



Austin Alumnae Chapter

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Chapter Meeting Minutes In Person Meeting Robin T. Blackmon, President Presiding Officer March 2, 2024 10:00 a.m. Austin Community College Highland Campus Building 2000, Room 1500

Ritualistic Opening completed in due form.

Legal Notice read by Courtney Nolan.

Emergency Response: ERT moment by Co-Chair Tanya Rippenkroger.

Call to Order (quorum present) at 10:28 a.m. by Robin T. Blackmon

Adoption of the Agenda with correction to the approval of February minutes, submitted by Darralyn Johnson. Moved by Celeste Williams. 116 for 0 against motion carries.

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

Order of Business

Approval of February Minutes Recording Secretary Darralyn Johnson reported that the February 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: Correspondence was received from the families of Sorors Archer, Wilhite and Willis, thanking us for the love and concern we showed during their time of bereavement. Invitations to participate in/with Links Mardi Gras Brunch, HBCU Battle of the Bands, Huston Tillotson University 34th annual Golf Tournament. Additionally, the Policies and Procedures vote will be postponed until April 6th and an award was received from Austin Revitalization for our property tax workshop. A full report from the Corresponding Secretary can be found on the members' only portal of the Chapter's website.

Chapter Reports

Officers

President Robin Blackmon: Report included the following:

- Greetings to Eboard meeting attendees
- Thanks to Social Action. Great job on Delta Day at the City of Hutto.
- Great Job on Founders Day weekend.



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- The QR code was presented to upload spending information (starting February 1) during Crimson and Cream Goes Black and Green. This initiative allows us to show our support of black owned businesses and track the dollars we spend with those entities.
- No chapter vote is required in regards to the Internal Audit recommendation to change the reporting of the Treasurer to include a full month of transactions.
- The Delta Journal was published.
- New Fiscal Officers Manual has been released.
- Delta Days at the United Nations registration is open.
- Membership verification letters have been sent by the National Headquarters.
- I AM SW 100: our goal is to have two-thirds of the membership sign up, we are currently a little short of that goal.
- Corporate Sponsorships are available.

1st Vice President Jacqueline Habersham:

- Sisterhood Calendar has incorporated the events from the Regional calendar.
- Sister Circles are encouraged to have an activity on March 16, 17 or 30.
- New Member orientation will be March 9, 2024 and will be virtual.
- Chapter DID on March 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quorum is required.
- Church Fellowship at East 19 Street Missionary Baptist Church on March 24. Please bring a cash donation in honor of Sam Willis. Sorors are requested to wear red.
- Prizes were given to the soror who invited the most guests to chapter meeting, to the new sorors and to the DEARS.

Financial Secretary Anita Daniels: Report included the following:

- February collections-\$58,842.88
- 318 members for FY 2024.
- 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: Please note that due to a recommended change by the auditors, the reporting period has changed to reflect a full month of financial activity. Report included the following for the period ending January 31, 2024:



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- January 1-31, 2024 beginning balance \$224,824.73 for all accounts.
- January 1-31, 2024 ending balance \$216,192.24 for all accounts.
- The beginning balance from February 1-29 for all accounts is \$217,505.18. With an ending balance of \$245,999.40 for the same period.
- 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

Protocol Moment presented by Sandra McCrary

Educational Development presented by Chair Paulette Walls: Report included the following:

- Oak Springs appreciated the school supplies. More than 700 pieces of supplies and snacks for the teachers were donated.
- Recommendation: Move that Educational Development committee host the EMBODI Conference on Saturday May 18, 2024 in partnership with Alpha Phi Alpha Leadership Program. Motion carries. 124 for 0 against.

Social Action presented by Co-Chair Celeste Williams: Report included the following:

- Social Action Priorities were presented.
- All social action activities require approval which can be obtained by filling out the National Social Action Commission jot form found on the website. The chapter social action chairs will route the form for approval and at least 10 days is needed between the request and the proposed activity.
- The social action tool kit is on the website.
- Thank you for participation at Delta Day at the City of Hutto. It was a phenomenal event and an evaluation survey is available.
- A decision is pending for SB1.
- SB17 which centers around the ban of DEI was discussed.

Social Action Moment presented by Chair Sherri Fleming

Standing Committees

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



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- Reporting period: October 31, 2023 to December 31, 2023.
- Validations were completed.
- Exceptions were identified and addressed with no further actions required.
- Second quarterly findings result in Austin Alumnae Chapter has good control and satisfactory financial and internal controls.
- A full report from the Internal Audit Committee can be found on the members only portal of the Chapter website.

Policies and Procedures Committee vote on updates postponed until April 6, 2024.

Physical and Mental Health Moment presented by

Special Committees

Founders Day Committee presented by Tamela Saldana: Report included the following:

- Delta Day of Service results:
 - Net Revenue of \$5853.88
 - Volunteers served at the Ronald McDonald House and The Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center. Additionally, donations were given to Austin Diaper Bank.
- Discussion centered around the disposition of the surplus balance and the need for correct pronunciation of the Founders names occurred.

Grow with Google Committee presented by Courtney Nolan: Report included the following:

- Motion- Grow with Google Committee moved that the Chapter conduct at least one Grow with Google workshop.
- Discussion centered around partnership with appropriate community partners, timeframe of workshops and content of the workshops.
- Clarified-Grow with Google Committee will seek to partner with other community partners as appropriate to meet the regional request.
- Motion carries 123 for and zero against.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

New Business

No new business



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Announcements:

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

- Please consider supporting I AM SW 100 campaign.
- The Regional Conference corsages are not on sale on the websites.
- Kudos and recognition to following entities: budget and finance, ERT, the welcome event and ADF.
- Conference registration opens March 14 at 11:00am CST.
- The Convention Center site visit is upcoming.

Upcoming Meetings:

Executive Board meeting April 2, 2024 virtual.

Chapter meeting April 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in person- Austin Community College Highland Campus 6018 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. Austin, TX 78752 Building 1000, Room 1500.

A motion to adjourn was entertained Celeste Williams moved for adjournment, no opposition noted.

Ritualistic Closing completed in due form.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved by	Second offered by	Motion Result
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Educational Development moved that the Educational Development committee host the EMBODI Conference on Saturday May 18, 2024 in partnership with Alpha Phi Alpha Leadership Program.	Paulette Walls	On behalf of Educational Development	Carried (124 for 0 against) No discussion
Grow with Google Committee moved that the Chapter conduct at least one Grow with Google workshop.	Courtney Nolan	On behalf of the Grow with Google Committee	Carried (123 for and 0 against). Discussion centered on partnership with appropriate community partners, timeframe of workshops and content of the workshops.
Move to adjourn	Celeste Williams	Anita Daniels	Carried on consent

Approved:

Robin Blackmon, President
Presiding Officer

Darralyn N. Johnson, Recording Secretary