

Apartheid-Free Vote: Karen Dorn Steele moved, and the motion was seconded that the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane (UUCS) Membership support the movement identified as APARTHEID-FREE petition. Said petition, in the context of UUCS:

- affirms UUCS commitment to freedom, justice and equality for the Palestinian people and all people;
- UUCS opposes all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination and oppression;
- declares UUCS as an apartheid-free community; and
- pledges UUCS join others in working to end all support of Israel's apartheid regime, settler colonialism, and military occupation.

The Membership directs the President of the UUCS Board of Trustees to sign the petition on behalf of the Membership.

After discussion, the motion passed with 50 votes to approve, which met the majority requirement for approval.

Bylaw Amendments: Three amendments to UUCS Bylaws were proposed and voted upon. A 2/3 majority approval of those voting members present was needed to approve a ByLaw amendment.

1) Board Quorum: Cindy Fine moved the board-sponsored motion, which was seconded to amend Article VI, Board of Trustees, Officers and Voting, Section 6, by adding a concluding sentence, which is bolded & highlighted below:

Section 6: Two thirds (2/3rds) of the elected Trustees shall constitute a quorum for a meeting and voting, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws. **The presence or absence of any ex-officio Trustee(s) shall not affect the quorum.**

After discussion, the motion was declared passed with almost everyone voting to approve, which met the 2/3 majority approval for an amendment change.

2) Ex-Officio Minister Voting: Lynn Jinishian moved, and the member-sponsored motion was seconded to amend Article VI, Board of Trustees, Officers and Voting, Section 2, to provide the Senior Minister, an ex-officio Trustee, full rights and responsibilities, including voting, by removing and adding text where bolded & highlighted below:

Section 2: The Senior Minister shall be ~~a nonvoting an~~ ex-officio member of the Board **with full rights and responsibilities, including voting** and may, at her/his choice attend all meetings except Executive Sessions when he/she is the subject of discussion.

After discussion and debate, the motion failed with 13 votes to approve, which did not meet the 2/3 majority approval for an amendment change.

3) Ex-Officio Trustee Voting: Lynn Jinishian moved, and the member-sponsored motion was seconded to amend Article VII, Board of Trustees and Board Appointees, Section 8, to provide all ex-officio Trustees' full rights and responsibilities, including voting, by removing and adding text where bolded & highlighted below:

Section 8: At the beginning of each Fiscal Year, the Board shall convene and elect its officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each officer, **whether elected or ex-officio**, shall be a Trustee **with full rights and responsibilities, including voting.**

After discussion and debate, the motion failed with 13 votes to approve, which did not meet the 2/3 majority approval for an amendment change.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Attachment: Proposed UUCS 2025-2026 Budget Summary

Submitted by Marilyn Johnson, Recording Secretary, from recorded video of meeting and reviewed by Parliamentary Advisor/ Board President, T Mosher, Moderator, G Diddens, current Board Secretary, C Fine, and new Board Secretary, L Johnston.