

Active Cases

The Rev. Dr. Tommie Lee Watkins, Jr.

- Notice of Allegations of Canonical Offenses, 05/12/21 ([Download](#))
- Response of Respondent to the Written Statement of Alleged Offenses, 05/31/21 ([Download](#))
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- Joint Motion to Establish Schedule for Filing Mandatory Disclosures 7/26/21
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- Notice of Motion to Disqualify Members of the Hearing Panel and to Relocate this Matter to Another Diocese, 09/14/21 ([Download](#))
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- CA'S MANDATORY DISCLOSURES 9/20/21
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- Response to Respondent's Motion to Disqualify Members of the Hearing Panel and to Relocate this Matter to Another Diocese, 09/17/21 ([Download](#))
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- Respondent's Response to the Response of the Diocese to Respondent's Motion to Disqualify Members of the Hearing Panel and to Relocate this Matter to Another Diocese, 09/21/21 ([Download](#))
- [ORDER CANCELLING CONFERENCE CALL 9/22/21](#)
- [RESPONDENT'S NOTICE OF APPEARANCE](#)
- [CA'S MOTION TO SCHEDULE RESPONDENT'S PENDING MOTION FOR HEARING 11/19/21](#)
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- [FOURTH ORDER RE: R'S MOTION TO DISQUALIFY AND RELOCATE 1/28/22](#)
- [JOINT PROPOSED SCHEDULING ORDER 2/17/22](#)
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- [R'S MOTION TO EXTEND REPLY DATE AND ORDER GRANTING](#)
- [CA'S PRE-HEARING MOTION TO EXCLUDE 8/12/22](#)
- [R'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION 9/29/22](#)
- [ORDER ON SITE FOR HEARING 10/20/22](#)
- [CA'S PRE HEARING DISCLOSURES 10/24/22](#)
- To attend the Disciplinary Hearing panel on zoom please email ddonaldson@dioala.org for a link.
- Order setting scheduling conference ([Download](#))
- Scheduling Order ([Download](#))
- Order resetting schedule and location ([Download](#))
- [Order on Motion to Exclude \(10/13/2022\)](#)
 - [Reacted pre-hearing motion to exclude materials and testimony](#)
 - [Redacted response to mt. to exclude](#)
 - [Ex. C ENS article 4/19/2021](#)
 - [Ex. D RR-Racial Justice audit report](#)
 - [Ex. E Racial Justice - Alabama Appleseed](#)
 - [Ex. F Denial of structural racism linked to anti-Black prejudice](#)
- [Official notice of the Title IV Hearing](#)
- [ORDER ON MOTION TO CONTINUE](#)
- To attend the December 12, 1 pm Pre-Hearing Conference on Zoom, please contact [Liza Lee Horton](#) for the link.
- [Order re: Pre-hearing ZOOM call](#)
- [ORDER RE CHURCH ATTORNEY'S EXPEDITED MOTION
TO COMPEL AND TO STRIKE](#)
- [ORDER ON FOLLOW-UP TO PRIOR ORDERS](#)
- [RESPONDENT PRE-HEARING DISCLOSURES 12/1/22](#)
- [Respondent The Rev. Dr. Tommie Lee Watkins, Jr., Motion to Dismiss
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- [CA'S EXPEDITED MOTION TO COMPEL AND STRIKE 12/14/22](#)
- [R's Obj. to Order on Follow-Up to Prior Orders 12/23/22](#)
- [CA'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO R'S MOTION TO DISMISS
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- [ORDER RE: HEARING ON MOTION TO DISMISS \(12/27/2022\)](#)
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- [EMAILS RE: CONTINUANCE](#)
- [R'S MOTION TO CONTINUE](#)

- [CA'S RESPONSE TO ORDER RE: HEARING ON MOTION TO DISCUSS 12/29/22](#)
- To attend the December 30, 1:00 pm Hearing on Motion to Dismiss on Zoom, please contact [Liza Lee Horton](#) for the link.
- [R'S RESPONSE TO CA'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO R'S MOTION TO DISMISS 12/30/22](#)
- [NOTICE OF DENIAL OF R'S MOTION TO DISMISS 1/1/23](#)
- [CA'S RESPONSE TO R'S RESPONSE TO CA'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO R'S MOTION TO DISMISS 1/3/23](#)
- [R'S COUNSEL LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL 1/4/23](#)
- [CA'S RESPONSE TO WITHDRAWAL 1/4/23](#)
- [R'S PRO SE MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE 1/4/23](#)
- [CA'S RESPONSE TO R'S PRO SE MTN FOR CONTINUANCE 1/5/23](#)
- [R'S RESPONSE TO CA'S RESPONSE TO R'S PRO SE MTN FOR CONTINUANCE 1/5/23](#)
- [ORDER RE: RESPONDENT'S WITNESSES 1/5/23](#)
- [NOTICE OF DENIAL OF R'S PRO SE MTN TO CONTINUE 1/5/23](#)
- [ORDER DENYING R'S MTN TO DISMISS 1/5/23](#)
- [ORDER DENYING PRO SE MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING \(1/6/2023\)](#)
- NOTICE (1/6/2023): The Hearing before the Disciplinary Board of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama re:The Rev. Dr. Tommie Lee Watkins, Jr., Respondent Case No. 2021-1 is set to begin on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 9:00am CT in the Board Room on the second floor of Renasant Place at 2001 Park Place North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. It is expected to adjourn by Wednesday, January 11, 2023. It is open to the public but seating is limited. It is being zoomed. For a zoom link contact [Liza Lee Horton](#). Reminder: No one from the public, whether in person or online, will be allowed to speak.
- [Rev. Dr. Tommie Watkins' Motion to Vacate and Rehearing](#)
- [Church Attorney Response](#)
- [Rev. Dr. Tommie Watkins' Response to the Church Attorney's Response to Respondent's Motion to Vacate and Rehear](#)
- [FINAL ORDER OF THE HEARING PANEL](#)
- [Notification according to Title IV.14.8a](#)
- [Motion to Vacate](#)
- [2023-4-10 Violations](#)
- [Final Order of the Hearing Panel](#)

- [Notice of Appearance Appeal](#)
- [Pronouncement of Sentence](#)
- [Bishop's Pronouncement of Sentence](#)
- [Court of Review Opinion on Watkins v. Diocese of Alabama](#)

Title IV: Ecclesiastical Discipline

“Title IV” refers to the section of The Episcopal Church’s Canons (laws) that addresses the grounds and processes for “ecclesiastical discipline,” a canonical process adopted by the Church to encourage accountability, reconciliation, and pastoral response when a member of its clergy (deacons, priests, or bishops) are accused of misconduct.

To learn more about what to expect in a Title IV proceeding, [click here](#).

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The Intake Officer may also be reached by mailing a note to:

Episcopal Diocese of Alabama
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Birmingham, Alabama 35203

[This grid](#) organizes the Canons of Title IV into the step-by-step process of a Title IV proceeding for each participant who is part of the process as per the Canons.

Cases referred to a Hearing Panel warrant a formal hearing or trial where evidence is received in the form of sworn testimony, cross-examination, and receipt of documentary evidence to get to the truth of the allegations if none of the other processes has resulted in a resolution. Hearings are open to the public, except

for the deliberation of the Panel. Documents filed with or issued to the Hearing Panel or by any party or persons including but not limited to motions, briefs, affidavits, opinions, objections, decisions, notices, challenges, and orders are available below

The Hearing Panel, at its discretion and for good cause to protect any injured person or allegedly injured person may require the redaction of documents provided for in Title IV.13.Sec. 3(a), after consultation with the Church Attorney, the Respondent's counsel, the Respondent's Advisor, the Complainant's Advisor or Counsel, if any, and where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan.

Resources

[Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church](#)

[Understanding Title IV](#)

[Title IV Glossary](#)

[Title IV Structures and Procedures](#)