



# AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

## Executive Board Minutes (Virtual)

December 3, 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. No changes noted. Soror Anita Daniels moved to approve the agenda with no changes. The motion passed 23 For and 0 Against.

Meditation/Reflection provided by Soror Joan Roberts Scott.

### **Approval of October Executive Board Minutes: Recording Secretary Soror Darralyn**

**Johnson** reported that the November 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:

- Thank you card from Soror Alta Alexander in recognition of the Chapter's response to their bereavement of Soror Swain.
- Invitation from "What's In The Mirror?"-a program in recognition of World AIDS Day. December 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- Omega Psi Phi Omega Nu Nu Chapter
  - Informational Session on December 13, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
  - Chartering Celebration December 14, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.
- Communications reminders were given.
- Band App information was presented.
- Corresponding Secretary contact information was given.

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:**

- Greetings and happy holidays were extended to the attendees.
- Acknowledgement of emotions tied to the election results were expressed.
  - We are stronger than our weakest moments.
  - Be encouraged, we will make it.
  - Take care of yourself.
- Thank you to Social Action for guiding us through preparing and equipping our community with the tools to participate in this election cycle.

- Scholarship fundraiser (in partnership with ADF) are still on sale.
- Chapter meeting will be at Texas Empowerment Academy and followed by Jingle and Mingle.
- White Christmas is upcoming.
- Regional update-information regarding the State meeting is pending.
- National Headquarters update-Ritual and Ceremonies webinar was on 12/2/2024 and all are encouraged to review the presentation. A number of changes were presented.

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

- PP & D meeting::
  - Quorum was present.
  - 98 total calendar submissions were presented.
  - Date changes/modifications had to be made to some events.
  - Events align with National Headquarters agenda.
  - Event Impact:
    - 53 Community
    - 41 Organization Health
  - Committee approved calendar to present to chapter for approval.
- Move that the Chapter approve the 2025 Austin Alumnae Chapter calendar. Motion by Kacey Hanson. No discussion. 22 For and 0 against. Motion carried.

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

- Collections (as of November 30, 2024) \$11687.88.
- When paying dues, please include your membership number and last name at the time of crossing.
- The reinstatement fee will be collected starting January 1, 2025.
- Dues amounts were presented.
- 353 members on the FY24 Roster.
- 284 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 \$132,582.07 for all accounts.
- Ending balance (November 30, 2024) \$122,933.07 for all accounts.
- The bank reconciliation, bank statement and check register balances were presented.
- Moved that the properties budget be restored to the remaining amount for CY2024. Moved by Shon Reed. Second received and discussion regarding the actual dollar amount, reason for the change in the budgeting occurred. The motion was amended.
- Amendment to the motion- move to amend the motion to insert \$2116.41 by Shon Reed. 2<sup>nd</sup> received. 22 For and 0 Against. Two-Third vote required (15). Motion carries.
- Full Motion: Move that the properties budget be restored to the remaining amount of \$2116.41 of CY2024. Motion by Shon Reed. 22 For 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

### **Nominating Committee report from committee member Soror Lisa Newman**

- Soror of the Year nominations-3 names slated.
  - Robin Blackmon
  - Darralyn Johnson
  - Celeste Williams
- Violet in Bloom nomination
  - Traci Morgan
- Founders Awards
  - Jessie McGuire Dent-3 names slated
    - Krishella Chandler-Robinson
    - Veronica Johnson
    - Latasha Robinson
  - No nominations received for the following awards and no names were slated:
    - Frederica Chase Dodd
    - Myra Davis Hemmings
    - Zephyr Chisolm Carter
- Chapter Officer Nominations
  - Guide detailing the nominations process and nomination form will be available on December 7, 2024.
  - Nominations will open on December 7, 2024 and end on February 1, 2025.
  - Working session to go over campaign rules and processes will occur on February 4, 2025.
  - Candidate profiles are due on February 25, 2025.
  - Nominations will be received from the floor on March 4, 2025.

### **Election Committee report from Chair Soror Renee Conley**

- Election will be for chapter awards only.
- There is a cut off of 10:40 a.m.
- The ballot will be emailed at approximately 10:45 a.m.
- Election results will be revealed at the Founders Day program in January.

### **Five Point Thrust**

#### **Social Action report from Co-Chair Soror Veronica Johnson:**

- Thank you to the Chapter for their involvement during this election cycle.
- Rest, practice self-care and refocus for the continued social action journey.
- There is a Social Action groupme for non-partisan information only. The QR code was shared.
- Boards and Commissions still need positions filled.
- The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bloody Sunday will be commemorated on March 9, 2025 in Selma, Alabama.
- Texas Legislative information session will be held for sorors.
- Bill tracking presentation will be given at Chapter Meeting.

## **Standing Committees**

### **Heritage and Archives report from Co-Chair Tashia Coleman**

- Partnered with Chaplains committee
- Developed a plan for a disposition of Delta items prior to the death of a soror.
- Jot Form developed to capture final wishes of a soror.
  - Member information
  - Emergency Contacts
  - Educational and professional history
  - Omega Omega wishes
  - Disposition of Delta items
- The jot form can be saved and added to personal files.
- QR code to the jot form was presented.

## **Special Committees:**

### **Founders Day report from Co-Chair Soror Kelly Smith**

- Theme: Rooted in Resilience: Honoring The Legacy, Empowering the Future.
- Austin Public Library is the venue.
- Date January 26, 2025.
- Tickets are available.
- Attire is red with pearls.
- Delta Day of Service will occur on January 25, 2025.
  - Three physical locations
    - Williamson County Children's Center-Blankets
    - Ronald McDonald House (Mueller)-50 meals
    - Ronald McDonald House (South)-preparing snacks and children activities
  - One virtual option
    - Austin Diaper Bank
    - Donation of baby diapers and adult products

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

- Budget based on 88 candidates.
- Revenue forecast: \$104,520.00
- Odyssey experience is a two day event and trained chapter members can attend and must pay \$50.00.
- Sisterhood luncheon will be at the Embassy Suites Round Rock.
- Budget and Calendar will be uploaded to the member's only portal of the Chapter's website and a vote will be taken at Chapter meeting on December 7, 2024.

## **Unfinished Business N/A**

## **New Business N/A**

## **Announcements**

- We will return to TxEA for the December meeting with Jingle and Mingle immediately after.
- White Christmas will be December 14, 2024 the attendees will meet at the Parsons

House (El Camino and Cameron Road) at 9:00 a.m.

- Scholarship Fundraiser is on December 8, 2024.
- Delta Dears luncheon at Another Broken Egg next Thursday.

**Adjournment:** Move to adjourn offered by LaKisha Crenshaw. Carried on Consent.  
Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

## SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Motion	Moved by	Second Offered by	Motion Results
Move to approve agenda with no changes.	Anita Daniels	LaKisha Crenshaw	Motion Carried (23 For 0 Against) no discussion
Move that the Chapter approve the 2025 Austin Alumnae Chapter calendar.	Kacey Hanson	Motion is from committee	Motion Carried (22 For 0 Against) No discussion
Moved that the properties budget be restored to the remaining amount for CY2024.	Shon Reed	Anita Daniels	Discussion: actual dollar amount, replacement of white robes, delivery time and time of order. Amendment to the motion occurred.
Move to amend the motion to insert \$2116.41	Shon Reed	Kacey Hanson	22 For 0 against. 2/3 vote required-15. Motion Carried
Final Motion-Move that the properties budget be restored to the remaining amount of \$2116.41 for CY2024.	Shon Reed		Motion Carried (22 For and 0 Against)
Move to Adjourn	LaKisha Crenshaw	Shon Reed	Carried on Consent

Approved:

Robin Blackmon, President  
Presiding Officer

Darralyn N. Johnson, Recording Secretary