



# AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

## **Executive Board Minutes (Virtual)**

**October 29, 2024**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Presiding Officer, Robin T. Blackmon, Chapter President**

Legal Notice read by Soror Laronica Moise.

Call to Order 7:00 p.m. by President Blackmon with a quorum present.

Emergency Response presented by ERT Co-Chair Soror Ollie White.

Adoption of the Agenda. Correction/removal noted-there will not be a motion for action of the chapter calendar. That motion will be presented for the December meeting. Soror Kacey Hanson moved to approve the agenda with noted correction/removal. The motion passed 17 For and 0 Against.

Meditation/Reflection provided by Soror June Murphy.

**Approval of October Executive Board Minutes: Recording Secretary Soror Darralyn Johnson** reported that the October Eboard meeting minutes were uploaded to the members only portal of the Chapter's website. No corrections or additions were made, the minutes stand approved as submitted.

### **Correspondence reported by Corresponding Secretary Soror La'Kisha Crenshaw:**

The Chapter received correspondence from the following:

- National Protocol and Traditions Committee regarding a webinar on October 30, 2024.
- Thank you card from Alpha Kappa Alpha Association community development.
- Invitation from Beyond The Ballot-Post Election Empowering on November 7, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
- Save the date for DDNC-March 21-25, 2025.
- Invitation to SAFE's free celebration luncheon on November 14, 2024.
- Invitation to Ebenezer Third Baptist Church Sesquicentennial-February 16, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

A full report from the corresponding secretary can be found on the members' only portion of the Chapter's website.

## **Chapter Reports**

### **Officers**

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

- Congratulations and thank you to Social Action on amazing efforts during this election cycle.
- Special thank you to Soror Krishella Chandler-Robinson for her efforts with making Stroll to the Polls a success.
- Kudos to Educational Development and Economic Development on an informative session of preparing for college.
- Ten sorors are needed to work directly with Austin Delta Foundation for the Scholarship Fundraiser efforts.
- Condolences to the family of Soror Anita Swain who suffered a stroke and has passed

away.

- Regional Updates-Chapter Calendar is due by the end of December.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Soror Jacqueline Habersham's report included the following:**

- National Reclamation Month Austin Alumnae Chapter event-November 17, 2024 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The theme is "So Thankful for My Sisters". The location is the Huston-Tillotson University Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.
- Jingle and Mingle will occur on December 7, 2024 after Chapter meeting.
- White Christmas for our sick and shut in sorors will occur on December 11, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Names are still being accepted.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Kacey Hanson's report included the following:**

- The Chapter calendar dates are being fine-tuned.
- PP & D will meet in November.
- All programs of the chapter should align with the strategic plan, specifically lining up with National agendas and with clear evaluation processes.
- There's a request to have a virtual April Chapter meeting.
- Currently there are 77 events on the calendar and the budget for the fall needs to be developed.
- All programmatic corrections are needed by Thursday and strategic planning can receive information also by Thursday.

**Financial Secretary Soror Anita Daniels' report included the following:**

- Dues amounts were presented.
- 354 members on the FY24 Roster.
- Collections (as of October 25, 2024) \$5035.00.
- We are in our dues payment period (July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024). If paying by check or PayPal, please include your membership number and last name at the time of crossing.
- The reinstatement fee will be collected starting December 31, 2024.
- 254 members currently on the FY25 Roster.
- 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 \$132,901.32 for all accounts.
- Ending balance (October 25, 2024) \$128,647.01 for all accounts.
- The bank reconciliation, bank statement and check register balances were presented.
- The Budget and Finance CY 24 adjustments were presented.
- Motion from the Budget and Finance Committee-moved that the Budget and Finance Committee report of adjustments for CY 24, be accepted as presented. Moved by Shon Reed. 22 For and 1 against. Motion carried.
- Budget and Finance Committee presented the CY 2025 Budget.
- Motion from the Budget and Finance Committee- Moved that the Budget and Finance Committee report for the new CY 25 be accepted as presented. Moved by Shon Reed. 24 For and 0 against. Motion carried.
- The full report from the Treasurer/Budget and Finance Committee Chair can be found

in the members only portion of the Chapter's website.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Five Point Thrust**

#### **International Awareness and Involvement report from Chair Soror Akeshia Johnson-Smothers:**

- World AIDS Day Celebration:
  - Partnering with community organizations again this year.
  - A proclamation from City Hall will be issued on December 12, 2024.
  - Black Tie Affair from 6:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m. with a free dinner.
  - AAC will facilitate the panel discussion and provide honorariums.
  - Registration is now open.

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Nominating Committee report from Chair Soror Carla Scott**

- Chapter Awards:
  - 2024 call for awards was presented.
  - Six-chapter awards will be given.
  - The nomination form has been revamped.
  - Nominations will open on November 1<sup>st</sup> and close on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Nominated sorors will be revealed at the December executive board and chapter meetings.
  - The scoring guidelines have been submitted.
- Chapter officer nominations will open on December 7, 2024 and end on February 4, 2025.

### **Special Committees:**

#### **Founders Day report from Chair Soror Tamala Saldana**

- Austin Public Library is the venue.
- Tickets are \$75.00.
- January 26, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. with a 1:30 p.m. reception.
- This is a closed event.
- Delta Day of Service will occur on January 25, 2025.

#### **Minerva Circle report from Chair Soror Donna Jackson**

- Information presented to the Executive Board is for information only.
- DID trainings will happen next month.
- Tentative calendar and budget were presented.
- Additional associate sorors were appointed.
- Recommendations regarding Odyssey and Minerva Circle Odyssey attendance costs will be forthcoming.
- Trained chapter members will cover their Odyssey attendance costs.
- The Chapter cannot use the membership cost (\$400) for the Odyssey experience.

- Sisterhood luncheon attendees who are Chapter members must pay for their lunch.
- Membership intake is not a fundraiser.
- There is a potential of 88 candidates.

### **Website Committee report from Chair Soror Zabrina Hoggard**

- Committee discussed currently pitfalls and deficiencies of our current website.
- Recommendation is to revamp and upgrade which will allow a third party to design and possibly maintain site/update.
- Proposals presented from three vendors.
- Moved that the chapter contract JOA Creative to redesign the chapter website at a cost not to exceed \$7000. Moved by Zabrina Hoggard. Robust discussion regarding reviewing documents and services that will be received. 17 For and 5 Against. Motion Carried.

### **Unfinished Business N/A**

### **New Business N/A**

### **Announcements**

- We will meet at ACC for the November meeting.
- Chapter photos will be taken before the November Chapter meeting.
- We will return to TxEA for the December meeting.

**Adjournment:** Move to adjourn offered by Kacey Hanson. Carried on Consent. Adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

#### **Executive Board**

#### **Virtual**

Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Chapter Meeting**

#### **In-Person**

Saturday November 2, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Austin Community College  
6018 Wilhelmina Delco Drive  
Austin, Texas 78752

Saturday, December 7, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Texas Empowerment Academy  
5800 E. Parmer Lane  
Austin, TX 78753

## SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Motion	Moved by	Second Offered by	Motion Results
Move to approve agenda with noted correction/removal.	Kacey Hanson	Anita Daniels	Motion Carried (17 For 0 Against) no discussion
Moved that the Budget and Finance Committee report of adjustments for CY 24, be accepted as presented.	Shon Reed	Motion is from committee	Motion Carried (22 For 1 Against) No discussion
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Move to Adjourn	Kacey Hanson	Shon Reed	Carried on Consent

Approved:

Robin Blackmon, President  
Presiding Officer

Darralyn N. Johnson, Recording Secretary