



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER
MINUTES OF THE Virtual EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Nov 15, 2022

President Robin T. Blackmon called the virtual Austin Alumnae Executive Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov 15, 2022. A quorum was present, via Zoom, for the transaction of business. The agenda as distributed was approved. The motion was properly made, seconded, and passed with no opposition.

Meditation / Reflection – Soror Cedel Evans

Soror Evans offered the following words inspired from Luke 11: 9-10: The blessing is yours, just waiting for the asking. Also, Soror Evans placed a spin on a familiar commercial phrase to encourage sorors to serve in Delta: We will “leave the light on for you”.

Minutes – Soror Janet Marshall, Recording Secretary

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

Correspondence – Soror Tiffany Holmes White, Corresponding Secretary

- Thank you note from Soror Carla Emery Culberson
- Communication from Soror Pam Sherman, ADF
 - 2023 Fundraising Event. Austin’s Got Talent
 - Schedules for Feb 18, 2023
 - Tickets can be purchased on Event Brite for \$50 per person
 - AAC and ADF must update the MOU
 - AAC is requested to either donate or buy tickets, help with advertising the event, and serve on subcommittee
 - The goal this year is to raise \$20K for scholarships

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

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- President Blackmon's brief report included
 - Educational Development had a successful EMBODI event on Nov 12th that will be presented later in the meeting
 - For the upcoming Arts and Letters Red Carpet Event at Pflugerville Stonehill theater. Please wear white for the Wakanda Forever movie presentation in memory of late actor Chadwick Boseman.
 - Please participate in World AIDS Day event on Dec 1, 2022. Information will be discussed further by International Awareness and Involvement later in the meeting.
 - Please attend the upcoming in-person chapter meeting on Dec 3, 2022. After the chapter meeting, there will be games, fellowship, food along with Jingle and Mingle.

Financial Secretary – *Soror Anita Daniels*

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

- 303 members on the roster for FY 22-23
- FY 22-23 dues are as follows
 - Δ Life – \$195
 - Δ Regular – \$385
 - \$400 if you have been financially inactive for one year
 - \$415 if you have been financially inactive for two years or more
- **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 Deborah Shaw-Boatner for Soror Demitra Alexander

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

Committee Reports

Five Point Thrust

Educational Development – Soror Bethany Bell

- ACADEMY Program Updates
 - Program Leads: Sorors Darralyn Johnson & Tonya King
 - Fifteen (15) confirmed participants
- EMBODI Program Updates
 - Program Lead: Soror Paulette Mitchell Walls
 - Twenty-five (25) signed up. Twenty (20) showed up.
 - Note: The college tour will be co-ed and the male college tour members must have participated in the EMBODI program.
 - One day symposium on Nov 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Huston-Tillotson University
 - Featured guests: Dr. Marcus Johnson of Texas State University, Charles Gee of Cardinal Collective, and Chas Moore from Austin Justice Coalition.
 - Great feedback was received regarding the symposium!
- GEMS Program Updates
 - Program Leads: Soror LaKisha Crenshaw & Latasha Robinson
 - Twenty-five (25) confirmed participants
- The 2023 college tour
 - HBCU college tour
 - Philander Smith College @ Little Rock, Arkansas
 - University of Arkansas @ Pine Bluff
 - LeMoyne Owen College @ Memphis
 - Fisk University @ Nashville
 - Tennessee State University @ Nashville
 - Meharry Medical @ Nashville
 - \$100 deposit due by 10/31/2022. Final payments due 12/3/2022
 - Any level of high school student may attend the college tour!
- Ed Dev meetings held 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. virtually



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International Awareness & Involvement – Soror Akeshia Smothers

- The invitation to World Aids Day was presented
 - "You are cordially invited to World AIDS Day 2022"
 - A commemorative evening featuring a panel discussion, dinner, and sexual health testing.
 - Thursday, Dec 1, 2022
 - 6 p.m. – 8.p.m.
 - Permitting and Development Center; Event Room; 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive; Austin, Tx 78752
 - Presented by Delta Sigma Theta, What's in the Mirror, Austin HIV Planning Council, and Austin Public Health
 - Flu and MPox (formerly monkeypox) vaccinations were available
 - There will be a proclamation ceremony by the Mayor TBD. Wear red!

Social Action – Soror Veronica Johnson

- Survey results are being gathered to determine interest in city/county board or commission membership.
- The results will be presented to the AAC body.
- **General information:** The Social Action committee meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Standing Committees

Internal Audit – Soror Julie Dixon-Cartwright

- Q1: Jul 1 – Sep 30, 2022
- After review by the chapter Internal Audit Committee, it has determined that the Austin Alumnae chapter has satisfactory financial internal controls and the review supports the existence and utilization of these controls.



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Nominating Committee – Soror Tamala Saldana

- Oct 1 – Call for Nominations
- Dec 31st – Nominations close
 - STEP UP & STEP OUT: Run for an elected office!
- Feb 21 – Slate presented to Executive Board
- Mar 4 – Slate presented to Chapter
- Mar 4 – Campaigning begins after the chapter meeting
- Mar 31 – Campaigning ends. Websites must be taken down.
- Apr 1 – Election day! Candidates must be present to remain on the ballot.

Committee members

- Sorors Tamala Saldana, Delphea Jester, Freda Mills, Kelly Noble, Sekoya Waddy
- Contact for questions at Nominating.aacdst@gmail.com.

Ad hoc/Special Committees

New Business

Community Partnership MOU – Executive Board, President Blackmon

- Refer to correspondence section above regarding communication from Austin Delta Foundation (ADF)
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Austin Alumnae Chapter partner with Austin Delta Foundation to collaborate on the Austin's Got Talent scholarship event in Feb 2023.
 - The motion was made, properly seconded, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 15-0.

Announcements

Adjournment

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 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 Nov agenda	Soror Bethany Bell	Soror Kendra Wesson	11-0	Passed
Executive	Austin Alumnae Chapter partner with Austin Delta Foundation to collaborate on the Austin's Got Talent scholarship event in Feb 2023.	Soror Bethany Bell	Soror Freda Mills	15-0	Passed

Soror Janet Marshall, Recording Secretary

Soror Robin T. Blackmon, President



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Executive Board Meeting Agenda November 15, 2022 Presiding Officer, Robin T. Blackmon

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

Soror Cedel Evans
Soror Janet Marshall
Soror Tiffany Holmes White

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Financial Secretary
Treasurer

Soror Robin Blackmon
Soror Anita Daniels
Soror Deborah Shaw Boatner

Committee Reports

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International Awareness & Involvement
Social Action

Soror Bethany Bell
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Standing Committees

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Soror Julie Dixon-Cartwright
Soror Tamala Saldana

Special Committees

N/A

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

Community Partnership

Adjournment

Committee Recommendations

N/A

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

Chapter Meeting

Saturday, January 7, 2022

Virtual

<https://zoom.us/j/91997857121?pwd=aXpvNWV5YWF1cFVqMXloYmZUUVdldzo9>

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Virtual

<https://zoom.us/j/97561669874?pwd=K3RSUnhYVU1FbG1mL1RwY3d4QkpPdzo9>

Budget and Finance Meeting is Canceled

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

Arts and Letters

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 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](#)

Membership Services Committee

White Christmas: The White Christmas event is where chapter members visit, show sisterly love and spread Christmas joy to our Sick and Shut-in Sorors. If you know a Soror that would welcome a visit from our White Christmas carolers, and they reside in the Austin area (including Pflugerville, Round Rock, Buda), please send names and contact information to members of the White Christmas sub-committee, Sorors Tanya Rippenkreoger at tanya.rippenkreoger@hotmail.com and Melody Southall at melynn95@hotmail.com by **November 30, 2022.**

Jingle and Mingle: The Jingle and Mingle holiday party will take place immediately after the December chapter meeting. We will have some nice holiday treats prepared for sorors. Please come out and remember to bring a soror. In partnership with Economic Development, please bring your cash, checks and credit cards and be prepared to patronize our dear sorors who are small business owners.

