



Austin Alumnae Chapter

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes Virtual Meeting Robin T. Blackmon, Presiding Officer April 2, 2024

Call to Order (quorum present) at 7:00 p.m. by Robin T. Blackmon.

Legal Notice read by Laronica Moise.

ERT moment was presented by Co-Chair Ollie White.

Adoption of the Agenda with the following additions: no vote on policies and procedures and Avis Gipson will report on behalf of the 49th Southwest Regional Conference. Moved by Celeste Williams. 20 for 0 against. Motion carried.

Meditation by Tanya Rippenkroeger.

Order of Business

Approval of March Minutes Recording Secretary **Darralyn Johnson** reported that the March Eboard 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: The Chapter is in receipt of three thank you cards, three invitations and one request. 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 Membership Services, Chaplain's Council, the DEARS subcommittee, and the Sister Circles for a successful sisterhood month through various activities.
- Policies and Procedures approval letter was received and can be found in the members' only portal of the Chapter's website.
- The following dates were emphasized (additional information can be found in the Odyssey and/or the Mid-Point Message:
 - April 13, 2024-Community Impact Day.
 - April 20, 2024-DID training.



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- April 25, 2024-Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated Southwest Regional Conference Public Meeting.
- April 26, 2024-Relay for Life.
- April 28, 2024-Worship service at Crosswalk Church.
- 49th Regional Conference is closed/sold out and there has been no mention of additional spots.
- Southwest Region Chapters all meet fiscal compliance.
- ERT plans were due on May 13, 2024 and Austin Alumnae submitted their plan on time.
- Membership intake town hall was presented on March 28, 2024.
- The Nominating committee is planning a town hall for April 28, 2024
- I AM SW 100 deadline to receive the pin at the conference will be established.

2nd Vice President Kacey Hanson:

- Presented Fall 2024 Calendar.
- Recommendation- Move that we submit the proposed Fall 2024 Austin Alumnae Chapter Calendar for approval with the addition of the Austin Delta Foundation Partnership event of December 8, 2024 and the Executive Board Meeting on December 31, 2024. Moved by Kacey Hanson (recommendation came from committee-no second required). Motion carried 23 for 0 against. Minimal discussion occurred.
- Sherri Fleming presented the idea of a collaborative community enrichment initiative to promote holistic community awareness.
- Recommendation- Move that the Austin Alumnae plan a holistic community event, engaging local partners, including the Divine Nine organizations, to provide and promote activities that align with the national programmatic thrusts of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. Moved by Sherri Fleming (recommendation came from committee-no second required). Motion carried 22 for and 1 against. Minimal discussion occurred.

Financial Secretary Anita Daniels: Report included the following:

- March 2024 collections-\$118,080.00
- 335 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 Chair Shon Reed and Co-Chair Kimily Harris Johnson:

- Chapter Finance
 - Beginning balance \$171,481.23 for all accounts.



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- Ending balance \$126,350.84 for all accounts
 - The bank reconciliation for the primary banking account as of February 29, 2024 was presented.
 - The schedule for reimbursement distribution and voucher submission was shared.
 - Budget and Finance meets on April 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Budget adjustment request form is being formulated.
 - Budget adjustment requests are due by April 12, 2024.
- 49th Southwest Regional Conference Finance
 - Beginning balance \$88,896.89 as of February 29, 2024
 - Ending balance \$192,913.79 as of March 31, 2024.
- 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

Five Point Thrust

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

- College Tour data/final numbers was presented.
- Thank you was extended to the chapter for their support of the college tour.

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

- Social Action Priorities were presented.
- Volunteers are needed to support the work of the social action committee. These areas include:
 - Newsletter production
 - Social Media Education Creator
 - School Board and City Council Meetings
- Members are encouraged to become VDRs and poll workers.
- All social action activities require approval which can be obtained by filling out the jot form found on the website.
- The committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Standing Committees

Policies and Procedures Committee presented by Chair Patricia Shorter: Report included the following:



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- Thank you for attending the town hall meeting.
- Recommendations were reduced from 32 to 26.
- The vote on the recommendations will occur at Chapter meeting.

Special Committees

No report

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

New Business

No new business

Announcements:

49th Southwest Regional Conference Co-Chair Avis Gipson: Report included the following:

- I AM SW 100 deadline to receive the pin at the conference is April 8, 2024.
- Conference registration is closed. Only virtual registration will be offered.
- Volunteers are still needed to assist with the conference.
- The Convention Center site visit was approved for April 9, 2024 at 3:00p.m. It is limited to a small group of 5.
- Kudos to the Corporate Sponsorship committee and the Chapter Attire committee.
- The Chapter Attire committee presented a vest with embroidery to be purchased and worn by chapter members as host attire on Thursday of the conference and at the welcome event. The costs presented included the vest and the embroidered logo.

Arts and Letters book club event will be held on April 27, 2024 at 1:00p.m. It is open to the public and will be a virtual meeting.

Awards submission packets are due on April 15. 2024.

Austin Community College pilot program was announced. It will allow for free tuition to those who qualify from 2024 through 2029



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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 with the motion coming from LaKisha Crenshaw no opposition noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved by	Second offered by	Motion Result
Move to adopt the agenda with the additions of: no vote on policies and procedures, Avis Gipson will report on behalf of the 49 th Regional Conference.	Celeste Williams	Anita Daniels	Carried (20 for 0 against)
Move that we submit the proposed Fall 2024 Austin Alumnae Chapter Calendar for approval with the addition of the Austin Delta Foundation Partnership event of December 8, 2024 and the Executive Board Meeting on December 31, 2024.	Kacey Hanson	Motion is from committee	Carried (23 for 0 against). Discussion occurred in regards to which committees submitted input and clarification that some input was strictly budgetary and did not make the calendar.
Move that the Austin Alumnae plan a holistic community event, engaging local partners, including the Divine Nine organizations, to provide and promote activities that align with the national programmatic thrusts of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc.	Sherri Fleming	Motion is from committee	Carried (22 for 1 against). Discussion regarding possible date of event and who would lead the initiative.
Move to adjourn	LaKisha Crenshaw	Kacey Hanson	Carried on consent

Approved:

Robin Blackmon, President

Darralyn N. Johnson, Recording Secretary

Presiding Officer