



Austin Alumnae Chapter
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
In Person Meeting
Robin T. Blackmon, Presiding Officer
September 9, 2023 10:00 a.m.
Austin Community college
Highland Campus Building 2000, Room 1500**

Legal Notice displayed on screen.

Emergency Response presentation by Ollie White

Ritualistic Opening completed in due form

Call to Order (quorum present) at 10:32 a.m. by President Blackmon

Adoption of the Agenda moved by Celeste Williams the motion passed with 87 in favor and no opposition or abstainers.

Introduction and Welcome of Visiting/New sorors by President Blackmon. Nine visiting sorors were in attendance.

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Order of Business

Approval of May Minutes by Recording Secretary Darralyn

Johnson: The chapter meeting minutes were uploaded to the Chapter's website in the member portal. No corrections were given and the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Correspondence by Corresponding Secretary LaKisha

Crenshaw: Thank you cards from Myrtle Bell family, Relay for life donation, Austin ISD donation. Request from the Austin Chapter of the Links for Harlem Nights on 9/9/2023. Full report attached.

Chapter Reports

Officers

President Robin Blackmon: Welcomed us to the sorority year and presented us with a robust report which included the following items:

- Chapter sorority year theme: Moving Forward-One Delta, One Bond, One Love. We Are One!
- Chapter compliance letter has not been received but per

- the national website we are in compliance.
- Congratulations on a successful and fruitful chapter retreat.
- Sister II Sister Circle initiative has launched, group leads introduced, and mission given.
- Regional News
 - State of the Region address was given by RD Barker via a webinar.
 - No additional regional conference information is known.
- National Convention Report
 - National Executive committee election results given.
 - New honorary members initiated.
 - Constitution and Bylaws changes with 34 recommendations adopted and 1 failed.
 - More than 24, 000 Deltas attended national convention including virtual and in person.
- Congratulations to AAC Founders Day committee for winning the National Heritage and Archives Award.

2nd Vice President Kacey Hanson: Report included the following:

- Clarified the chapter meeting in person would occur if the budget allowed and we could find a space.
- Thank you extended to site coordinator Kesha Rowan for finding the current space and it is available all year.
- We are in the short year until December.
- Chapter programming is listed on the website and any changes will be communicated through the BAND app.

Financial Secretary Anita Daniels: Report included the following:

- Total funds collected for the period of May 2023-August 15. 2023 was \$27,534.15
- Reclaimed sorors should be directed to the financial secretary.
- Collegiate sorors wanting to transfer should email the financial secretary.
- Dues are due by 9/19/2023 with a late fee after 9/30/2023.

The full report from the financial secretary can be found in the members only portion of the chapter's website.

Treasurer/Budget and Finance Deborah Shaw-Boatner:

Report included the following:

- Beginning balance- \$141,149.56. Ending balance- \$104,801.63.
- SW Region account received an erroneous deposit.
- Include ledger with reimbursement requests.
- Budget and Finance Meeting on 10/11/2023, submit adjustment requests by 9/15/23.
- Deborah Shaw Boatner moved that the report of adjustments from the budget and finance committee be accepted as presented. The motion carried with 95 for and 0 against.

The full report from the treasurer/budget and finance committee can be found in the members only portion of the chapter's website.

Committee Reports

Protocol Moment was presented

Five Point Thrust

Heritage and Archives displayed the award received at National Convention.

Chair Arts and Letters Jonna LaGrone-Haynes: Report included the following.

- Book Club will meet 9/16/2023. The book is I am Debra by Debra Lee.
- There is a 9/10 deadline to purchase Tina Turner the musical tickets. The cost is \$105.00 and will be on 1/13/2024 at 2:00 p.m.
- Red Carpet event in the planning to see the Color Purple.

Chair Social Action Celeste Williams: Report included the following.

- The lawsuit hearings continue in San Antonio
- Social Justice Weekend is 9/24/2023
- Voter registration events planned.
- Encouraged sorors to attend school board meetings.
- Celeste Williams moved that the school board meetings for Pflugerville, Hutto, Round Rock, Manor and Austin be added to the chapter's program calendar. The motion experienced a healthy debate regarding how these districts were chosen and determining

which meeting to attend. The motion then carried with 89 for and 0 against.

- Full social action report attached.

Social Action Moment was presented

Standing Committees

Chair Internal Audit Sophia Williams: Report included the findings from 4/1/2023-6/30/2023 (the 4th quarter report). The chapter is in good standing.

Chair Ways and Means Alnita Foote: Report included the following:

- A history of the Austin Delta Foundation (ADF) and the history of the house (including the burning of the mortgage on 9/19/1993 and the directive from the Grand Chapter to remove all symbols and letters from the house).
- The foundation has given more than \$209,000 in scholarships from 2001-2022.
- Ways and Means will partner with ADF for an event on 12/9/23 to give the gift of education with a \$30,000 goal.
- Soros are requested to sell 5 tickets each.

Executive Committee: Kacey Hanson reported on behalf of the Executive Committee and made the following motion: Move that we hold executive board meetings on the Tuesday before chapter meetings on zoom at 7:00 p.m. beginning this sorority year. The motion passed 78 for 0 against.

Special Committees-none

Unfinished business-none

New business: Deborah Shaw Boatner moved that we decrease the Austin Delta Foundation contribution line item by \$1000 to fulfill the request from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and future D9 requests. Second provided by Tiffany Lewis. A healthy discussion followed which included clarifying the amount needed and if only Greek letter organizations would be included.

Kacey Hanson offered an amendment: moved to insert \$245 after Alpha Kappa Alpha. Second provided by Jeffrey Archer. A two-thirds vote was needed (55). The amended motion passed with 77 for and 5 against. The motion on the floor that we decrease the Austin Delta Foundation contribution line item by

\$1000 to fulfill the request from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (\$245) and future D9 requests passed 85 for and 3 against.

Announcements:

The photographer is present.

Scarves from regional conference are with Soror President.

Scarves from national convention are with Jackie Habersham.

Soror President has certificates from last year.

Please pass vote cards to the ends of the aisles.

Red Envelopes are available for those who need one.

Passwords for the roster, treasurer's report and Sister II Sister Circle was shared

Executive board will take place on 10/3/2023 via zoom. A link will be sent out.

Chapter meeting will be Saturday 10/7/2023 in person at the Highland ACC location.

A **motion to adjourn** was entertained with the motion coming from Zabrina Hoggard, no opposition noted.

Closing ceremony in due form.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved by	Second offered by	Motion Result
Adoption of Agenda	Celeste Williams	Anita Daniels	Carried (87 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained)
Moved that the report of budget adjustments from the budget and finance committee be accepted as presented.	Deborah Shaw Boatner	None needed. Motion brought by budget and finance committee	Carried (95 in favor, 0 against)
Moved that the school board meetings for Celeste Pflugerville, Hutto, Round Rock, Manor and Austin be added to the chapter's program calendar.	Celeste Williams	None needed. Motion brought by social action committee	Carried (89 in favor, 0 against)

Move to hold executive board meetings on the Tuesday before chapter meetings on zoom at 7:00 p.m. beginning the sorority year.	Kacey Hanson	None needed. Motion brought by Executive committee	Carried (78 in favor, 0 against)
Moved that we decrease the Austin Delta Foundation contribution line item by \$1000 to fulfill the request from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and future D9 requests.	Deborah Shaw Boatner	Tiffany Lewis	Amended
Amendment to add (\$245) after Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in the previous motion	Kacey Hanson	Jeffrey Archer	77 yes and 5 no for a total votes 82. Needs 2/3 vote to pass (55 votes). Motion carries
Move to decrease the Austin Delta Foundation contribution line item by \$1000 to fulfill the request from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (\$245) and future D9 requests.			Carried (78 in favor, 0 against)
Move to adjourn	Zabrina Hoggart	Alnita Foote	Carried on consent

Approved:

Robin Blackmon, President
Recording Secretary

Darralyn N. Johnson,





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Corresponding Secretary Report Soror La'Kisha Crenshaw Executive Board Meeting August 15, 2023

- △ The Links Inc. - seeking support of their Harlem Nights Gala Fundraiser via an electronic ad support at \$250/see the Band App
- △ Thank you from AISD for \$150 donation for the 40th annual African American Heritage Celebration Program
- △ Thank you card from The Bell Family (passing of Soror Myrtle Bell)
- △ Thank you letter from American Cancer Society (Relay for Life partnership)

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Committee Name: Social Action

Committee Chair(s): Veronica Pickett Johnson and Celeste T. Williams

Date/Time of meeting (MM/DD/YYYY): 08/08/2023; called to order 6:33 pm cst; adjourned 7:36 pm cst.

Attendees: April Briscoe, Veronica Pickett Johnson, Renee Jones, Eric Knox, Darlene Lewis, Latisha McGee, Freda Mills, Joan Roberts Scott, Melody Southall, Adrienne Thrasher, Paulette Walls, Belinda Williams, and Celeste Williams

Committee Decisions: (limit 500 characters)

Align all programing to the National Social Action 2023 Priorities:

- Voting and Civic Engagement
- Education
- Health Equity
- Re-Imagining Public Safety
- Reproductive Justice
- Economic Justice
- Environmental Justice

Attend the August 17th – Round Rock School Board meeting; members can wear their letters but if they are going to speak in any capacity, they are **NOT** to wear letters

Any positions or statements made at board meetings made on behalf of the chapter must be approved first by the chapter president and the National Social Action Commission.

National Voters Registration Day – September 19th:

Two components:

- **PSA video promoting National Voter Registration Day.**
- **Voter registration drives at local community high schools:** Stony Point High School, Success High School, Manor High School, New Tech High School, Northeast Early College High School, and LBJ High School

Actions:

- Solicit sorors to participate in the PSA video. Finalize a video who can record, edit, and produce the PSA video. The script will be given to the soror participants
- Committee member recommended we add Pflugerville High School; member to provide the contact information for high school principal so that official solicitation can come from social action chairs
- Signup genius to be created upon finalization of location for sorors to sign up

Social Justice Weekend September 22 – 24

Team will lock in location details by e-board so that a request can be put into the technology team for graphic support. [Communications Request Form](#)

Link to the – [Social Justice Weekend Excel Tracker Details](#) identifying current location targets

Actions:

Signup genius to be created upon finalization of location for sorors to sign up
Request to communications team for graphic support upon locations being finalized

School Board Visits: Sorors are being asked to support local school boards by attending the meetings and bringing back key information that align with the 2023 Social Action Priorities. The team will then identify issues we would like to address and submit to the National Social Action Committee for approval where applicable regarding statements and information we would like to make to the board members.

School Board Liaisons:

- Renee Jones – Pflugerville
- LaTisha McGee - Hutto
- Belinda Williams – Round Rock
- Manor – Open
- Austin – Open

Action: Need members to fill open slots as leads

Delta Days at City Halls: reviewed first draft proposals for City of Austin and City of Hutto; will be added to Old Business for continued discussion, so that we can finalize and bring forth recommendation to e-board as to when we should host the items.

Action: Need other sorors to help with this plan and determine when we would like to bring forth to e-board the recommendation to host this activation; whether it is in the Spring or Fall.

Recommendation(s) to Executive Board: (limit 500 characters)

Social Action Committee recommends that the school board meetings for Pflugerville, Hutto, Round Rock, Manor and Austin be added to the chapter's program calendar

Next month's activities: (limit 500 characters)

Local school board meetings -
National Voters Registration Day – September 19th:
Social Justice Weekend – September 22 – 24th

Volunteer Activities (include Date/Participants/Time): (limit 500 characters)

Asking VDRs to support

- National Voters Registration Day – September 19th:
- Social Justice Weekend – September 22 – 24th

Signature of soror making the committee report: Veronica Pickett Johnson (eboard)/ Celeste T. Williams (chapter)

Date of report to Executive Board/Chapter: August 15th
(eboard)/ September 9th (chapter meeting)

Date/Time of next scheduled committee meeting: September
12, 2023; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm cst; via zoom