



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER
MINUTES OF THE CHAPTER MEETING
Nov 5, 2022

Following the ritualistic opening, President Robin T. Blackmon called the Austin Alumnae chapter meeting to order at 10:15 AM on Nov 5, 2022. A quorum was present for the transaction of business as presented in the agenda, with the following exception: Soror Sekoya Waddy will present the Nominating Committee report. The motion was properly made, seconded, and adopted with no opposition.

Welcome New and Visiting Sorors.

There were four (4) visiting sorors for the Nov chapter meeting: Sorors Charmene Wood, Erika White, Kimberly Hopkins, and Barbara Lazard Herndon.

Minutes – Soror Janet Scroggins Marshall, Recording Secretary

The minutes of the Oct 2022 chapter meeting were approved as distributed.

Correspondence – Soror Tiffany Holmes White, Corresponding Secretary

- Central Texas Food Bank Thanksgiving Donation Drive

Emergency Response – Soror Suzanne Piper

- The Nov chapter meeting was virtual, so the standard emergency exits message was not issued.

Chapter Reports

Officers

President – Soror Robin T. Blackmon

Austin Alumnae – Local

- Early Vote – Caravan to the Polls. The site at Round Rock was a moving site. The D9 members present held hand in prayer and walked in together to cast votes.
- Use of the Robo Calling system. The Robo calls now show Soror President Robin Blackmon's name in the caller id.
- Sorors join committees and engage in those committees!
- Communications – New Midpoint Message.
 - Briefly added that the lawsuit is still ongoing against Texas and Gov Abbott. DST is one of the plaintiffs in that lawsuit. The lawsuit alleges, for example, that voters were denied based on criteria changes to mail in ballots. Social Action stressed the importance of knowing the deadlines and the criteria for voting both in person and by mail.
- Mark your calendars for the in-person chapter meeting in December!!
- Believe Delta and Love Deltas – Join the Love Train



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Regional

- Congratulations to AA members of the Regional Team: Sorors Avis Gipson, Monica Brewer, Lisa Newman, Sekoya Waddy, and Jacqueline Habersham.
- Soror Karen Dourseau is the Texas/New Mexico State Coordinator
 - Soror Robin Blackmon, State Coordinator for Red Zone/Compliance

National

- Updates:
 - Scholarship and Standards – Hot off the Press (located on the national website)
 - Social Action – early voting and ongoing voter rights lawsuit
 - Finance – Change from Fiscal Year to Calendar Year.
 - Informz dated 10/18 Congratulations Soror Dorcas E. Washington as the appointed Executive Director.
 - Informz dated 10/19 Women in Action Update
 - Informz dated 10/25 Release of the 55th National Convention Proceedings Report
 - Informz dated 10/26 Candidate's Directory during the election cycle (none in Austin but some definitely in Texas)
 - Informz dated 10/27 Delta Red Carpet and DSTv Fall 2022
 - Informz dated 10/27 Webinar announcement Social Media: Elevating our Impact One Post at a time
 - Informz dated 10/28 Heritage Moment
 - Informz dated 10/31 Virtual House Party with HUD with our 21st National President and HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge (past)

1st Vice President – Soror Jacqueline Habersham

- Reclamation Month
 - Send names of inactive sorors to dstatx.vp1@gmail.com
- Sisterhood gathering
 - 2nd Fridays of the month – November, March and May
 - There is an event on Dec 9, 2022
 - Location: Spare Time Texas 1724 Market Road 685, Pflugerville, Tx
 - Time: 6 – 8 p.m.
- White Christmas
 - Send contact information to the following sorors:
 - Soror Tanya Rippenkreogger tanya.rippenkroeger@hotmail.com
 - Soror Melody Southall melynn95@hotmail.com
- Jingle and Mingle
 - Immediately following the December chapter meeting
 - December 3, 2022



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Financial Secretary – Soror Anita Daniels

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

General Reminder: Please update your name, address, contact information in the National membership portal.

- 300 members for FY 22-23
- FY 22-23 dues are as follows:
Golden/Diamond Life - \$195
Regular - \$385
If non-financial for 1 year-\$400; if non-financial for 2+ years-\$415
- 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**

Treasurer/Budget and Finance – Soror Demitra Alexander

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

Membership Services Moment

- Happy Anniversary to Austin Alumnae!
 - A recent group picture of the chapter was shown
 - Sigma Sigma (Austin Alumnae) was established on Nov 26, 1930 at Wesley United Methodist Church by the 4th National President, Anna Johnson Julian.
 - Sigma Sigma was the first black Greek letter organization with a graduate chapter in the Texas Capitol City.
 - Austin Alumnae supports three collegiate chapters:
 - Alpha Kappa at Huston-Tillotson University, chartered 1930
 - Epsilon Beta at the University of Texas at Austin, chartered 1960
 - Iota Omega at Southwest Texas State University, chartered 1973



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Committee Reports

Five Point Thrust Committees

Educational Development – Soror Bethany Bell

- Academy
 - Program Leads: Sorors Darralyn Johnson & Tonya King
 - 20 confirmed participants
- EMBODI
 - Program Lead: Paulette Mitchell Walls
 - 14 confirmed participants
 - "We Gon' Be Alright"
 - One Day Symposium
 - Nov 12, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Huston Tillotson University
 - Featured Guests: Dr. Marcus Johnson of Texas State University, Charles Gee of Cardinal Collective, and Chas Moore from the Austin Justice Coalition.
- GEMS
 - Program Leads: Soror LaKisha Crenshaw & Latasha Robinson
 - 31 confirmed participants
- The College Tour
 - Plan is to take 40 high school age co-ed students on a college tour with some D9 organizations
 - The cost is \$285 per person. \$100 Deposit was due 10/31. Final balance due 12/3.
 - The tour stops at the following:
 - Philander Smith College at Little Rock
 - University of Arkansas @ Pine Bluff
 - LeMoyne Owen College @ Memphis
 - Fisk University @ Nashville
 - Tennessee State University @ Nashville
 - Meharry Medical @ Nashville



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Social Action – Soror Veronica Johnson

- Thanks to all of the D9 organizations participate in the Caravan to the Polls!
 - Pictures were shown
 - Thanks to all who participated in the Food Drive
 - Pictures were shown
 - Hutto – 11 boxes were donated
 - Hutto Resource Center; 204 E Live Oak; Hutto, Tx 78634
 - Austin – 16 boxes were donated along with \$250
 - Central Texas Food Bank; 6500 Montopolis Dr; Austin Tx 78744
 - Mid term Election Webinar Series
 - Nov 7, 2022 Pre Election Day Pep Rally
 - HEB Feast of Sharing is on Tuesday, Nov 22, 2022 at the Parmer Events Center. Help provide up to 14,000 meals by volunteering in the effort.
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- General Info: The Social Action committee meets on second Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Social Action Moment

- Call to Action! Take the following 22 Pledge:
 - **I'm proud to have supported xx community members in getting #DSTVoterReady!**
 - #ForwardWithFortitude
 - The goal is for each member to get at least 22 community members!
- Call to Action! Please complete the Election Protection Survey.
 - The goal is for 100% of AAC members to complete the survey!



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Standing Committees

Nominating Committee – Soror Sekoya Waddy for Soror Tamala Saldana

- Call for nominations: Oct 1 thru Dec 31, 2022
- Elected Positions
 - President
 - 1st Vice President
 - 2nd Vice President
 - Corresponding Secretary
 - Recording Secretary
 - Financial Secretary
 - Assistant Financial Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Assistant Treasurer
 - Sergeant-at-Arms
 - Journalist
 - Risk Management Coordinator
 - Chair Internal Audit
 - Chair Nominating Committee
 - Member Nominating Committee (4)
- Timeline
 - Oct 1, 2022: Nominations Open
 - Nov 5, 2022: Candidate and Campaign overview
 - Dec 31, 2022: Nominations close
 - Feb 21, 2023: Slate presented to Eboard
 - Mar 4, 2023: Slate presented to Chapter
 - Mar 4, 2023: Nomination from the floor
 - Mar 4, 2023: Campaigns begin at the end of chapter meeting
 - Mar 31, 2023: Campaigns end; websites taken down.
 - Apr 1, 2023: Election Day! Candidates must be present to remain on the ballot!
- Summary of Eligibility
 - Must be financial in the year of election and remain financial throughout term.
 - May only hold one office at a time.
 - Financial or accounting related experience and/or degree preferred for Treasure, Assistant Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Assistant Financial Secretary
 - Additional requirement for some positions include attendance to national and/or regional conferences prior to taking office.
 - For more details, please refer to the chapter policies and proceures.
 - Nominating.aacdst@gmail.com
 - Soror Tamala Saldana – Chairperson
 - Soror Delphea Jester
 - Soror Freda Mills
 - Soror Kelly Noble
 - Soror Sekoya Waddy



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Technology Committee – Soror Kathryn Foster

- Document Retention & Protection
 - National Technology Group met on Oct 11, 2022
 - Data Technology Guidelines, Section 8 “ It is important that all records and documents related to business of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are adequately protected and maintained while records that are no longer needed are of no value are discarded.
- High Priority Archives
 - Chapter charting documents, meeting minutes, newsletters, treasurer reports, audits, committee reports, policy and procedures, photos and videos, any other reports that the chapter feels are important.
- Information Archives
 - List of past chapter officers and membership rosters, photos of past chapter officers, photos of events, photos of lineage, marketing materials, articles about chapter
- Documents stored in a secure location in a manner that preserves the quality of the records
- Confidential information should be under lock and key e.g. membership information and financial records
- Paper records should be scanned whenever possible
- Records should be kept electronically via an external hard drive, flash drive, cloud storage or private server.
- Define a file naming system
- Resources
 - Chapter Policies & Procedures
 - Delta Technology Guide
 - Chapter Management Handbook
 - National Scholarship & Standards Committee

Special Committees

New Business/Announcements

Adjournment

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn at 11:17 AM. 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	Approve agenda for the Nov 5, 2022 chapter meeting.	Soror Grova Jones	Soror Deborah Shaw Boatner	94-0	Passed

Soror Janet Scroggins Marshall, Recording Secretary

Soror Robin T. Blackmon, President



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Austin Alumnae Virtual Chapter Meeting November 5, 2022 Presiding Officer, Robin T. Blackmon

Pre-Meeting

Legal Notice
Safety Briefing

Ritualistic Opening

Call to Order

Adoption of the Agenda

Introduction and Welcome to Visiting/New Sorors

Order of Business

Approval of September Minutes
Correspondence

Soror Janet Marshall
Soror Tiffany Holmes White

Chapter Reports

Officers

President
1st Vice President
Financial Secretary
Treasurer

Soror Robin Blackmon
Soror Jacqueline Habersham
Soror Anita Daniels
Soror Demitra Alexander

Committee Reports (3 Minutes Limit)

Membership Services Moment

Five Point Thrust

Educational Development
Social Action

Soror Bethany Bell
Soror Veronica Johnson

Social Action Moment

Standing Committees

Nominating Committee
Technology Committee

Soror Tamala Saldana
Soror Kathryn Foster

Special Committees

N/A

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

Founders Day Celebration

Sorors Donna Jackson and
Sheldy Starks

Motion for Adjournment

Ritualistic Closing

Committee Recommendations

N/A

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

Chapter Meeting

Saturday, December 3, 2022 10:00 am
Bertha Sadler Means Young Women's Leadership Academy
6401 N Hampton Dr, Austin, TX 78723

In-person

Mask will be required

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Virtual

<https://zoom.us/j/97561669874?pwd=K3RSUnhYVUlfbG1mL1RwY3d4QkpPdzo9>

Announcements

Nominating Committee

Who Has Next?

The Call for Nominations opened on October 1, 2022. The Nominating Committee invites you to step up and step out. Select an office or position where you want to serve. **You can be nominated by an active member or you may self-nominate by completing the Goggle form at this link: 2023-2025 Chapter Officer Nominating Form** . Nominations closes at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2022

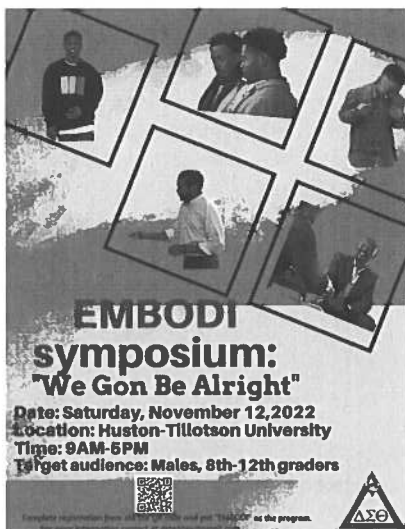
The Odyssey and The MIDpoint Message:

November

- Tuesday, November 15th - November MIDpoint Message disseminated

December

- Tuesday, November 22nd - submit all December Odyssey content
- Tuesday, November 29th - December Odyssey disseminated
- Thursday, December 15th - December MIDpoint Message disseminated



Annual Jazz at St. James Concert Weekend. Purchase tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jazz-at-st-james-2022-tickets-414972573137?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>



It's Red Carpet time again. Arts and Letters has set a date and one location for us this time to fellowship and enjoy Wakanda Forever. The links below are for pre-sale tickets. Hope you are able to join us. Please purchase ASAP if you can and wear a white Delta shirt if you can too to honor Chadwick Boseman or African Attire Delta Style!

Cinemark Stone Hill Town Center, Pflugerville- Saturday, November 19th at 11:00 am

[Buy Your Advanced Movie Tickets Here](#)

