



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER
MINUTES OF THE Virtual CHAPTER MEETING
Mar 4, 2023

Following the ritualistic opening, President Robin T. Blackmon called the Austin Alumnae chapter meeting to order at 10:28 AM on Mar 4 2023.

Emergency Response – Soror Suzanne Piper

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

Adoption of Agenda

- A quorum was present for the transaction of business as presented in the agenda, with the following exception. The Nominations committee will present after the Treasurer's report to allow sufficient time to vet any potential nominations from the floor. The motion was properly made, seconded, and adopted with no opposition.

Welcome New and Visiting Sorors

There was nine (9) visiting sorors for the Mar chapter meeting: Sorors Kimberly Dukes, Brute Wilkerson, Brianna Smith, Isha Hawkins, Tracey Morgan, Sharonda Mack, Soror Lola, Jasmine Chandler, and Lauryn Cornish.

Minutes – Soror Janet Scroggins Marshall, Recording Secretary

The minutes of the Feb 2023 chapter meeting were approved as distributed.

Correspondence – Soror Tiffany Holmes White, Corresponding Secretary

- Thank you card: The Austin Affiliate Chapter of Sisters Network Inc for 41,000 donation.
- Thank you card: Soror Ellen Bailey for Christmas cheer
- Thank you card: Soror Tamera Diggs-Tate expressions of sympathy
- Donation request: American Red Cross
- Solicitation request: ExtraSpace storage



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Chapter Reports

Officers

President – Soror Robin T. Blackmon

Austin/Local

- Happy Sisterhood Month! See the Sisterhood Month calendar that was shared in the Odyssey and set aside some time to enjoy the activities planned for us to fellowship.
- Purchase your Founders Day Tickets.
- Pay your dues.

Regional/State

- Assist with Red and White Day
 - Collecting Fees
 - Registration
 - Soror Celeste Williams will be on the planning committee
- State Meeting update
 - DISC Behavioral Assessment presented by Regional Director Barker. The various behavior types are: D – Dominant; I – Influential; S – Steady; C – Compliant.
 - The State Meeting closed out with the Boots & Bling on Saturday night and the Ecumenical on Sunday Morning.
 - Texas/New Mexico lit the Torch and the next stop for the Girls Trip is Louisiana/ Jamaica

National

- Informz messages to be aware of:
 - 2/8 Strategic Planning in Action: Optimizing tools
 - 2/10 Celebrate Black Stories Nominated for the 54th NAACP
 - 2/10 Delta Days at the United Nations
 - 2/11 The Delta Red Tank is Back
 - 2/17 Delta Authors Directory VIII
 - 2/23 An Exhibition of Delta Visual Artists and Art Talk March 5th webinar
 - 2/27 National Social Action Updates
 - 3/1 Happy Sisterhood Month and Call to Collegiates|Delta Days in the Nation's Capital
 - 3/3 Special Edition of the Delta Journal commemorating our 27th National President Soror Cheryl Hickmon
- The full chapter president's report is on the website.



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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.

- 305 members for FY 22-23
- 110 members for the short year (Jul -Dec 2023)
- 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

****Important Information – Shift to Calendar Year Basis**

- Short Year (to complete the 2023 Calendar Year) – Jul – Dec 31, 2023
 - Payable Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2023: \$92.50
 - \$92.50 represents one half of the local dues
 - No late fees on the \$92.50
 - Non-Financial/Reclaimed Sorors
 - If non-financial for one year, the \$385 becomes \$400 (included \$15 re-instatement fee)
 - If non-financial for two years or more, the \$385 becomes \$415 (included \$30 re-instatement fee)
- Full Year (to start the 2024 Calendar Year) – Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2024
 - Payable Jul 1 – Sep 30, 2023: \$385 Regular or \$195 Lifetime Member
 - Represents a full year of local and national dues
 - Late fees begin Oct 1, 2023
 - If non-financial for one year, the \$385 becomes \$400
 - If non-financial for two years or more, the \$385 becomes \$415

Examples:

FINANCIAL MEMBERS

- Only \$92.50 is due Jan-Mar 2023

NON-FINANCIAL REGULAR MEMBERS

- If non-financial for one year: \$492.50
 - \$92.50 for short year fee plus \$385 regular membership fee plus \$15 re-instatement fee
- If non-financial for two years or more: \$507.50



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- \$92.50 for short year fee plus \$385 regular membership fee plus \$30 re-instatement fee
- 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**
- **Regardless of payment method, please include member number.**

Treasurer/Budget and Finance – Soror Demitra Alexander

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

Committee Reports

Five Point Thrust Committees

Economic Development – Soror Sylnovia Holt Rabb

- April is Financial Fitness Month
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Economic Development Committee present a Housing Affordability 101 Webinar Property Tax Workshop in partnership with Austin Revitalization Authority on April 8, 2023 from 10 a.m. to noon. The motion was properly made by the committee, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 110-0.



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Social Action – Soror Celeste Williams/Soror Veronica Johnson

- Thank you to all who supported the following immediately past events:
 - Racial Equity Day Rally at Capitol – Feb 14, 2023
 - Summit in partnership with Texas Family Leadership Council, Texas Racial Equity Collaborations, and the United Way of Greater Houston – Feb 16, 2023
- Important Upcoming dates:
 - Delta Days at the United Nations – Mar 13-14, 2023
 - Delta Days in the Nation's Capital – Mar 24-28, 2023
 - Red & White Day – Apr 17, 2023 tentative 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Voter Deputy Registrar Training
 - 100% Participation Requested
 - Opportunity to complete online Voter Deputy Registrar Training Travis County
 - <https://tax-office.traviscountytx.gov/voters/volunteer-deputy-registrars>
 - The training is a video that only last 22 minutes and 19 seconds long with a 25-question examination to test your knowledge. You must score an 80% on the exam.
 - Certification requirement svary by county.
 - But once certified in one county, reciprocity is granted for the other counties.
 - Please contact the other offices for a reciprocity certificate.
- The more you know! Find out at dstatx.org
 - Social Action Work Toolkit
 - 88th Texas Legislature Data Interest
 - Committee Reports/Social Action Moments

General Info: The Social Action committee meets on second Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.



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Social Action Moment

- Public Service with a Servant's Heart
 - Bloom where you are planted. Impact your community through Social Action Engagement
 - Promote Physical and Mental Health
 - – H.B. 1651 Expansion of eligibility for Medicaid as related to mental health and federal matching
 - Eliminate Inequities & Prevent Crime by Meza
 - S.B. 571 George Floyd Act by West
 - H.B. 762 No Knock Warrants by Reynolds
 - Social Justice and Equity
 - H.B. 567 The Crown Act by Bowers
 - Food and Shelter Security
 - H.B. 3281 Youth and Young Adults Homeless Housing Service Programs
 - Equitable and Fair Redistricting
 - SJR 12 Establishing an independent redistricting commission by Johnson
 - Preserving Voting Rights
 - Support the following:
 - H.B. 941 Registering to vote and voting while in custody at certain county jails by Dutton
 - H.B. 848 Allowing straight party voting by Reynolds
 - Oppose the following:
 - S.B. 220 Appointment of state election marshals by Middleton

Standing Committees

Internal Audit – Soror Julie Dixon-Cartwright

- Q2 – Oct 1 – Dec 31, 2022
- Overall Finding: 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 Tamela Saldana

- Nominating Committee members
 - Soror Tamela Saldana – Chairperson
 - Soror Delphea Jester
 - Soror Freda Mills
 - Soror Kelly Noble
 - Soror Sekoya Waddy
- Nominating.aacdst@gmail.com for questions
- 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 officially begin and candidate's forum will be held 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!

- The Slate:

○ <u>Position</u>	○ <u>Candidate</u>
○ President	○ Robin Blackmon
○ President	○ Renee Jones
○ 1 st VP	○ Jacqueline Habersham
○ 2 nd VP	○ Kacey Hanson
○ Recording Secretary	○ Darralyn Johnson
○ Corresponding Secr	○ La'Kisha Crenshaw
○ Corresponding Secr	○ Tiffany Holmes White
○ Corresponding Secr	○ Courtney Nolan
○ Fin Secretary	○ Anita Daniels
○ Asst Fin Secretary	○ Tennille Thomas



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○ Treasurer	○ Deborah Shaw Boatner
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	○ Kimily Johnson
○ Chair, Internal Audit	○ Sophia Williams
○ Chair, Nom Committee	○ Carla Roberson
○ Member, Nom	○ La’Kisha Crenshaw
○ Member, Nom	○ Gloria Frazier
○ Member, Nom	○ Thedencia Horne
○ Member, Nom	○ Lisa Newman
○ Member, Nom	○ Carla Roberson
	○ Gloria Williams
○ Member, Nom	○ La Tasha Robinson
○ Sergeant at Arms	○ Laronica Humphrey Moise
○ Journalist	○ Autumn Caviness
○ Risk. Man Coordinator	○ Nancy Knight Brown

- The changes to initial slate are as follows and shown above:
 - Soror Carla Roberson declined the candidacy for the Member Nominating Committee
 - Soror Gloria Williams was added to the slate of Member Nominating Committee
 - Soror Deborah Shaw Boatner declined the candidacy for Asst Treasurer
- A motion was made to reopen the position for Asst Treasurer. The motion was made, properly seconded, and passed with a vote of 108-0.
 - Soror Kimily Johnson was added to the slate of Asst Treasurer

Special Committees

Elections Committee – Soror Renee Conley

- Election Events and Dates
 - Mar 20, 2023 or earlier – Written notification of chapter election sent to members
 - Mar 22-28, 2023 – Voter registration (Financial members 22-23)
 - Mar 30, 2023 – practice voting session @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Apr 1, 2023 – Chapter Election.
 - Attendance is verified by 10 – 10:40 a.m.
 - Balloting 11 – 11:30 a.m.
- Elections Committee Members



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- Soror Jeffrey Archer
- Soror Pretesia Hunt
- Soror Brenda Kennedy
- Soror Latisha McGee
- Soror Erika White
- Technology Liaison Soror Kathryn Foster
- Chair Soror Renee Conley
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to support funding Election Runner for costs associated with the AAC election.
 - A motion to amend the initial recommendation to add “Not to exceed \$200”
 - The amended motion was made, seconded, voted upon and did not pass with a vote 32-60.
 - Discussion regarding the first amendment is that the not to exceed would limit the chapter should multiple runoffs be needed.
 - A second amendment change the language to as follows: **RECOMMENDATION:** Move to support funding Election Runner for costs associated with the practice, the vote, and any runoffs. The second amendment was properly made, seconded, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 65-17.
 - The final vote on the approved language passed with a vote of 87-31

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn at 12:19 PM. The motion was properly made and 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 Mar 4 2023 chapter meeting.	Soror Kacey Hanson	Soror Jeffrey Archer	94-0	Passed
Nominating Committee	Motion to re-open candidacy for Asst. Treasurer	Soror Donna Jackson	Soror Anita Daniels	108-0	Passed



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Economic Development	Economic Development Committee present a Housing Affordability 101 Webinar Property Tax Workshop in partnership with Austin Revitalization Authority on April 8, 2023 from 10 a.m. to noon.	Soror Sylvovia Holt Rabb on behalf of the committee	N/A	110-0	Passed
Elections Committee	<p>1st: Move to support funding Election Runner for costs associated with the AAC election.</p> <p>1st Amendment: Move to support funding Election Runner for costs associated with the AAC election <u>not to exceed \$200.</u></p> <p>2nd Amendment: Move to support funding Election Runner for costs associated with the AAC election <u>for the practice, the vote, and any runoffs</u></p>	<p>Initial: Celeste Williams</p> <p>1st Amendment: Deborah Shaw Boatner</p> <p>2nd Amendment: Soror Kacey Hanson</p>	<p>Initial: Gloria Williams</p> <p>1st Amendment: Celeste Williams</p> <p>2nd Amendment: Soror Donna Jackson</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>32-60</p> <p>65-17</p> <p>Final vote: 87-31</p>	<p>Amended</p> <p>Did Not Pass</p> <p>Passed</p> <p>Passed</p>



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Soror Janet Scroggins Marshall, Recording Secretary

Soror Robin T. Blackmon, President