

14 October 2025

RE: HEARING PANEL 2023-01 for The Rev. Daniel McClain

Both the Respondent, Daniel McClain, and the Diocese of Southern Ohio have filed Motions for Full or Partial Summary Judgment (with numerous Exhibits) on the various issues before the Hearing Panel. It is understood that the material in these Motions is offered to the Panel for determination on pre-trial findings that might expedite the Title IV Hearing process.

The Panel has carefully reviewed all the material presented by both parties and has considered all the evidence provided. After full consideration, at our meeting on the 13th of October, 2025, the Diocese's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment is granted.

The Hearing Panel unanimously agreed that nothing could be submitted or presented in the future that would change the Panel's findings. Therefore, we find that the Diocese has met the Standard of Proof on the charge of Conduct Unbecoming a Clergy person, and it is agreed that Mr. McClain has neither the temperament, understanding of obedience, nor the understanding of church polity necessary to perform as a priest. Additionally, Mr. McClain has failed to live into a Rule of Life in his personal life in multiple ways, including by unrepentantly engaging in adultery, failing to demonstrate an understanding that ordained Episcopal Clergy are to live and act according to a high standard of conduct.

The Panel also determined that due to this finding, the issues raised in Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment are therefore moot and there is no need to convene a full hearing.

It is the Panel's recommendation that the Respondent be deposed.

The Rev. Dr. Susan Q. Claytor, President

The Rev. Rachel Kessler, Panel Member

Ms. Clare Long, Panel Member