



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER
MINUTES OF THE Virtual EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Sep 20, 2022

President Robin T. Blackmon called the virtual Austin Alumnae Executive Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sep 20, 2022. A quorum was present, via Zoom, for the transaction of business. The agenda as distributed was approved with the following exception: Soror Veronica Johnson will present the Social Action report instead Soror Celeste Williams. The motion was properly made, seconded, and adopted without opposition.

Meditation / Reflection – Soror Dedurie Kirk

Soror Kirk offered the following words inspired from James 2:14-17. The body was asked can Austin Alumnae reach its potential if sorors don't show up and support.

Minutes – Soror Janet Marshall, Recording Secretary

There were no edits to the Aug 2022 E-board meeting minutes.

Correspondence – Soror Tiffany Holmes White, Corresponding Secretary

- **Note:** the correspondence item is related to a New Business item to be presented later to Eboard

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.

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Chapter Reports

Officers

President – Soror Robin T. Blackmon

Austin Local

- President Blackmon expressed appreciation for the fifteen (15) sorors who showed up wearing red to support the Round Rock council woman Tiffany Harrison. The report was that just our presence changed the tone in the room. Soror President reminded the body that actions of the school board impact not only what happens within the school itself but also impacts what happens outside the community surrounding the school!
- Social Justice weekend is approaching. AAC will be attending several community events and restaurants to register as many eligible voters as possible. President Blackmon just completed her training and is now herself a Deputy Voter Registrar so she can actually register voters. She added that the training was not



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- difficult to complete and encourage all sorors possible to do the same.
- Wear your red and show up to as many of the Social Action weekend events as possible.
- You're Invited to the Arts & Letters Committee Red Carpet Event on Friday, September 30th to view Oscar winner Viola Davis in The Woman King.
 - **Galaxy Theatre, Austin - 7:25pm**
 - **Cinemark Stone Hill Town Center, Pflugerville- 6:45pm**
- President Blackmon reported that the Regional Representative has not yet gotten access to the Red Zone to provide AAC with official confirmation of the chapter's compliance for this sororal year.

Financial Secretary – *Soror Anita Daniels*

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

- 290 members on the roster for FY 22-23
- FY 22-23 dues are as follows
 - Δ Life – \$195
 - Δ Regular – \$385
- General Note: There are two ways to pay: (1) PayPal. The PayPal fees will be passed on to the payor. (2) Mail. Austin Alumnae Chapter; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc; **PO Box 143381; Austin, Texas 78714**
- Please remember to include your member number, no matter your means of payment!
- Stay tuned for more details. The dues collections dates will change since DST is changing the basis from fiscal year to calendar year.



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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.**

- The 2022-2023 Budget assumed 230 members.
- Budget and Finance Budget Adjustments
 - \$2,650 for Education Development: (\$2,000 College Tour, \$200 GEMS, \$200 Academy, \$250 EMBODI)
 - \$500 for Charitable Partners: (\$500 American Heart Association)
 - \$500 for the Certified Public Account Audit
 - \$75 for the PO BOX
 - \$1,500 for Heritage and Archives (Cost of preserving historical items in a climate-controlled environment)
 - \$250 for Chapter photo
 - \$1000 for Founders' Day
 - \$200 for Local Courtesies
 - \$2021 for Technology Zoom and Mailchimp costs
 - \$125 for Greek Letter organization
 - \$384 remaining to Contingency
- RECOMMENDATION: B & F Committee recommends approval of the budget adjustments as outlined above. The motion was properly made by the committee, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 19-1.

Committee Reports

Five Point Thrust

Social Action – Soror Celeste Williams

- Social Justice weekend: Sep 23-25, 2022
- The LBJ football cancelled from a previous weekend has been rescheduled for this weekend. Sorors are needed to volunteer to attend this event for voter registration and voter awareness efforts.
- Volunteers are needed with the effort to register voters across the community, starting with Friday night football and through church services on Sunday.
- The links have been provided to sign up to participate as volunteers at the scheduled weekend voter registration events.
- The last of early voting is October 29, 2022!
- See the Social Action Newsletter
 - There is Divine Nine Day of Action for those interested in participating in the North Dallas area.



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- President Blackmon has been in communication with other groups. AAC will be soon informed as to which groups will partner with us on the voter registration efforts.
- **General information:** The Social Action committee meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Standing Committees

Nominating Committee – Soror Tamala Saldana

- Oct 1 – Call for Nominations
- Dec 31st – Nominations close
- STEP UP & STEP OUT: Run for an elected office!

Policies & Procedures – Soror Patricia Shorter

- Time for recommendations for changes in Policies and Procedures Rules of Order Timeline
 - Oct 1, 2022 – Recommendation period opens
 - Dec 15, 2022 – Recommendation period closes
 - Email recommendations for changes to dstatxpolicies@gmail.com . Use the Recommendation for Change form located in the AAC member portal.
 - Soror Shorter encouraged all committees to look at the P&Ps to see if any changes are needed.

Ad hoc/Special Committees

New Business

Executive Board – Soror Robin Blackmon

HT President Welcome Reception

- **RECOMMENDATION:** Chapter supports the welcome reception for the Huston-Tillotson University President and CEO Dr. Melva Williams in collaboration with the Carver Museum and the alumni chapters of Southern University, Grambling State University, and Jackson State University using funds from the local courtesies budgeted line item.



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- The cost is estimated at \$350 which includes \$250 for the request for assistance plus \$100 to insure AAC from liability.
- The motion was properly made, seconded, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 22-0.

Announcements

Adjournment

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:44 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	Unanimous Consent	Unanimous Consent		Passed
Budget & Finance	B & F Committee recommends approval of the budget adjustments as outlined.	Soror Demitra Alexander on behalf of the committee	N/A	19-1	Passed
Executive	Chapter supports the welcome reception for the Huston-Tillotson University President and CEO Dr. Melva Williams in collaboration with the Carver Museum and the alumni chapters of Southern University, Grambling State University, and Jackson State University using funds from the local courtesies budgeted line item. Total cost estimated for \$350	Soror Autumn Caviness	Soror Tiffany Holmes White	22-0	Passed

Soror Janet Marshall, Recording Secretary

Soror Robin T. Blackmon, President



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Executive Board Meeting Agenda September 20, 2022 Presiding Officer, Robin T. Blackmon

Call to Order
Adoption of the Agenda
Meditation/Reflection
Approval of August Minutes
Correspondence

Soror Dedurie Kirk
Soror Janet Marshall
Soror Tiffany Holmes White

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President
Financial Secretary
Treasurer/Budget and Finance

Soror Robin Blackmon
Soror Anita Daniels
Soror Demitra Alexander

Committee Reports

Five Point Thrust

Social Action

Soror Celeste Williams

Standing Committees

Nominating Committee
Policy and Procedures

Soror Tamala Saldana
Soror Patricia Shorter

Special Committees

N/A

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

HT President Welcome Reception
(Tentative Date Nov 2)

Soror Robin Blackmon

Adjournment

Committee Recommendations

1. Budget and Finance Committee – Recommends approval of the budget adjustments as outlined by the budget and finance committee.
2. Recommends the chapter supports the welcome reception for the Huston-Tillotson University's President and CEO Dr. Melva Williams in collaboration with the Carver Museum, and the alumni chapters of Southern University, Grambling State University and Jackson State University using funds from the local courtesies budgeted line item.

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

Chapter Meeting Saturday, October 1, 2022 Virtual
<https://zoom.us/j/91997857121?pwd=aXpvNWF5YWF1cFVqMXI0YmZUUVdlldz09>

Executive Board Meeting Tuesday, October 18, 2022 Virtual
<https://zoom.us/j/97561669874?pwd=K3RSUnhYVUIFbG1mL1RwY3d4QkpPdz09>

Announcements

Social Justice Weekend

We are a short FIVE days away from Social Justice Weekend! We need all Sorors engaged in this critical community activation to ensure eligible voters are registered and prepared for the November general election.

Thank you to those Sorors that have already signed up to serve this weekend. There is still a significant gap and we need your help.

The ask is for each Soror reading this ask and secure a sign up from an AAC Soror for SJW. Can we count on you?

Connally Homecoming Football Game, Friday, September 23, 2022:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4FA4AF2EA7FC1-meet>

Pflugerville Restaurants, Saturday, September 24, 2022:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4FA4AF2EA7FC1-social1>

Austin Area Churches, Sunday, September 25, 2022:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4FA4AF2EA7FC1-social>

Red Carpet Event

You're Invited to the Arts & Letters Committee Red Carpet Event on Friday, September 30th to view Oscar winner Viola Davis in *The Woman King*. Choose between the following locations and purchase your tickets a week in advance when we are able too. *These times are based on the current schedule and may change slightly.* We will update everyone!

If you can't join us, or can't wait, please send us a selfie with your ticket! Come and let's enjoy and support this thrilling performance and epic tale bringing to life the true story of the Agojie, an all-female military regiment charged with protecting the embattled African Kingdom of Dahomey.

[Click here to view the trailer uploaded by Sony Pictures Entertainment](#)

Use these links to purchase tickets:

Galaxy Theatre, Austin - 7:25pm

<https://www.galaxytheatres.com/movie/THE-WOMAN-KING>

or

Cinemark Stone Hill Town Center, Pflugerville- 6:45pm

<https://www.cinemark.com/movies/the-woman-king?showDate=2022-09-15>

Arts and Letters "Readers, Writers and Wranglers"

Arts and Letters Committee will host their next "Readers, Writers and Wranglers" book event on Saturday, October 22 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Krab Kingz Restaurant, 1202 Farm to Market 685 Suite A1, Pflugerville, TX 78660.

This event is open to the public.