

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Austin Alumnae Chapter

Committee Reporting Template

Committee Name: Social Action

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

Date/Time of meeting (MM/DD/YYYY): 04|09|2024, 6:30 pm cst

Attendees: Veronica Pickett Johnson

Patricia Hicks

Renee Jones

Erica Knox

Paulette Walls

Gloria Frazier

Krishella Robinson

Monique Robertson

Joan Roberts Scott

Melinda Murphy

Dewi Smith

Delphea Jester

Darlene Lewis

Celeste Williams

Jeri Brooks

Lisa Newman

Adrienne Thrasher

Committee Decisions: (limit 500 characters)

Business Items/Agenda:

Social Action Priorities

Voting & Civic Engagement

Health Equity

Reproductive Justice

Economic Justice

Reimagining Public Safety

Reproductive Justice

Environmental Justice

Old Business:

- **Why we vote content** – Soror Darlene Lewis & Soror Delphea Jester – look to have content outlined by the May committee meeting.

School Board Meeting Updates Meeting:

- Round Rock ISD - Soror Belinda Williams - March 21 RR Board of Education Meeting

1. **Recognition of Students**

2. **Public Speaking Forum: Moms for Liberty continue their spew of banning books**

3. **Superintendent Reports:**

a. **Early Literacy and Numeric Goals: Conclusion: Students are advancing with grade having the most progress.**

4. **Covid impacted More progress.**

5. **b. Long Range Facilities:**

6. **Conclusion: Ongoing evaluation No decisions made yet. Huge effort with high price tags!!**

7. **c. Spring Human Resources**

8. **Conclusion: Teacher and Guest New Hire are Up!!**

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9. Evaluating Hiring Practices and Retention
 10. Prop A passing is a direct result of hiring being up.
 11. \$\$\$ allocated for Teacher affordable housing.
 12. Additional Healthcare plans added.
 13. Evaluating Exit Interviews of Staff
 14. Employee Wellness Programs
- Pflugerville ISD March meeting update – Soror Renee Jones – see attachment.
 - **Boards & Commission** – Soror Hicks - Congratulations to Soror Cedel Evans & Soror Joan Roberts Scott on being appointed on boards. See complete Boards & Commissions sub-committee report attached.
 - Can we have a resource page on the chapter's website?
 - How does one know they were appointed to a board?
 - When will we be ready to go prime time for public consumption?
 - Social Action Moment - **May 2024** - Presenter please ensure you have slides 1 week prior to the eboard meeting - Delphea Jester | Darlene Lewis – will cover materials from July 1, 2023, to May 2024
 - Focus/Program Outline - **Legislative Panel** - Celeste Williams - need committee to support event **April 18, 2024** – will be on UTs campus and asking social action members to attend the activation and be on the campus by 6:30 pm to support the effort. **Room Welch 1.136 – Brazos parking garage would be the best** Antonio Ingram - LDF Lawyer will be a guest. SB 17 -DEI implementation, what can the community do to help. **Hearings will be coming up in May & July regarding this at the state capitol.**

April 18, 2024, 6:00pm

Location – Room Welch 1.136

Run of Show

5:30pm: Arrive and setup drinks and snacks; setup table or chairs for invited guests and speakers.

5:50pm: Music as people arrive.

6:00pm: Welcome (Celeste Williams and AAC Social Action)

6:05pm: Occasion - describe purpose of event (Kamyia Gibbs, President of Epsilon Beta)

6:10pm: Introduction of speakers (Coalition leaders) and invited guests (Dr. Foster and LDF Attorney) (Jasmine Windon/Kayla Cooper, VPs of Epsilon Beta)

6:15pm: Coalition Leaders take over and present:

What is SB 17?

How has it been implemented at UT?

What negative impacts have arisen due to the over implementation of SB17 at UT? Call for an education session from UT officials as to how SB17 should have implemented so that all departments and organizations have a common understanding.

Allow Dr. Foster to speak on UT's history of race relations and racial contextualism on campus

Allow the LDF attorney to speak on what is happening at other schools in Texas. and other states

7:00pm Questions and Answers from the audience

7:20pm Call to Action - What should the community know? How can the community help?

7:30pm Thank the community for attending; mingle; music plays.

7:45pm Clean up and prepare to leave.

- **Fall 2024 - 2025** - Calendar - Chapter Member recruitment for **Fall 2024/Spring 2025 activations.**
 - Advocacy Training – August 24th
 - September – School Board Advocacy based on school board meeting dates of the meetings.
 - **National Voters Registration Day – September 17th**
 - Social Justice Weekend – September 21st weekend
 - October 12th – Educational Forum

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- October 26th – Stroll to Polls
- Other calendar updates: ALL Social Action Committee Members please review chapter calendar for social action proposed activations.

New Business:

- Delta GEMS ask for social action support.

Proposed Date of the Event: 10/12/2024

10:00 am cst Carver Library

Event Title: Civic Engagement & Responsibility

Corresponding Social Action Priority: Voting and Civic Engagement

Social Action Component: Explaining what it means to be a citizen and one's civic responsibility to one's community, particularly when it comes to voting. Briefly discuss the history of voting and the fact that there are still countries fighting for this right. Provide definitions for popular political terms (democrat, republican, democracy, etc...). Explain political hierarchy and the impact of each position. Let kids know that they will one day be able to have a say in choosing both their local and national leaders. Help participants visualize and analyze their own ability to be civically responsible.

Maybe: Jeri Brooks willing to be a part of the team and help with content if she cannot present.

Yes: Joan Roberts Scott willing to help.

Yes: Adrienne Thrasher volunteering to help.

Yes: Dewi Smith volunteering to help.

- **Round table:**

Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board

- **Next Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2024, | 6 pm - 8 pm**
This is a hybrid meeting and occurs regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month. Note: this meeting is the 3rd Monday so as not to conflict with eclipse traffic.
In-Person Location: COA Permitting and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive, Austin, TX 78752 - Room 1406
Join by phone: 1-844-992-4726 US Toll-Free; access code: 2492 906 8503.
 - Public Meeting for AKA - April 25 - 28, 2024, the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will assemble in Austin, Texas for their 92nd South Central Regional Conference. We have been invited to attend the Public Meeting event on Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Convention Center. Please use this [Public Meeting Invite](#) link to help gauge the number of red dresses that will be in the building.
- Announcements - Social Action Summer – Texas will have more strategic ways coming from Soror Watkins Jones on how we are to activate. – May 21st date to be determine, more information will be sent out.
- Adjournment

△ Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

△ Next meeting: August 13, 2024

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

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N/A

Next month's activities: (limit 500 characters)

49th Southwest Regional Conference - June 13 – 16th

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

N/A

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

Date of report to Executive Board/Chapter April 30th, 2024 (eboard)/ May 4th, 2024 (chapter meeting)

Date/Time of next scheduled committee meeting: August 13th, 2024; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm cst; via zoom