



Austin Alumnae Chapter DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
In Person Meeting
Robin T. Blackmon, President Presiding Officer
September 7, 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.

Call to Order (quorum present) at 10:13 a.m. by Robin T. Blackmon.

ERT moment was presented by Co-Chair Ollie White.

Adoption of the Agenda: Correction-Monique Robertson will present for social action. Moved for adoption with correction by Kacey Hanson. 112 for 0 against. Motion carried.

Introduction and Welcome of Visiting/New Sorors: 11 Visiting sorors were in attendance. They introduced themselves, gave their chapter of initiation and a fun fact about themselves.

Order of Business

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

Correspondence reported by Corresponding Secretary LaKisha Crenshaw: The Chapter is in receipt of a thank you card from St. Louis House and a reminder was given to respond to the Delta Communication Survey. A full report from the Corresponding Secretary can be found on the members' only portal of the Chapter's website.

Chapter Reports

Officers

President Soror Robin T. Blackmon's report included the following:

- Welcomed attendees to a new sorority year and reminded us that much work is needed.
- Reminder that we are still one.
- Thank you to membership services for a great retreat with special kudos to the escape room activity.
- Thank you for the tremendous job and great work towards making the Regional Conference a success. Conference workers were recognized.
- We want to strengthen our Sister II Sister Circles. Thank you to Sorors Noble and Johnson for their tremendous work. We want to strengthen and establish relationships.



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- Ensure our programs align with Grand chapter's strategic initiatives.
- Establish and implement a clear Records and Retention plan.
- Conduct a series of leadership sessions to enlighten and inspire members to take on leadership roles in Delta, starting with Austin Alumnae.
- Revamp our Chapter's website.

Regional Conference Report

- Congratulations to those appointed to Regional leadership as well as National and State leadership positions.
- Leadership Conference was held in Shreveport and the theme was through the LENS of the Leader
 - There is vision.
 - Work the vision.
- Elections Results and Credentials from the 49th Regional Conference were presented. A full report from the President can be found on the members' only portal of the Chapter's website.

2nd Vice President Soror Kacey Hanson's report included the following:

- Moved that we move our January Executive Board meeting to Thursday January 2, 2025. Motion from Committee. Motion carried 128 For 0 Against.

Financial Secretary Soror Anita Daniels' report included the following:

- Dues amounts were presented.
- 350 members on the FY24 Roster.
- Collections (May-August) \$70,907.47.
- We are in our dues payment period (July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024). If paying by check, please submit dues by September 18, 2024. If submitting dues via Paypal, please do so by September 25, 2024. Additionally, please include your membership number and initiation date if transferring in.
- Late fees will start on October 1, 2024-no grace period.
- The full report from the financial secretary can be found in the members only portion of the Chapter's website.

Treasurer/Budget and Finance Committee Chair Soror Shon Reed's report included the following:

- Beginning balance \$104,894.98 for all accounts as of August 31, 2024.
- Ending balance (August 31, 2024) \$107,266.69 for all accounts.
- The bank reconciliation, bank statement balance and check register balance were presented.
- Budget and Finance Committee meeting was held on August 20, 2024.
- Income, expenses, and adjustments were discussed.
- Move that the budget and finance committee report of adjustments for CY 2024 be accepted as presented. Motion from Committee. Motion carried 125 For 0 Against. Some discussion around



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ADF contribution.

- Next Budget and Finance Committee meeting is October 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- The full report from the Treasurer/Budget and Finance Committee Chair can be found in the members only portion of the Chapter's website.

Assistant Treasurer Soror Kimily Johnson's report included the following:

- 49th Regional Conference: Beginning balances, Ending Balances and Budget Summaries were presented.
- A clarification was given regarding the additional funds.
- The full report from the 49th Regional Conference can be found in the members only portion of the Chapter's website.

Membership Intake Consideration:

- Members urged to visit the member only portal of the National Website to review the Membership Intake process.
- Discretion is key-direct all questions to Soror President.
- The Eboard voted to move forward with Membership Intake.
- The "Preparing for Chapter Membership Intake – Ready to Vote" video was played.
- Moved that the Austin Alumnae Chapter proceeds with membership intake process for the 2024-25 sorority year. Moved by LaKisha Crenshaw. Minimal discussion occurred.
- A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote was taken for the motion to proceed with membership intake process. 127 For 18 Against. 85 is $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. Motion carries.
- Minerva Circle nominations were handled by Carla Scott (Nominating Committee Chair). Nomination procedures were explained. Minerva Circle qualifications were explained. Nominations were taken from the floor.
- The vote for Minerva Circle is slated for the October chapter meeting.

Committee Reports

Protocol Moment presented by Cedel Evans

Five Point Thrust

Social Action report from Soror Monique Robertson:

- Upcoming social action activation dates presented.
- Social Action priorities reiterated.
- Reminder-Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is a non-partisan organization. Remember the do's and don'ts during this campaign season.
- Your Voting Plan location change to Doris Miller Auditorium
- Do not wear your letters to partisan events.



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Social Action Moment presented by Delphea Jester

Standing Committees

Membership Services report presented by Soror Alnita Foote:

- Flier for leadership series has been presented to the Chapter President and the Membership Chair.
- These sessions would provide discussions with previous leaders.
- Moved that the Austin Alumnae Chapter proceeds with the Leadership Series for the 2024-25 sorority year as presented. 116 For 0 Against. Minimal Discussion.

Internal Audit report from Chair Soror Sophia Williams:

- Committee members presented.
- 1Q24 is January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024.
- After review of the documents, the Chapter received a satisfactory rating.
- 2Q24 is April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.
- Validations were performed and pending issues were resolved.
- Reimbursements were received from National Headquarters.
- The Chapter received a satisfactory rating.
- The full report from internal audit for 1Q24 and 2Q24 can be found in the members only portion of the Chapter's website.

Physical and Mental Health Moment presented by Co-Chair Sherri Fleming

Special Committees

- N/A

Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business

New Business

- No new business

Announcements:

- ACC will not be available the first Saturday in October or December-additional meeting spaces are being scouted.
- Save the date December 8, 2024. Scholarship Fundraiser. Tickets cost \$100.
- Passwords shown.
- Celebration of Soror accomplishments occurred (graduation and acceptance to the Fellowes program).



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Motion for Adjournment: Move to adjourn offered by Donna Jackson. Carried on Consent. Adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Ritualistic Closing: Chapter closed in due form.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

Executive Board meeting October 1, 2024 virtual

Chapter meeting October 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in person- To Be Determined.



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SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Motion	Moved by	Second Offered by	Motion Results
Move to approve agenda with correction.	Kacey Hanson	Gloria Williams	Motion Carried (112 For 0 Against, no discussion)
Move that we move our January Executive Board Meeting to Thursday January 2, 2025.	Kacey Hanson	Motion is from committee	Motion Carried (128 For 0 Against)
Move that the budget and finance committee report of adjustments for CY 2024 be accepted as presented.	Shon Reed	Motion is from committee	Motion Carried (125 For 0 Against).
Move that the Austin Alumnae Chapter proceeds with membership intake process for the 2024-25 sorority year.	LaKisha Crenshaw	Motion is from committee	Motion Carried (127 For 18 Against. 85 is $\frac{2}{3}$ majority) Minimal Discussion occurred- last two membership intake dates and the year designation
Move that the Austin Alumnae Chapter proceeds with the Leadership Series for the 2024-25 sorority.	Alnita Foote	Motion is from committee	Motion Carried (116 For 0 Against) Minimal discussion regarding session schedule and content.
Move to Adjourn	Donna Jackson	Anita Daniels	Carried on Consent

Approved:

Robin Blackmon, President
Presiding Officer

Darralyn N. Johnson, Recording Secretary



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