

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Tampa Alumnae Chapter

General Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
04/18/2020

The meeting was called to order at **9:30am** by the Chapter President, Alicia Warren. Soror Chonta Haynes shared the inspirational word.

The agenda was adopted by consensus with no noted corrections. The minutes were accepted with below corrections submitted prior to the meeting by Soror Chonta Haynes:

Meeting Minute Section	Error	Correction
Page 1: President’s Message	Line 1: DSSTA	DSTTA
	3 rd Bullet: Paulette Walker	Dr. Paulette Walker
Page 2: Executive Board recommendations	1 st Bullet	Leadership Action Item
	Line 2: Brenna Fields Taylor	Soror Brenna Fields Taylor
Page 2: Budget and Finance	Bullet 2	Remove extra “\$” under income
	Bullet 3; line 2	Insert the...missed the opportunity
Page 2- First VP Report	Line 1- T-Shirt	T-Shirts
Page 2- Political Awareness	Line 3	Children’s Board
Page 2- Arts and Letters	Line 2- Nobles	Noble
Page 2- Economic Development	Economic	Economic Development
	Line 2- register	registered
Page 3- Second VP Report- Nomination Committee	Line 2: President and Treasurer Positions	President and Treasurer
Page 3-		End the quote for “The Day in the Life of DSTTA Leadership”
Page 3- Membership Month	Line 4 neighbor	neighborhood
Page 3- Audit Report	Line 1- Finding	Findings
Page 3- 3 rd VP Report- Queen of Hearts	Line 2- table Line 3- “if a soror...” Line 4- March 10 th is date Line 4- Will be notified time Line 5- seat	Line 2 -tables Line 3: “if a soror has...” Line 4: March 10 th is the date Line 4: will be notified of the time Line 5: seats
For the Good of the Order	Bullet 5- New DEARS	New Delta DEARS
Page 4	Bullet 3- answering call	Answering the call
	Bullet 5- Sabrina Griffith ...can return home	Sabrina Griffith’s ...she can return home

During the meeting, the following corrections were made to the minutes:

Soror Leslie Brown had one correction under the “Good of the Order” section requesting that DEARS be capitalized as this word is an acronym.

Soror DeVonne McKeever-Daniels requested that the word “Shulers” be changed to accurately reflect “Shula”.

Correspondence – Soror Sandra Cooke

- “Thank You” card for acts of kindness received during recent hospital stay- from Soror Della Gaddie.
- Campaign materials received from Soror Donna Bowman. She is campaigning for Southern Regional Director
- Campaign materials received from Soror Joannell Lawson of Tampa Alumnae Chapter. She is campaigning for Southern Regional Director
- Alabama A&M University- Requesting financial donations for displaced students as result of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Hospitality – Soror Sabrina

- Visiting/new sorors 3.
- Birthday recognitions- Soror Warren gave cheers to March and April birthdays

President’s Message - Soror Alicia Warren-

See full report on DSSTA website

- National/Regional Chapter Updates- Regional Conference is cancelled. If a Soror purchased a Southern Regional Shirt, your funds will be reimbursed.
- There are plans for a Leadership Conference in the Fall of 2020. Details to be determined. It is unknown how Regional elections will be held. Chapter elections will be held in September 2020.
- Follow-up on March 2020 Action Items- the NAACP Freedom dinner has been cancelled.
- All remaining chapter activities will be facilitated virtually.
- Nominations of new chapter officers has been moved to the Fall. Soror Alicia Warren made a request of the Regional Director to allow the Chapter to proceed with nominations prior to Fall, but this request was denied. It was noted that the current slate of candidates is lacking due to Sorors not expressing an interest. Soror Alicia Warren shared that it is her expectation that members display the same excitement during this process as exhibited when volunteering for Jewels. Sorors were encouraged to reach out to Soror DeVonne McKeever-Daniels if they are interested in serving as a chapter officer.
- Committee chairs were commended for reviewing calendars and being flexible in having virtual meetings when possible.
- An announcement was made regarding Soror Joanel Lawson running for Southern Regional Director. Soror Angela Brown is on the campaign team. The campaign slogan is “Lean In”. Sorors were encouraged to join fundraising efforts at LeaninwithLawson.com. Donations and other contributions can be made via cash app, paypal, and checks.

Meeting Locked Down at 10:00am- there were 160 attendees that participated in the virtual meeting. Soror Sandra Fletcher shared that the Chapter met criteria for establishing a quorum.

MIT- Soror Leslie Brown, Leader of Minerva Circle

- All 35 candidates were notified that the New Membership Intake Process has been postponed and will resume in September. Candidates were given an opportunity to withdraw their applications, but all elected to move forward. Sorors were asked to have minimal contact and no discussion regarding the process. Soror Leslie Brown updated the MIT calendar. All venues have been contacted and contract revisions made with new dates. The candidates have not been provided a copy of the updated calendar. The new calendar is confidential and can be found in the Members Only portal on our DSTTA website. Any questions about the process must be directed to Soror Leslie Brown, LMC, and/or Soror Alicia Warren, Chapter President.
- **Action Item-** Soror Leslie Brown, LMC, moved to accept the Executive Board’s recommendation to move forward with the revised calendar changes and budget. No second motion was needed as she is the chair. Motion Carried: Yes (148) NO (0)

Budget and Finance Report – Soror Tiffany Conyers and Soror Briana Joseph (see reports)

- **Budget Report** - for March 2020: Program Bank Balance: \$109,848.22; Administrative Bank Balance: \$139,030.47; Funds Managed by D.E.L.T.A. INC: \$11,371.00; Saving BOA: \$8,770.12.

The Budget and Finance Committee will begin issuing refunds to Sorors who purchased a

Regional Conference T-Shirt. Any expenses needed for reimbursement should be sent to the chapter P.O. Box. This information is important for planning budgets for next year. Soror Chonta Haynes asked the chapter to consider changing our banking financial institution as other financial institutions offer better rates. Soror Alicia Warren stated the Chapter will take it under advisement; however, Bank of America (BOA) is the bank of choice by National Headquarters as BOA allows easy access for transferring funds.

- **Financial Report-** for March 2020 – Income for April 2020- \$17,460; Carryover Total from March-\$242,046.85; Grand Total- \$259,506.85

Policies and Procedures- Soror Tayanna Richardson, Chair

- Soror Tayanna Richardson provided an overview of suggested changes to Policies and Procedures. There must be a 2/3rd vote in favor of the change in order for the vote to pass.

Action Items on Policies

- Soror Richardson made a motion to Bundle the following Articles due to the amendments only providing clarification: #1, #3, and #4. No second motion is required as Soror Richardson is the chair. Motion Carried (Yes-143; No-0)
- Recommended Changes to Bundled Articles #1, #3, #4. Soror Leslie Brown moved to accept the recommended changes made to #1, #3, and #4. Soror Joannell Lawson seconded the motion. Total Voted-138 Motion Carried. (Yes-138; No- 0)
- #2 (Relating to the Composition of the Executive Board)- Soror Tonja Brickhouse moved to accept recommended changes. Soror Yolanda Lee seconded the motion. Total Voted-140. Motion Carried (Yes: 139; No 1)
- #5- (Article 3 relating to Corresponding Secretary) Change language to reflect “assist President with the preparation and distribution of monthly chapter newsletter”. Soror Sandra Cooke moved to accept recommended changes. Soror Chonta Haynes seconded the motion. Total Voted-139 Motion Carried (Yes 139; No-0)
- #6-(Article 3 relating to Corresponding Secretary) Proposed to delete sections 4A and 4B and amend to read “articles for newsletter must be submitted by deadline and be approved by President for inclusion in the newsletter prior to distribution.” Soror Chonta Haynes moved to accept the recommended changes. Soror Erica Bethune seconded the motion. Total Voted-142; Motion Carried (Yes 140; No-2)
- #6 (For the Good of the Order) Soror Dora Mays moved to add the following language “announcement must be submitted in writing prior to the end of the chapter meeting”. Soror Dioan Johnson seconded the motion. Total Voted- 139; Motion Carried (Yes 93; No 46).
- #6 (Proposal #6) After much discussion, Soror Tayanna Richardson made motion to table the entire Proposal #6 for discussion during the May meeting. Soror Katina Robinson seconded the motion. Total Voted -128 Motion Carried (Yes-124; No-4)

Extended meeting past 12:00pm. Soror Audrey Moore made the motion to extend meeting past 12:00pm and Soror Katina Robinson seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Total Voted 148. Motion Carried (Yes-137; No-11)

**It should be noted that because of a major storm, zoom virtual internet connections were being disrupted; therefore, sorors were prevented from participating in the discussion on the proposed changes

to the Policies and Procedures.

- Article III related to duties and responsibilities of elected officers: Soror Chonta Haynes moved to bundle items #7, #10, #11 due to sake of time. Soror Joanell Lawson seconded the motion. Total Vote-133. Motion Carried (Yes-131; No-2)
- Motion made to table further discussion on Policies and Procedures. Soror Dora Mays made motion to table voting on changes to Policies and Procedures due to technical issues interfering with the ability to participate in the discussion and vote. Soror Sabrina Griffith seconded the motion. After additional discussion of need to continue with the process, Soror Dora Mays and Soror Sabrina Griffith withdrew their motion. The chapter continued reviewing and voting on Policies and Procedures
- Soror Tayanna Richardson, Chair, moved to accept recommended changes to bundled articles #7, #10, #11. Due to technical difficulty, Soror Alicia Warren loss connectivity and First Vice President, Soror Brenda Webb Johnson, interceded. Total vote-123. Motion Carried. (Yes 123; No 0)
- Article III relating to elected officers and other leadership positions. Add under #9 “the chapter will reimburse sorors, parents, and community volunteers the base fee of the background check once they have volunteered a minimum of 4 sessions.” Soror Tayanna Richardson, Chair, moved to accept the recommendation. Since she is chair, a second is not needed. Total voted 136. Motion Carried (Yes-126; No-10)
- #12- Article IV referencing committee duties and responsibilities. Amend current language to reflect: “in the case of a soror’s death, flowers will be sent according to the Protocol and Traditions Manual. In addition, the Courtesy Committee will send the family a resolution, using the sample resolution template.” Soror Tayanna Richardson moved to accept the proposed changes. No second needed. Total Voted 127. Motion Carried (Yes 127; No-0)
- #13 Article IV referencing member services under section 5-Courtesy: recommended to amend the language to read “Sorors who have been a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for 25 or 50 years and are financial members shall receive a specific recognition memoir from National Headquarters.” Soror Tayanna Richardson moved as Chair to accept the proposed changes. Total Voted 126. Motion Carried (Yes 123; No 3)
- Soror Tayanna Richardson moved to table remaining items until May Chapter meeting. Total Votes 126. Motion Carried (Yes-123; No-3)
- Soror Joanell Lawson thanked Soror Tayanna Richardson and her team for all their hard work on the Policies and Procedures.

First Vice President’s Report - Soror Barbara Webb Johnson

See full report on DSSTA website

- Soror Brenda referred sorors to read the First Vice President Report. All committees will continue to work and meet virtually.

Second Vice President’s Report - Soror Sabrina Griffith

See full report on DSSTA website

- Soror Griffith directed sorors to review the Secondary Vice President’s Report

- Kudos to **technology team** for all their hard work!!!
- **Arts and Letters and Membership** is looking at doing a movie date. Remember to abide by stay at home guidelines and use a cloth face mask when going outside.
- **Founders Day**- It will be held next year at Young Middle Conference Center. The committee will be providing information on the details of the meeting.

Third Vice President's Report - Soror Angela Brown

See full report on DSSTA website

- **Queen of Hearts** – The event has been postponed and will be held in the Fall. The purchase of ads and giving donations are welcomed
- Kudos for Wakanda Zoom Party. Special thanks to our President Alicia Warren and technology team for making it happen. All had a great time.
- **NPHC**- Greek Games has been postponed to 2021.
- **Fundraising**- We Vote t-shirts and Chapter jackets will be ordered in the Fall
- **Club Delta**- It has been cancelled

Summary for the Good of the Order Soror -Sandra Cooke

- Submitted for D.E.L.T.A., Inc. by Soror Iowanna Whitman-Tims, President: Sorors, THANK YOU to everyone who supported our 2020 scholarship initiative through your generous donations to D.E.L.T.A., INC. This year our 501(c)3 nonprofit organization will provide scholarship awards totaling \$12,090.00. Included in this amount is \$5,640.00 in scholarships awarded to two Delta GEM graduates and one EMBODI graduate, as well as, book stipends for four Tampa Alumnae Daughters and Sons, sponsored by a private donor. The remaining \$6,450.00 will be awarded through our dedicated/named scholarships that are sponsored by private benefactors.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Warren, President

Dawne Gullatt, Recording Secretary

Lorita Shirley, Asst Recording Secretary



Program Planning and Development Committee Reports

Dr. Brenda Webb Johnson, 1st Vice President – April 2020

Arts and Letters Committee: dsttaarts@gmail.com Chair Shenika Baisley-Woodley: Youth Art Exhibit was another huge success Next Circle of Friends Book Club: Friday, May 8, 2020 from 6:30 pm – 8:30pm.

Netflix Party – Date/Time: TBD Collaboration with Membership Services

Virtual Painting with a Twist- Date/Time: TBD Collaboration with Membership Services

Next Committee Meeting: Sunday April 19, 2020 from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm via Zoom

Economic Development Committee: dsttaecondev@gmail.com Chair Kay Lee-Smith: Financial Literacy event on April 19th will distribute information via email and the Level Up program is working on details to make this a virtual collaboration.

Next Committee Meeting: April 21, 2020 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm via conference call

Educational Development: Coordinator, Angie Fields: All face to face activities have been suspended for the year. Virtual activity will take place in April. Spirit week will take place the week of April 13.

Delta Gems: tampaalumnaedeltagems@gmail.com Chair Quicta Nicole Walters, co-chairs Maureen Goins, and Sharon Hays: 61 girls enrolled. 23 Gems and 13 Volunteers.

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

Delta Academy: tadeltaacademy@gmail.com Chair DeVonne McKeever-Daniels, co-chairs Jeanine Baron, and Deidre Joseph:

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

EMBODI: taembodi@gmail.com Chair Michelle Stone co-chair Angie Fields:

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

International Awareness and Involvement Committee: dsttaiaandi@gmail.com Chair Jackie Jackson co-chair Christine Lewis: World Health Day is April 7, 2020. The goody bag event was postponed. Items have been purchased and the staff of 40 nurses was excited so we will wait for direction from leaders Tampa Family Health Centers.

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

Physical and Mental Health Committee: tapmh@dstta.com Chair Julie Williamson co-chair Kareen Moreland:

Next Committee Meeting: May 3 at 7:00 p.m. Every first Sunday via conference call 7:00 p.m. (605) 472-5396 access code 254640#

Political Awareness and Involvement: dsttapolitical@gmail.com Co-Chairs Walinda McKnight and Erica Williams: End of the year events were connected to Ed Development. Planning for next year beginning.

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

Scholarship Committee: scholarshipdstta@gmail.com Chair Tina James co-chair Joanell Lawson: Our annual scholarship program will be postponed until fall. They are looking at ways to honor the scholarship recipients such as a newspaper article, a Power Point presentation will be shared with the chapter highlighting recipients. The committee tabling the thought of a Christmas Holiday awards program. Letters will still go out as indicated in the Policies and Procedures along with a gift.

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

Social Action Committee: tasocialaction@gmail.com Chair Heddie Sumpter co-chair Audrey Sullivan Moore: Census 2020. DDCC will be cancelled this year. They will work with the county on disseminating information. A letter writing campaign is being discussed.

Next Committee Meeting: April 16, 2020 via conference call

Risk Management: dsttariskmng@gmail.com Coordinator Cassandra Thomas Trainers: Brenda Webb Johnson, Angie Fields, DeVonne McKeever-Daniels, and Gloria Williams:

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Brenda Webb Johnson, 1st VP, 813-789-1691, firstvp@dstta.com



Tampa Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
2nd Vice President Report
April 2020

Archives

- **Chair: Soror Tonja Brickhouse** tbrick4140@aol.com Properties/Storage sub-committee - **Co-chair, Soror Schantel Bobo,** tcbfl2000@aol.com

No report at this time.

Nominating Committee

- **Chair: Soror DeVonne McKeever-Daniels** devonnemc9@gmail.com **Co-Chair: Alicia Howell-Banks** ahowell75@yahoo.com
Report submitted separately.

Grants

- **Chair: Soror Tina Fernandez,** tfernandez35@gmail.com

No report at this time.

Membership Services

- **Chair: Soror TeKeisha Zimmerman** Zimmerman.tekeisha@gmail.com

Concerns

- **Co-Chair: Soror Wanda Seigler** poppye53@gmail.com

Courtesy

- **Co-Chair: Soror Leslie Woods-Brown,** drbrown427@verizon.net

Delta Connection

- **Co-Chair: Soror Theresa Cross** tcross499@gmail.com

Hospitality

- **Co-Chair: Soror Alicia Howell Banks** ahowell75@yahoo.com

Social

- **Co-Chairs: Soror Jacquelyn Bogen** yvonne33617@yahoo.com, **Soror Chantelle Harrison** chantelle.harrison9@gmail.com

Please contact the sub-committee immediately to notify them of any events you anticipate using their services throughout the sororal year.

Delta Internal Development

- **Co-Chair: Soror Nadine Johnson,** njdelta40@aol.com

Collegiate Connection

- **Co-Chair: Soror Jasmine White-Bynum,** jswhiteb@ncsu.edu

Reclamation

- **Co-Chairs: Soror Estella Gray** estellagrays@yahoo.com

Founders Day

- **Co-chair: Soror Edith Randolph** edithrandolph27@yahoo.com

Technology and Communications Committee

- **Chair: Soror Katina Robinson** ebonykat@tampabay.rr.com **Co-chair –Soror Dioan Johnson,** djatlast1913@gmail.com

Kudos to the technology team for their hard work to make DSTTA communications virtual during the social distancing requirements.

Ritual and Ceremonies

- **Chair: Soror Janice Crowley** crowleyj002@yahoo.com, **Soror Joyce Patterson** patsjoy127@yahoo.com

No report at this time.

Public Relations

- **Chair: Soror Jamel Lane** jlanee1@gmail.com, **Co-Chair: Soror Mallory Davis** mal.davis1913@gmail.com

The committee asks that requests for publicity be submitted 8 weeks prior to the event so there is ample time to create and implement an appropriate plan.

Policies and Procedures

- **Co-Chair: Soror Tayanna Richardson** tqsarichardson@yahoo.com

Report submitted separately.

Protocol and Traditions

- **Chair: Soror Imani Coles** imani.coles@spartans.ut.edu, **Co-chair: Soror Marian Lauria-Gibson** mmlauria1@verizon.net

No report at this time.

Strategic Planning

- **Chair: Karen Beard, Co-Chair: Tonja Brickhouse**

No report at this time.

Audit

- **Chair: Soror Gloria Williams** glojean29@earthlink.net

No report at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sabrina Griffith, 2nd Vice President



Fundraising Committee Reports
Angela Brown
3rd Vice President
April 2020



Queen of Hearts: Chairs: Soror Joyce Patterson and Soror Paulette Walker

-**Postponed**

-**Fall 2020**

-**6:00 pm-11:00 pm**

-**Event is SOLD OUT**

-**Ads can still be purchased**

NPHC: Representative: Soror Jasmine White-Bynum

Greek Games- May 3, 2020-Cancelled

Fundraising Minute

-**We Vote t-shirts- Postponed to Fall 2020**

-**Chapter Jacket -Postponed to Fall 2020**

Coming Soon

-**Club Delta April 25, 2020- Cancelled**

-**2020-2021 Fundraising Planning Meeting- May 12, 2020 (meeting will be held virtually).**

Respectfully submitted by

Angela Brown

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