



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Chapter Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Presiding Officer, Robin T. Blackmon, Chapter President

Ritualistic Opening in due form.

Legal notice read by Soror Laronica Moise.

Call to Order 10:01 a.m. by President Blackmon with a quorum present.

Emergency Response presented by Soror Morton.

Adoption of the Agenda. Soror Celeste Williams moved for the adoption of the agenda as presented. The motion passed 91 For and 0 Against.

Twelve visiting sorors were welcomed by President Blackmon.

Approval of November Chapter Board Minutes: Recording Secretary Soror Darralyn Johnson reported that the November 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:

- Thank you card from Soror Alta Alexander in recognition of the Chapter's response to their bereavement of Soror Swain.
- Thank you card from Soror Dewi Smith in recognition of the Chapter's support of SAFE luncheon.
- Thank you card from Soror Nola Dilworth for kindness shown towards her.
- Omega Psi Phi Omicron Nu Nu Chapter
 - Informational Session on December 13, 2024 at 6:00-9:30 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.
 - Delta did the work.
 - We are stronger than our weakest moments.
 - Be encouraged, we will make it.
 - Take care of yourself.
- Scholarship fundraiser tickets (in partnership with ADF) are still on sale. It's a day

- party.
- White Christmas, meet at the Parsons House (El Camino and Cameron Road) at 9:00 a.m.
 - Regional update-Economic Development launched a savings plan to prepare for the 57th National Convention.
 - 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.

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

- PP & D meeting:
 - Kudos to the chairs for meeting deadlines for requested information, changes and submitting the requested information.
 - 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 to adopt the 2025 Chapter calendar as presented. Motion by Kacey Hanson. No discussion. 108 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.
- December 16, 2024 is the cutoff for FY25 dues.
- 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.
- Full Motion: Move that the properties budget be restored to the remaining amount of \$2116.41 of CY2024. Motion by Shon Reed. 113 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 (3 Minute Limit)

Nominating Committee report from Committee Chair Carla Scott

- Recognized the nominating committee.
- Winners will be announced at the Founders Day celebration.
- Soror of the Year nominations-3 names slated.
 - Robin Blackmon
 - Darralyn Johnson
 - Celeste Williams
- Violet in Bloom nomination
 - Tracie 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
 - Nominations guide detailing the nominations process and nomination was distributed and will be emailed by the Corresponding Secretary.
 - 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

- Election will be for chapter awards only.
- Members must be present by 10:40 a.m. to receive a ballot.
- Ballot launched at 11:10 a.m.

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.

Social Action Moment presented by Soror Monique Robertson

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.

Physical and Mental Health Moment presented by Soror April Briscoe

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 Advocacy Center-Blankets (30 sorors are needed to volunteer).
 - Ronald McDonald House (Mueller)-50 meals (10 sorors are needed to volunteer-2 will serve as shoppers).
 - Ronald McDonald House (South)-preparing snacks and children activity kits (15 sorors needed to volunteer).
 - One virtual option
 - Austin Diaper Bank
 - Donation of baby diapers and adult products. An Amazon wish list will be created.

Minerva Circle report from Chair Soror Donna Jackson

- This information is confidential and to be held in confidence.
- 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 presented.
- Move to adopt the membership intake budget and calendar as presented. Motion by Donna Jackson. No discussion. 107 For and 0 Against. Motion carried.

94th Anniversary and H & A Moment presented by Soror Tashia Coleman

Unfinished Business N/A

New Business N/A

Announcements

- We will return to ACC for the January meeting
- 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 and tickets are available for purchase.
- December 12 Zoom on voter engagement for sorors only.
- Black Awards were held on December 6, 2024 and kudos to Soror Akeshia Smothers and International Awareness and Involvement Thrust for their involvement and partnership with other community organizations.

Adjournment: Move to adjourn offered by Kacey Hansen. Carried on Consent.

Ritualistic Closing in due form.

Adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Jingle and Mingle fellowship after chapter meeting adjournment.

Upcoming Meetings

Executive Board

Virtual

Thursday, January 2, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Chapter Meeting

In-Person

Saturday, January 4, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Austin Community College
6018 Wilhelmina Delco Drive
Austin, TX 78752

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Motion	Moved by	Second Offered by	Motion Results
Move to approve agenda with no changes.	Celeste Williams	Tamala Saldana	Motion Carried (91 For 0 Against) no discussion
Move to adopt the 2025 Chapter calendar as presented.	Kacey Hanson	Motion is from committee	Motion Carried (108 For 0 Against) No discussion
Move that the properties budget be restored to the remaining amount of \$2116.41 of CY2024.	Shon Reed	Motion is from committee (executive board)	Motion Carried (113 For 0 Against) No discussion
Move to adopt the membership intake budget and calendar as presented.	Donna Jackson	Anita Daniels	Motion Carried (107 For and 0 Against)
Move to Adjourn	Kacey Hanson	Sandra Marshall	Carried on Consent

Approved:

Robin Blackmon, President
Presiding Officer

Darralyn N. Johnson, Recording Secretary