



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
MINUTES OF THE Virtual EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Sep 21, 2021

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President Robin T. Blackmon called the virtual Austin Alumnae Executive Board meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, Sep 21, 2021. A quorum was present, via Zoom, for the transaction of business. The agenda as distributed was approved, with the following additions to the agenda. Educational Development will be presented by Soror Bethany Bell and the Site Committee will be presented by Soror Kecia Rowan. The motion was properly made, seconded, and adopted without opposition.

Meditation / Reflection – Soror Barbara Evans

Soror Evans offered words of inspiration. In summary, the message is to remember that in the work that we do as Deltas: the battle is not ours it is the Lord's. God will show us through. Battle in Praise. Prepare for the Praise.

Minutes – Soror Janet Marshall, Recording Secretary

There were no edits to the Aug 2021 E-board meeting minutes.

Correspondence – Soror Tiffany Holmes White, Corresponding Secretary

- There is no correspondence at this time.

Emergency Response

- Due to the COVID- 19 pandemic, the meetings are virtual and therefore the standard information regarding meeting space emergency exits is not issued.

## Chapter Reports

### Officers

President – Soror Robin T. Blackmon

- The chapter compliance letter has been received from Regional Director Soror Brown for the 2021-2022 sororal year.
- Soror Blackmon encouraged all to go to the website to read the letter.
- The chapter policies and procedures have been approved per letter received on Sep 20, 2021.
- All in-person activities must be pre-approved by the Regional Director. COVID-19 protocols must be in place.
- Eboard and chapter meetings will still be virtual for now.
- Members are encouraged to access the website to learn about the National candidates in order to make an informed decision. Some of the candidates are from the Southwest region.
- The Redistricting Forum with Rep Toni Rose is coming up this Thursday. Individually and collectively, let's make our voices heard!
- Encouraged all officers to register for the 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention Early Bird sessions, especially if the session is related to your leadership role.



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**Financial Secretary** – Soror Anita Daniels

For details regarding collections, please see Financial or Recording Secretary.

- 340 members on the roster for FY 21-22
- FY 21-22 dues are as follows
  - Δ Life – \$195
  - Δ Regular – \$385

**Treasurer/Budget and Finance** – Soror Demitra Alexander

For detailed information of the Treasurer's Report, please see Treasurer or Recording Secretary or **please visit the website.**

**Budget highlights:**

- The budget details were reported and are also **on the website.**
- It is advised that committee chairs wait until 60% of your committee budget is spent before requesting additional budget.
- Reminder that vouchers must be signed by the committee chairs
- The original receipt must be attached to the voucher
- Receipts should contain only the items purchased for Delta approved activities
- Include a copy of the budget to support the purpose for the purchase
- Reimbursement checks are signed before each EBoard or chapter meeting
- The budget was modified to reflect 48 additional members
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Add \$500 to the National Convention budgeted line item for delegate for travel related costs.
  - Discussion: the line originally had \$150 budgeted
  - The remainder collected from membership dues to contingency: \$8,230
- The recommendation was properly made by the committee and passed with a vote of 23-1.

**Protocol Moment**

**Protocol Reminder:** A motion coming from a Committee Chair does not require a second from the body.



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**Committee Reports**

**Five Point Thrust**

**Economic Development** – Soror Sylvania Holt Rabb

- Meets Second Wednesday of the Month
- Wealth Wednesdays
- Black Owned Businesses
- Black Owned Banks
- Delta Red Pages
- Property Tax Workshop. The date may change from Apr 24 to Apr 30. There is no need to vote on the date change, but the Program Planning Calendar will be updated accordingly. Soror Kacey Hanson commented that specifics as needed may be added to the PPD calendar.
- Retirement workshop scheduled for Oct 13

**Physical and Mental Health** – Soror Erika Jedidah

- Encourage soror engagement activities
  - Including, for example, the challenge of walking 22 miles in a month
  - The link to the Nike app to track miles is in the weekly digest
- Circle of Hope Drive By food drive. The agency is normally open M-F 10-noon. A Sat date on Nov 13 is being established just for Austin Alumnae to donate.

**Social Action** – Soror Celeste Williams

- The webinar Two Seats and a Bunch of Maps is on Sep 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The webinar will include Senator Sarah Eckhardt, State Rep Toni Rose, State Rep Sheryl Cole, and Ashley Goudeau as Moderator.
- Next Tuesday is Voter Registration at Austin Community College in Round Rock 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Soror LaKissa Bright is the contact.
- National Voter Activity, October 1, Reagan vs LBJ game
- Oct 28, Boards & Commissions. Soror Marva Overton is the contact.



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**Educational Development** – Soror Bethany Bell

- For Delta Academy and GEMS, all volunteers must be trained every year.
  - Oct 18 6:30 p.m.- 8:45 p.m.
  - Oct 24 2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Standing Committees**

**Emergency Response** – Soror Suzanne Piper

- The message from headquarters is that each chapter needs to decide mask and vaccination requirements and present for a vote by EBoard and the chapter to have in-person meetings.
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Motion to include in the in-person COVID safety plan that members of the chapter be vaccinated and/or wear masks.
  - General discussion: Honor system for vaccination status or just require masks? The latter does not require the obligation to prove vaccination status. It was commented that the upcoming National Convention requires that a vaccination card be presented for entry.
- **AMENDMENT #1:** Strike the vaccination language so that masks are required to all in attendance at meetings. The motion for the amended language was made, seconded, and passed with a vote of 22-1.
- **AMENDMENT #2:** Motion to strike the words “of the chapter” was made, seconded, and passed with a vote of 20-1
- The amended recommendation was made, seconded, voted upon and passed with a vote of 21-0.

**Policies and Procedures** – Soror Patricia Shorter

- The Policies and Procedures Committee recommends approval of the amendments proposed by the National Constitution and Bylaws Committee (NCBC). Delegates will vote on the amendments during the 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention on Nov 19-22 in Atlanta, Georgia.
- The **RECOMMENDATION** was properly made, voted upon and passed with a vote of 16-1.

**Ad hoc/Special Committees**



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**Site Location Committee** – Soror Kecia Rowan

- Also on the committee: Soror Chandler Robinson
- From last year, the site at the Bertha Sadler Means cafetorium may no longer be adequate due to the chapter size.
- The LBJ High School auditorium may be an option for a Dec in-person chapter meeting.
- Still making calls to other locations

**New Business**

**Announcements**

The St. Jude Walk is coming up on Sep 25-26. The donation link is posted. Already \$1400 has been donated.

**Adjournment**

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 PM. The motion was properly seconded. The motion was approved with no opposition.

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**Summary of Actions**

Committee	Recommendation	Moved	Seconded	Count	Results
AAC Body	Motion to adopt the Sep agenda	Soror Bethany Bell	Soror Kecia Rowan	21-0	<b>Passed</b>
Budget & Finance	Motion to increase budget for National Convention travel costs by an additional \$500.	Soror Demitra Alexander	N/A	23-0	<b>Passed</b>
Emergency Response	<b><u>Motion to include in the safety plan that masks be required and/or vaccinations by members of the chapter.</u></b> The language was AMENDED #1 to EXCLUDE the reference to vaccinations and AMENDED #2 to EXCLUDE "of the chapter".	AMENDMENT #1: Soror Donna Jackson	AMENDMENT #1: Soror Kacey Hanson	22-1	<b>Passed</b>
		AMENDMENT #2: Soror Donna Jackson	AMENDMENT #2: Soror Anita Daniels	20-1	<b>Passed</b>
		Final Vote		21-0	<b>Passed</b>
Policies & Procedures	Motion to approve the amendments proposed by the National Constitution and Bylaws Committee (NCBC). Delegates will vote on the amendments during the 55 <sup>th</sup> National Convention on Nov 19-22 in Atlanta, Georgia.	Soror Patricia Shorter on behalf of the Policies & Procedures Committee	N/A	16-1	<b>Passed</b>

Soror Janet Marshall, Recording Secretary

Soror Robin T. Blackmon, President



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

**September Executive Board Meeting Agenda  
September 21, 2021**

**Presiding Officer, Robin T. Blackmon**

Call to Order

Adoption of the Agenda

Meditation/Reflection

Approval of August Minutes

Correspondence

Soror Barbara Evans

Soror Janet Marshall

Soror Tiffany Holmes White

**Chapter Reports**

**Officers**

President

Financial Secretary

Treasurer/Budget and Finance

Soror Robin Blackmon

Soror Anita Daniels

Soror Demitra Alexander

**Committee Reports**

**Protocol Moment (EBoard Only)**

Soror Mary Winston

**Five Point Thrust**

Economic Development

Physical and Mental Health

Social Action

Soror Sylvania Holt-Rabb

Soror Erika Jedidah

Soror Jeri Brooks

**Standing Committees**

Emergency Response Team

Policies and Procedures

Soror Suzanne Piper

Soror Patricia Shorter

**Special Committees**

N/A

**Unfinished Business**

N/A

**New Business**

N/A

**Adjournment**

## Committee Recommendations

### Economic Development Recommends to:

- Present a Property Tax Workshop in partnership with Austin Revitalization Authority on April 30, 2022.

### Emergency Response Recommends to:

- Include in the in-person COVID-19 safety plan, consistent with the National President's August 17, 2021 message, which requires the members of the Chapter to be vaccinated and/or wear a mask to meetings.

### Policies and Procedures Committee Recommends to:

- Inform the chapter delegate to vote in-favor of the 87 amendments proposed by the National Constitution and Bylaws Committee that will be voted on during the 55th National Convention, Nov. 19-22, in Atlanta, GA.

## Upcoming Meetings and Activities

### **Two Seats and a Bunch of Maps, Know Your Rights, Thursday, September 23 at 6:30pm**

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DP2k72hsSvKwIFUY8Co64A](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DP2k72hsSvKwIFUY8Co64A)

### **St. Jude Walk Run, Saturday, September 25-26**

<https://bit.ly/CrushingChildhoodDiseases>

### **Chapter Meeting**

October 2, 2021

Zoom - Virtual

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYscOirzqtGdFIdxzoEEM3GGetZKthzWLS>

## Announcements

**October Odyssey Due Date:** Thursday, Sept. 23rd at 11:59 pm submit to the Journalist at [dstatx.journalist@gmail.com](mailto:dstatx.journalist@gmail.com)





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President's Report  
Robin Blackmon

**Austin Alumnae (Local)**

- Chapter Compliance (Read Letter)
- Chapter Rules of Order Form and Policies and Procedures Approval received on September 20, 2021
- Approval from RD for in-person Activities - Sorors I want to remind you that while we are remaining virtual for our chapter and executive board meetings, we can plan in-person activities but the Covid-19 protocols as established by the ERT committee must be adhered to. Also, all in-person activities must receive prior approval from the RD/State Coordinator. As I sent via email on Sunday there is a JotForm that needs to be completed and approved for in-person activities. Please review that email and we can work to get the JotForm submitted.
- Austin Alumnae has traditionally engaged a process for members to share their interest in how they would like to inform the chapter delegate to vote for National Officers. I hope that you have engaged in the National Nominating Committee Forums that took place this weekend. The chapter's Elections Committee will prepare a ballot for the November Meeting with the candidates. Please access the National Website to review the candidates' profiles and the video from the forums should be posted soon, so you can make an informed decision.
- Please register and attend the redistricting event this Thursday hosted by our Social Action Committee.

**Regional Director's Meeting**

No update

**National**

- Please take advantage of the 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention Early Bird Workshops. This was initially sent in an informz message on September 4.

Submitted By:

*Robin Blackmon*

President

Date:

September 21, 2021