



Austin Alumnae Chapter

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
In Person Meeting
Robin T. Blackmon, President Presiding Officer
January 6, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Austin Community College
Highland Campus Building 2000, Room 1500**

Ritualistic Opening completed in due form

Legal Notice read by Laronica Moise

Adoption of the Agenda as presented. Moved by Kacey Hanson. 83 for 0 against motion carries.

ERT moment by Chairs Tanya Rippenkroger and Ollie White

Call to Order (quorum present) at 10:12 a.m. by Robin T. Blackmon

Introduction and Welcome of Visiting/New Sorors: Six visiting sorors who were in attendance introduced themselves, gave their chapter of initiation and a fun fact about themselves.

Order of Business

Approval of December Minutes Recording Secretary Darralyn Johnson reported that the December Chapter meeting minutes were uploaded to the Chapter's website and with no corrections given, the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Correspondence reported by Corresponding Secretary LaKisha Crenshaw: Thank you card from Tarsha Johnson and Lenora Waters. Thank you from the Marc Thomas Sickie Cell Foundation for monetary donation. Invitation from Galveston Alumnae Chapter for their February 3, 2024 event.

Chapter Reports

Officers

President Robin Blackmon: Report included the following:

- Greetings to chapter meeting attendees
- Thank you to Arts and Letters for the Color Purple red carpet event. The theatre was packed.
- Thanks to Membership Services and Economic Development for Jingle and Mingle. Thank you to the carolers and to those involved in the White Christmas celebration.
- Thank you to the joint partnership of Ways and Means and the Austin Delta Foundation. The scholarship fundraiser was a great event.
- Founders Day tickets are available, the link is in the Odyssey. Regional Director Crystal T. Barker is our speaker.



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- Delta Day of Service will be held at various locations and times. Information was sent via email.
- The chapter does not have any official policy on bereavement donations. However, a donation was given to the family of Sam Willis and Policy and Procedures will official address this deficit in our chapter operations.
- National Rededication Ceremony will occur January 11, 2024 at 8:30 p.m. CST. An email with additional information was sent.
- The proceedings of the 56th National Convention are ready and can be found on the members only portal of the National website.

Financial Secretary Anita Daniels: Report included the following:

- January 2024 collections-\$13,179.37
- 291 members for FY2024
- Dues amounts were presented
- Late fees are now in effect
- Members reminded to include member number in PayPal transactions
- Funds will be collected immediately before and after the chapter meeting.
- 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 \$173,928.70 for all accounts.
- Ending balance \$176,711.63 for all accounts
- The schedule for reimbursement distribution and voucher submission was shared.
- 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 (3 minutes limit Donna Jackson, timekeeper)

Five Point Thrust

Economic Development Co-Chair Sylnovia Holt: Report included the following:

Move Homeownership Workshop from January 20, 2024 to April 13, 2024 to allow the Economic Development Committee to partner with NAREB (National Association of Real Estate Brokers) in their nationwide Building Black Wealth Tour. Motion carries 105 for 0 against.

Social Action Moment presented by Renee Jones



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Standing Committees

Internal Audit Committee Chair Sophia Williams: Report included the following:

- Quarter 1 is July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023
- Four findings were identified
- Chapter has an overall rating of A
- The full report from the internal audit committee can be found in the members only portion of the chapter's website.

Special Committees

No reports

Physical and Mental Health Moment presented by Sherri Fleming

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

New Business

No new business

Announcements:

49th Southwest Regional Conference Co-Chair Pam Hall: Report included the following:

- Special thank you to Soror Donna Jackson the special projects manager.
- Thank you to the committee chairs for working hard and being flexible.
- Site visit with Regional Director, Regional Representative and Visit Austin representative was completed along with menu selections and tastings.
- The Convention Center will be used and there is another conference there with a one day overlap.
- An I AM Southwest 100 pin will be received.
- Call to Conference should be distributed in mid-January.



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Other announcements:

Prayers for sorors Wilhite, Archer and Bell

Executive Board meeting January 30, 2024 virtual

January Chapter meeting February 3, 2024 in person- Austin Community College Highland Campus 6018 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. Austin, TX 78752 Building 1000, Room 1500

Rededication will be held prior to chapter meeting on February 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Black attire no pants

Founders Day January 14, 2024 Reception 1-2; ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m. See Joan Scott Roberts for individual meal selections if tickets were bought in groups.

Social Action-

- 2024 annual MLK Community Festival on Monday, January 15, 2024-Huston-Tillotson University at 900 Chicon Street, Austin, Texas.
- Get on Board 2023-2024 *Sorors Only* January 27, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.-ADF House 1190 San Bernard Austin, TX 78702.
- Attend the School Board Meeting in your community, see the dates on the chapter's website calendar.
- Social Action Subcommittee Boards & Commission Meeting –January 4, 2024.
- Social Action Committee Meeting January 9, 2024 meets via zoom.
- Austin Alumnae Day at City of Hutto-February 15, 2024 Hutto, TX.
- DDNC Save the Date: March 9-12, 2024.

A motion to adjourn was entertained with the motion coming from Kacey Hanson no opposition noted.

Ritualistic Closing completed in due form.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.



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Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved by	Second offered by	Motion Result
Adoption of Agenda as presented	Kacey Hanson	Celeste Williams	Carried (83 for 0 against)
Move Homeownership Workshop from January 20, 2024 to April 13, 2024 to allow the Economic Development Committee to partner with NAREB (National Association of Real Estate Brokers) in their nationwide Building Black Wealth Tour.	Sylnovia Holt	On behalf of Economic Development	Carried (105 for 0 against)
Move to adjourn	Kacey Hanson	Anita Daniels	Carried on consent

Approved:

Robin Blackmon, President

Darralyn N. Johnson, Recording Secretary

Presiding Officer