

HALL COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
North Georgia Community Foundation
340 Jesse Jewel Parkway, Suite 600
Gainesville, GA 30501
Minutes of the February Chapter Meeting
Held on Saturday, February 15, 2025

Pre-Meeting Safety Briefing: Soror Melanie Floyd gave the safety briefing.

Chapter Members Present: Denise Arnold, Vallorie Coley, C. Sue Davis-Westmoreland, Rita Flowers, Melanie Floyd, Bridgette Garnier, Erica Glenn, Sheriah Johnson, Avery Johnson Mitchell, B. Denise Livingston, Gloria Maddox, Whitney McDowell-Robinson, Alisha Moore, Audrey Simmons, Sheila Tabron, Francia Tolbert, Deborah Washington, Lisa Williams, and Nivea Williams (**A quorum was present for the transaction of business.**)

Visiting Soror: Arvela Leslie Cozart and Tena Sewell

Call to Order: Soror Sheriah Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. The meeting proceeded with the ritualistic opening.

Adoption of Agenda: MOTION: Soror Whitney McDowell-Robinson moved to add Fundraising to the agenda above Internal Audit. **SECOND:** Soror Lisa Williams **ACTION:** The agenda was adopted via general consent.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: The previous minutes were approved as printed. (General Consent)

OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Message: Soror Sheriah Johnson gave a report of the following information.

- The Delta Days at the State Capitol event is scheduled for March 2, 2025, through March 3, 2025. Registration closes on February 17, 2025.
- The 21st Annual Delta Days at the United Nations will be held on March 13, 2025, through March 14, 2025. The theme is "Empowered Women: Championing the Girl Child for Transformative Leadership Today." Details for the event are forthcoming.
- The 36th Annual Delta Days in the Nation's Capital is now open. Registration will close on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 5 p.m. ET, or once capacity is reached. Alumnae in-person registration for the Legislative Conference is \$265.00, and \$100.00 for virtual registration.
- The 57th National Convention in Washington, D.C., will officially begin on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Download the Call to Convention from the member portal on the national website for all pertinent information.

Soror Sheriah Johnson gave an update from the 2025 Georgia State Cluster, which Soror Amaris Johnson, the Southern Regional Director, and Soror Noel Seymour, the Southern Regional Representative shared during the cluster. The Heritage and Archives Committee needs chapter history updates. QR codes are available for submitting the information.

Soror Sheriah Johnson submitted a detailed report that is on file.

First Vice President/Membership Services (Hospitality and Courtesies): Soror Denise Arnold reported that there are **37 financial members**. The names of the financial members are listed in the report. Soror Tena Sewell introduced herself and plans to join the chapter again. The **February birthday celebrants** are Soror Lisa Williams (2/3), Soror Wanda McRae (2/11), Soror Neisee McArthur-Williams (2/13), Soror LaMonika Hill (2/14), and Soror Sheila Tabron (2/27). Soror Denise Arnold asked for members to submit any **Sisterhood Month activities** for the Membership Services Committee (MSC) to consider to firstvp@hallcountydyst.org. The rules for the **Reclamation Challenge** are as follows:

1. Sorors participating in the Reclamation Challenge must be current financial members of HCAC.
2. The reclaimed soror must pay her dues during the contest period, which is September 10, 2024-March 31, 2025.
3. Once the reclaimed soror becomes a member of HCAC, she will receive a Welcome Home form and asked for the name of the HCAC member who invited her. Please note, only the soror listed on this form will receive credit for the Reclamation Challenge.
4. The HCAC member who reclaims the most sorors will be the winner of the Reclamation Challenge. The winning soror will have her local dues paid for the 2026 fiscal year by the Membership Services Committee. In the event of a tie between sorors, their names will be entered into a drawing. The soror whose name is drawn will be declared the contest winner.

Members need to sign in when they attend a chapter event. This ensures members will receive a step in the Joy in Our Sisterhood Program. Committee chairs need to submit their monthly attendance reports to Soror Denise Arnold at firstvp@hallcountydyst.org. Soror Denise Arnold submitted a report that is on file.

Second Vice President (Program Planning and Development): Soror Erica Glenn gave a review of the chapter calendar for February 2025 through March 2025. The committee plans to have two programs on the 2025-2026 Chapter Calendar that will encompass all activities in the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust by having one signature program in the fall and one in the spring. The chapter has been provided an opportunity to participate in an Aging Expo with the Forsyth County Senior Service Center on April 17, 2025, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. A sign-up sheet to participate will be available at the February and March chapter meetings. The HCAC Walking Challenge ends in May 2025. So far in January, 1,578,701 steps have been calculated. Sign up for at least two committees to ensure that HCAC meets the program requirements. Program chairs need to extend invites to their meetings to Soror President and PP&D Chair. The PP&D Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2025, via Zoom at 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Soror Erica Glenn submitted a report that is on file.

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Corresponding Secretary: Soror Deborah Washington reported that the following correspondence was received from the chapter post office box: two South State Bank statements, the due form for the post office box fee payment, a thank-you card from Michael and Georgette Riggans in reference to the passing of Soror Riggan's husband's brother. There was also returned mail from Community Uplift with a returned check of \$1,000.00.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Secretary: Soror Denise Livingston presented the financial secretary's report covering the period January 1, 2025, to January 31, 2025, which shows the general funds receipts for the current month and the year-to-date total receipts. Fundraising receipts for the current month and the year-to-date total receipts are shown also. There are 37 financial members for FY 2025. Soror Denise Livingston submitted

a report that is on file. The report is posted on the chapter website under financial documents.

Treasurer: Soror Whitney McDowell-Robinson presented the general funds account and fundraising account transactions. The report shows deposits, transfers, expenses, balances, and restricted funds that cover the period January 1, 2025, to January 31, 2025. The CD investment account is shown also. Soror Whitney McDowell-Robinson submitted a report that is on file. The report is posted on the chapter website under financial documents.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

Fundraising: Soror Denise Arnold reported that the Fundraising Committee decided to propose a Paraphernalia Vendor Fair for Greek letter organizations. She presented a projected revenue with the expectation of having 30 vendors to participate.

MOTION: Soror Denise Arnold moved by the recommendation of the Fundraising Committee that the chapter host a Paraphernalia Vendor Fair at the Pinckneyville Community Center on Sunday, March 23, 2025. **SECOND:** N/A **ACTION:** Motion carried thirteen (13) in favor; One (1) opposed.

Internal Audit: Soror Alisha Moore reported that the Q4 Audit for October 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, is posted in the Red Zone. She noted that there were satisfactory financial internal controls, and the review supports the existence and utilization of the controls. Soror Alisha Moore shared that a new check request form is located on the chapter website. Discard all old check request forms. Soror Alisha Moore submitted a report that is on file.

Social Action/Political Awareness and Involvement: Soror Erica Glenn announced the Black History Month activities that are sponsored by the Newtown Florist Club. The flyer will be posted in BANDS. Soror Erica Glenn asked for sorors to visit [Mobilize.us](https://mobilize.us) to stay current with upcoming social action events in the area. The following social action opportunities in our service area were announced.

- Forsyth County School Board Meeting: February 18, 2025, at 6 p.m.-7 p.m., 1120 Dahlonge Hwy., Cumming, GA 30040
- Gainesville City School Board Meeting: February 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., 508 Oak Street, Gainesville, GA 30501
- Hall County School Board Meeting: February 24, 2025, at 5 p.m., 711 Green Street, Gainesville GA 30501

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Minerva Circle: Soror Denise Arnold reported that the Spring 2025 RUSH took place on January 19, 2025, at the Gainesville High School HUB. There were sixty-five women who were in attendance at the beginning of the event. The chapter received twenty-nine complete application packets by the deadline. The Southern Regional Director(SRD) approved twenty-seven applicants to be interviewed, and two were ineligible. Interviews were conducted on February 12, 2025. The chapter vote took place on February 14, 2025. The final list of candidates from the SRD is expected by February 21, 2025. An updated calendar for the Pyramid Induction Ceremony, the Crossing Ceremony, the Initiation Ceremony, and the Sisterhood Reception will be posted in BANDS.

Unfinished Business

- There was no unfinished business.

New Business

- There was no new business.

Announcement

- The Zeta Psi Chapter at the University of Georgia is sponsoring an A.I.D.S. Gala on February 16, 2025, from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. It is a formal event. Adults tickets are \$35, and student tickets are \$25.
- The Hall County Black History Society Gala Dinner is scheduled for February 22, 2025. The event flyer is posted in BANDS.
- Keep federal employees in prayer, especially the DEI employees.
- Soror Lisa Williams will present information on the topic of fire safety at the Senior Center in Gainesville on February 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
- Arvela Leslie Cozart, a visiting soror, was introduced.

Adjournment

- **MOTION:** Soror Whitney McDowell-Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m.
SECOND: Soror Lisa Williams **ACTION:** Motion carried with no opposition.

Soror Sheriah Johnson closed the meeting and proceeded with the ritualistic closing.

Respectfully submitted,

Vallorie Coley, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Sheriah Johnson, President

DATE: