

DELEGATE DAILY CHANGE REPORT

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Morning Alert and Detailed Convention Intelligence Briefing

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Unofficial delegate study aid. Official convention texts and approved minutes control.

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How to use this report

Read the Morning Alert before the first session. Use the detailed pages during consent, committee blocks, elections, and floor debate. Current published versions and the chair's rulings control.

Source boundary

This report compares supplied Today's Business Issues 1, 2B, 3, 4, and 5. A standalone copy of Issue 2A was not provided.

■ Delegate Morning Alert

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 | Read time: under two minutes

Before the 8:30 a.m. consent-calendar vote
The top changes are the higher consent-removal threshold, six new consent items, one new delegate resolution, four new amendments, and unfinished election business.

1	No material schedule change Finance remains at 8:50, Committee 9 at 9:40, Committee 7 at 11:10 and 3:00, Mercy at 4:45, and Committee 5 at 5:15.
2	Consent threshold increased Issue 5 states that Session 5 raised the removal threshold from 10 percent to 15 percent. The following whereas still says ten percent, an internal inconsistency to confirm from the chair.
3	Six resolutions on consent 3-07, 5-12, 8-03, 8-05A, 8-06, and 9-16A.
4	One new delegate resolution The HotChalk proposal directs disclosure of total attorney fees and their payment sources.
5	Four new amendments They affect 5-09A, 7-08A, 9-10A, and 9-13.
6	No revised resolutions Issue 5 publishes no new A, B, or substitute resolution text.
7	10-05A is pending The action report marks 10-05A pending before the assembly after Session 6. Committee 10 is not printed on today's schedule.
8	Election information changed Two Commission on Worship nominees were added and one candidate name was corrected.

Time	Business	Primary preparation
8:30	Consent Calendar	Confirm threshold; review 5-12, 8-03, 9-16A
8:50	Finance	Funding mechanisms and remaining finance items
9:40	Committee 9	Amendments to 9-10A and 9-13
11:10	Committee 7	Amendment to 7-08A
2:05	Elections	Updated regent and Commission on Worship slates
3:00	Committee 7	Continuation
4:45	Mercy	Remaining mercy business
5:15	Committee 5	Amendment to 5-09A

■ Source Boundary and Executive Alert

Verification boundary

All factual claims in this report are drawn from the supplied Today's Business documents. Interpretive statements are labeled as analysis. The Resolution Action Report is unofficial and the convention minutes control.¹

Category	Today's change	Delegate significance
Schedule	No material change	Use the existing Wednesday plan
Procedure	Removal threshold raised to 15%	More delegates are needed to remove a consent item
New resolutions	One HotChalk disclosure proposal	New financial-accountability question; no stated floor time
Revised resolutions	None	Use the latest prior published texts
Amendments	Four	Three change governance, participation, or authority
Consent Calendar	Six new entries	Automatic action at 8:30 unless removed
Elections	Two additions and one correction	Update Commission on Worship notes
Notices	Two	Large Catechism access and Thursday luggage storage
Action report	Tuesday actions added	Separate adopted items from pending 10-05A

Highest-priority procedural alert

Issue 5 says the removal threshold is 15 percent and explains that Session 5 amended Rule 10, but the next whereas still says ten percent. Delegates should follow the amended rule and listen for the chair's confirmation.²

1. Schedule Changes

The Wednesday schedule in Issue 5 is materially the same as the schedule previously printed in Issue 2B. No committee block, election window, recess, or worship time is added, removed, or retimed.³

Time	Wednesday business	Change status
8:30	Consent Calendar	Unchanged
8:50	Finance, Committee 8	Unchanged
9:40	Structure and Administration, Committee 9	Unchanged
11:10	University Education, Committee 7	Unchanged
1:30	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Unchanged
2:05	Elections	Unchanged
3:00	University Education, Committee 7	Unchanged
4:45	Mercy, Committee 3	Unchanged
5:15	Theology and Church Relations, Committee 5	Unchanged

Minor wording differences

- The 4:20 recognition is described as “New and Outgoing Officers,” rather than the earlier “Former Officers.”
- The 4:25 presentation is printed as “International Mission: Showing Mercy.”

Why delegates should care

The timetable is stable, but the day is dense. Committee 7 has two blocks, elections continue, and Committee 5 appears late in the day. Time lost in the morning may compress unresolved afternoon business.

■ 2. New Business Added Today

New delegate resolution: HotChalk litigation transparency

Issue 5 adds a resolution directing Synod officers and/or the Board of Directors to disclose the total attorney fees incurred by the Synod and LCEF in defending the HotChalk lawsuit and the sources from which those fees were paid. The resolution does not request publication of the confidential settlement terms and does not state a floor time.⁴

Requested disclosure	What is not requested
Total attorney fees incurred by Synod and LCEF	The confidential settlement amount
Sources of payment for attorney fees	A general release of privileged legal communications

Practical significance

The proposal is a focused financial-accountability measure. Delegates should distinguish litigation expenses and payment sources from legally protected settlement or attorney-client material.

Faithful Departed material

Pages 403-408 contain the names of rostered church workers reported deceased since the 2023 convention for the 1:30 p.m. commemoration. This is new content, but not legislative business.⁵

Revised resolutions

No revised resolutions published

Issue 5 contains no new A, B, substitute, or committee-revised resolution text. The latest previously published version of each resolution remains controlling unless amended on the floor.

■ 3. New Amendments: 5-09A and 7-08A

Amendment to Resolution 5-09A

The amendment inserts a new whereas stating that pastors are called to serve congregations in Christ's stead through public proclamation of the Word and distribution of the Sacraments, so the laity may receive God's Word as Sabbath rest and respond in their vocations.⁶

What changes	What does not change	Impact
Theological rationale in the whereas section	No resolve clause, prohibition, or implementation process	May shape interpretation of pastoral office and lay participation

Delegate watch

Standing Rule 3 treats whereas clauses as integral parts of a resolution. This amendment is less operational than a resolve-clause amendment, but it is not merely decorative.

Amendment to Resolution 7-08A

The amendment removes consultation with the Institution Advisory Council and instead expressly includes the presidents of the Concordia universities alongside the Synod Board of Directors and CUS Board of Directors in the study of CUS corporate status.⁷

Previous wording	Proposed wording	Practical effect
BOD and CUS BOD, in consultation with the Institution Advisory Council	BOD, CUS BOD, and presidents of the Concordia universities	University presidents become direct participants; the Advisory Council is no longer named

Analysis

This materially changes who helps frame recommendations for 2029. The central question is whether direct executive participation improves practical expertise while reducing the broader institutional representation supplied by the Advisory Council.

■ 4. New Amendments: 9-10A and 9-13

Amendment to Resolution 9-10A

The amendment makes a first-term district president ineligible for appointment to the Pastoral Formation Committee, in addition to the existing exclusion of a district president serving on a seminary Board of Regents.⁸

Possible benefit	Possible concern	Governance effect
Protects a new district president from an additional major assignment and favors experience	Categorically excludes a qualified first-term president regardless of prior formation or governance experience	Narrows the Council of Presidents' appointment pool

Amendment to Resolution 9-13

The amendment would restore the existing Bylaw 3.1.2(b) wording: exceptions to electoral-circuit requirements may be made only by the President of the Synod upon request of a district board of directors.⁹

If adopted	If defeated	Key question
The existing exception process remains	The change proposed by Resolution 9-13 remains pending	What problem is solved by moving or changing exception authority?

Why these matter

Both amendments change who may act: one restricts appointment eligibility, the other preserves presidential exception authority. These are governance choices, not editorial corrections.

■ 5. Consent Calendar Changes

Issue 5 presents six items for adoption at 8:30 a.m. unless the required percentage of delegates supports removal. The issue states that Session 5 increased that percentage from 10 to 15.¹⁰

Resolution	Subject	Watch point
3-07	Congregational mercy ministries	Courtesy and encouragement
5-12	Conclude Created Male and Female Task Force	Meaning of receiving its recommendations
8-03	Fund the seminaries	Funding mechanism and source
8-05A	CPH use of Bible translations	Factual and publishing implications
8-06	CPH mission and distribution	Priority and implementation language
9-16A	Mission-board responsibilities and review of Overture 9-11	Bylaw verbs, reporting, and assigned responsibilities

Internal inconsistency in the printed text

The preamble and footnote say 15 percent. The subsequent whereas still says “at least ten percent.” The document supports identifying this as an editorial inconsistency, not silently choosing one phrase over the other. The amended threshold is the substantive change to watch.

Before the vote

Coordinate early if an item needs separate consideration. Fifteen percent is a higher removal threshold than delegates faced earlier in the convention.

■ 6. Tuesday Actions Newly Recorded

Issue 5 updates the unofficial Resolution Action Report through Sessions 5 and 6. The convention minutes remain the official record.¹¹

Committee	Significant newly recorded status
5. Theology and Church Relations	5-01 and 5-02 adopted; 5-03, 5-06A, 5-07, and 5-13A adopted by consent; 5-10 and 5-11A adopted; 5-12 proposed for today's consent calendar
6. Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries	6-10, 6-11, 6-13 adopted; 6-12B and 6-14 adopted as read
10. Ecclesiastical Supervision	10-01A and 10-02A adopted; 10-03A adopted as read; 10-04A adopted; 10-06 adopted by consent; 10-05A pending
Delegate resolution from Issue 4	The seminary-enrollment reporting resolution printed at pages 382-383 was adopted

Practical consequence

Remove adopted Committee 6 and Committee 10 items from active preparation. Keep 10-05A available because it remains pending, even though Committee 10 has no printed Wednesday block.

■ 7. Scheduled Business and Floor Committee Activity

Issue 5 schedules committee blocks, not a resolution-by-resolution sequence. Publication of an amendment is a strong preparation signal, but it does not guarantee that the related resolution will be reached at a specific hour.¹²

Time	Committee	Confirmed or likely preparation
8:30	Consent Calendar	Six listed resolutions are certain to come before the body
8:50	Finance, Committee 8	Seminary funding and remaining financial business
9:40	Structure and Administration, Committee 9	Published amendments to 9-10A and 9-13
11:10	University Education, Committee 7	Published amendment to 7-08A
2:05	Elections	Further boards, commissions, regents, and entity ballots
3:00	University Education, Committee 7	Continuation
4:45	Mercy, Committee 3	Remaining mercy resolutions
5:15	Theology and Church Relations, Committee 5	Published amendment to 5-09A

Highest structural-attention block

Committee 9 at 9:40 combines appointment eligibility, electoral-circuit authority, and other unresolved structure business. Read the exact bylaw verbs before the committee reaches the microphone.

Committee 7 preparation

Ask whether both university presidents and the Institution Advisory Council could be included rather than replacing one with the other. Keep the underlying study neutral between retaining a corporation and converting CUS into a commission.

■ 8. Election and Notice Updates

Commission on Worship candidate changes

Issue 5 corrects the spelling of Jason M. Kaspar and adds Darin D. Koenemann as a commissioned-minister candidate and Steven P. Mueller as an ordained-minister candidate.¹³

Change	Practical implication
Jason M. Kaspar spelling corrected	Correct personal notes and ballot references
Darin D. Koenemann added	Review the new commissioned-minister biography before voting
Steven P. Mueller added	Review the new ordained-minister biography before voting

Unfinished election focus

Issue 5 continues to carry unfinished regent and Commission on Worship ballots. Delegates should use the newest slate, not an earlier candidate list.

Important notices

CPH reports that the Large Catechism has been digitally available since January 16, 2026, satisfying the practical request adopted with Resolution 1-02. Thursday luggage storage is available in Room 106-C from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. when hotel storage is unavailable.¹⁴

Notice	Delegate action
Digital Large Catechism	No action required; implementation already exists
Thursday luggage storage	Use hotel bell service first; Room 106-C is the fallback

■ 9. Delegate Action Items

Before 8:30

- Read all six consent items, especially 5-12, 8-03, and 9-16A.
- Coordinate any removal effort before the vote.
- Listen for the chair to confirm the 15 percent threshold and resolve the printed ten-percent inconsistency.

Before Committee 9 at 9:40

- Read the exact 9-10A and 9-13 amendments.
- Decide whether first-term status should create a categorical exclusion.
- Identify who should retain authority for electoral-circuit exceptions and why.

Before Committee 7

- Compare the role of the university presidents with the Institution Advisory Council.
- Ask whether both groups could be named.
- Keep the corporate-status study genuinely comparative rather than predetermined.

Before 2:05 elections

- Review Koenemann and Mueller.
- Correct Kaspar's name in voting notes.
- Check which regent and Commission on Worship ballots remain.

Before Committee 5 at 5:15

- Read the 5-09A main text beside the new whereas.
- Distinguish theological rationale from operative action.
- Watch for further amendments that change the substance.

■ 10. Risk and Impact Assessment

Change	Type	Why it stands out	What to monitor
Consent threshold to 15%	Procedural	Makes removal more difficult	Chair's confirmation and the ten-percent typo
HotChalk resolution	Financial/legal	Requests litigation-cost disclosure	Scope, payment sources, and legal exceptions
7-08A amendment	Organizational	Changes formal study participants	Whether broader representation is lost
9-10A amendment	Governance	Creates categorical ineligibility	Experience versus flexibility
9-13 amendment	Governance	Preserves exception authority	Accountability and district role
5-09A amendment	Theological/rhetorical	Adds pastoral-office rationale	Whether interpretation outruns the resolves
10-05A pending	Procedural/governance	Not finally disposed	When and how it returns
Worship candidates	Election	Expands the field	Updated biographies and ballot categories

■ Quick Reference

Category	Number of changes	Highest priority
Schedule	0 material	Follow the existing Wednesday order
New resolutions	1	HotChalk legal-fee disclosure
Revised resolutions	0	Use latest prior texts
Amendments	4	7-08A, 9-10A, and 9-13 governance effects
Elections	3 candidate updates	Commission on Worship
Consent Calendar	6 entries	15 percent removal threshold
Notices	2	Thursday luggage storage
Floor committees	5 committees, 6 blocks	Committees 9, 7, and 5

Closing Gospel frame

Wednesday's work carries real consequences for governance, universities, pastoral formation, stewardship, and worship. Still, no amendment, election, or polished bylaw preserves Christ's Church. Christ crucified and risen preserves His Church through His Word and Sacraments. Convention work should serve the Gospel, transparent governance, faithful confession, and the sending of Christ's people.

■ Full Footnotes and Sources

1. Today's Business, Issue 5, p. 410-411, Resolution Action Report. The report states that it is unofficial and that the convention minutes are the official record.
2. Today's Business, Issue 5, p. 409, Consent Calendar, lines 4-10. The preamble and footnote state 15 percent; the following whereas retains ten percent.
3. Today's Business, Issue 5, cover schedule; compare Today's Business, Issue 2B, pp. 257-258, and Issue 1, pp. 5-6.
4. Today's Business, Issue 5, p. 412, new delegate resolution, To Require Transparency and Accountability Regarding Concluded HotChalk Litigation.
5. Today's Business, Issue 5, pp. 403-408, Faithful Departed.
6. Today's Business, Issue 5, p. 412, proposed amendment to Resolution 5-09A; compare Issue 3, pp. 325-326.
7. Today's Business, Issue 5, p. 413, proposed amendment to Resolution 7-08A; compare Issue 3, p. 338.
8. Today's Business, Issue 5, p. 413, proposed amendment to Resolution 9-10A; compare Issue 3, pp. 347-348.
9. Today's Business, Issue 5, p. 413, proposed amendment to Resolution 9-13; compare Issue 1, pp. 174-175.
10. Today's Business, Issue 5, p. 409, Wednesday Consent Calendar.
11. Today's Business, Issue 5, pp. 410-411, Resolution Action Report.
12. Today's Business, Issue 5, cover schedule and pp. 409-413. The issue does not publish a resolution-by-resolution floor order.
13. Today's Business, Issue 5, p. 426, Election Candidate Changes, and pp. 415-425, Slate of Candidates.
14. Today's Business, Issue 5, p. 427, Notices.
15. Primary comparison set: Today's Business, Issue 1; Issue 2B, July 19, 2026; Issue 3, July 20, 2026; Issue 4, July 21, 2026; Issue 5, July 22, 2026. Standalone Issue 2A: Not provided.

■ Review Notes

- No revised resolutions were published in Issue 5.
- The consent-calendar percentage is internally inconsistent in the printed issue; the amended 15 percent threshold is explicitly stated.
- Committee blocks do not guarantee that every unresolved resolution will be introduced or voted upon today.
- The Resolution Action Report is unofficial; approved convention minutes control.
- Standalone Today's Business Issue 2A: Not provided.

Footnote audit: 14 body citations, 14 matching numbered notes, plus one consolidated source-set note. No orphan citations.