



# AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

## Chapter Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

Ritualistic Opening in due form.

Legal notice read by Soror Joi Harden.

Call to Order 10:04 a.m. by President Blackmon with a quorum present.

Emergency Response presented by Soror Krishella Chandler-Robinson and Aliza Brown.

Adoption of the Agenda. Soror Donna Jackson moved for the adoption of the agenda as presented. The motion passed 129 For and 0 Against.

Visiting Sorors were welcomed by President Blackmon.

Arts and Letters gave a special recognition to Soror Johnnie Overton in honor of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Approval of October Chapter Minutes: Recording Secretary Soror Darralyn Johnson**

reported that the October Chapter 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.
- Austin Area Urban League Basketball Classic.
- Communications reminders were given.
- Band app information was presented.

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.
- 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.

- Thank you to sorors that attended the St. Louise House fundraiser.
- DID training on November 9<sup>th</sup> and MIT training on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Regional Updates-Chapter Calendar is due by the end of December.
- No National Headquarters updates.

**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 will run from January-December 2025.
- The calendar is being finalized and can be viewed in the member's only portal of the Chapter's website.
- Committee chairs should check that their budget allocations can support their programming.
- Strategic planning will work with programming.

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

- Dues amounts were presented.
- 356 members on the FY24 Roster.
- Collections (as of October 31, 2024) \$7867.50.
- 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 after December 31, 2024.
- 263 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 31, 2024) \$129,117.98 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. 130 For and 0 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. 130 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:
  - December 6, 2024
  - Partnering with community organizations again this year.
  - 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.

#### **Social Action Moment (yielded to Strategic Planning) presented by Soror Dewi Smith**

### **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>.
  - Chapter vote to determine awardees will be on December 7, 2024 conducted by the Elections Committee.
- Chapter officer nominations will open on December 7, 2024 and end on February 4, 2025. Information will be distributed at Chapter meeting.

### **Special Committees:**

#### **Founders Day report from Chair Soror Tamala Saldana and Kelly Smith**

- January 26, 2025
- Austin Public Library is the venue.
- Tickets are \$75.00.
- This is a closed event.
- Delta Day of Service will occur on January 25, 2025.

#### **Minerva Circle report from Leader of the Minerva Circle Soror Donna Jackson**

- Tentative calendar and budget were presented. A final version of each will be presented at the December chapter meeting for review and action.
- Additional associate sorors were appointed.
  - Melva Evans
  - Shon Reed
  - Cassandra Ringer
  - Latasha Robinson
- Considerations are being explored for a two day Odyssey experience.
- Trained chapter members will cover their Odyssey attendance costs.
- The Chapter cannot use the membership cost (\$400) for the Odyssey experience.

- A decision needs to be made if the Minerva Circle's costs will be covered for the Odyssey experience.

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

- Committee discussed current 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. 103 For and 4 Against. Motion Carried.

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

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

### **Announcements**

- We will meet at Texas Empowerment Academy for the December meeting.
- Founders Day QR code was shared

**Adjournment:** Move to adjourn offered by Donna Jackson. Carried on Consent.

### **Ritualistic Closing in due form.**

Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

### **Executive Board Virtual**

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

### **Chapter Meeting In-Person**

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.	Donna Jackson	Paulette Walls	Motion Carried (129 For 0 Against)
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Move to Adjourn	Donna Jackson	Patricia Shorter	Carried on Consent

Approved:

Robin Blackmon, President  
Presiding Officer

Darralyn N. Johnson, Recording Secretary