: Maureen Adams, Rev. Rebecca Bryan, Kristen Fehlhaber, Tim Fountain, Ann Haaser, Art Henshaw, Lynn Kettleon, Ann Power, Karen Young

Also Present: Mission Vision Process Selection Team Members Tom Himmel, Deborah Kelsey, Tom Stites, Renee Wolf-Foster, Richard Zambrowski

Absent: Rebecca Brodish, Micah Donohue, Rich Johnson, Sophia Lyons, Forrest Speck

A special meeting of the FRS Parish Board was called to order by Art Henshaw, Parish Board Chair, at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Rev. Rebecca opened the meeting with a reading on feminism.

Helen Murgida as Affiliate Minister

Rev. Rebecca provided the Board with information about Helen Murgida as an ordained Interfaith Chaplain, and how helpful Helen has been to Rev. Rebecca in doing memorial services.

The following motion was made by Ann Power and seconded:

**Motion:** “I move that the Parish Board recommend to the congregation that Helen Murgida be recognized as an Affiliate Minister at First Religious Society.”

**Vote:** After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Governance Committee’s slate of officers

On behalf of the Governance Committee, Maureen Adams introduced the idea of bringing a youth member onto the Parish Board for a year. This was new information to most Board members and there was extended discussion. Not reaching a consensus, the Parish Board took no action on the idea of a youth member this year. Maureen was asked to report back to the Governance Committee on the Parish Board’s discussion.

The following motion was made by Tim Fountain and seconded:

**Motion:** “I move that the Parish Board approve that the slate of nominees provided by the Governance Committee be voted on by the congregation at the Annual Meeting on June 9.”

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.



## Review of Mission Vision Process Selection Team results

Tom Himmel of the Mission Vision Process Selection Team reviewed the 2 finalists selected by the Mission Vision Process Selection Team. The 2 finalists have very different approaches. The finalists are: Laura Park of Unity Consulting and Tom Chulak, an independent consultant. An extended discussion between Board members and the Selection Team followed.

At 8:52 the Mission Vision Process Selection Team left the meeting with thanks from the Board for their thorough work and presentation.

The Board discussed and agreed on the agenda for the June 3 Consultant interviews and selection. In addition to questions provided by the Mission Vision Process Selection Team, the following are questions the Board may use in the interviews:

1. Tell us why you think this is the right time for this congregation to develop a new Mission Vision?
2. How do we gauge success in this work?
3. How will you work with us, and how can we expect to plan our time?

Board members were encouraged to submit any additional questions to Art Henshaw.

Art Henshaw adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Ann Haaser.*