

**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 March Chapter Meeting  
Held on Saturday, March 15, 2025**

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

**Chapter Members Present:** Vallorie Coley, C. Sue Davis-Westmoreland, Rita Flowers, Melanie Floyd, Erica Glenn, Sheriah Johnson, Whitney McDowell-Robinson, Angela Middleton, Alisha Moore, Keoz Moore, Francia Tolbert, Deborah Washington, and Lisa Williams (A quorum was present for the transaction of business.)

**Visiting Soror:** Arvela Cozart, and Tena Sewell

**Call to Order:** Soror Sheriah Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m. The meeting proceeded with the ritualistic opening recording. Ceremonial properties were not available.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as printed. (General Consent)

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

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**President's Message:** Soror Sheriah Johnson shared information concerning the February 18, 2025, Exec Check. The following leaders presented updates: Soror Noel Seymour, collegiate; Soror Amaris Johnson, regional; Soror Chante Obazee, National Finance Committee; Soror Sabrina Polote, National Scholarship and Standards; Soror Lytle for Soror Denise Gregory, Advisor Coordinator Team; Soror Kanika McKerson, Heritage and Archives (Chapter history updates are due on March 31, 2025.); Soror Dominga Gardner, Communications and Public Relations; Soror Alfreda Coward, Social Action; and Soror Amaris Johnson, National Communications. **Please note that all Exec Check recordings are emailed to chapter members.** Soror Sheriah Johnson submitted a detailed report that is on file.

**First Vice President/Membership Services (Hospitality and Courtesies):** Soror Vallorie Coley read Soror Denise Arnold's EB report, which follows: Information concerning Sisterhood Month activities will be sent to the chapter via a Constant Contact email. For International Women's Day, the chapter will partner with Soror Alfreda Paige's daughter to collect toiletries or make a donation. Other activities during the month are International Day of Happiness, March 20, 2025; Fellowship at Decoy, March 22, 2025; and Worship Day, March 23, 2025. Soror Denise Arnold asked for committee chairs to submit their committee meeting logs.

**Second Vice President (Program Planning and Development):** Soror Erica Glenn reviewed the calendar for March 2025 and April 2025. The committee is creating the 2025-2026 chapter calendar. The Aging Expo will be held on April 17, 2025, in Forsyth County. Containers will be distributed with helpful medical information forms. The online platform SignUpGenius will be used to solicit volunteers. Please continue

to track your steps for the Physical and Mental Health initiative. An album has been created in BAND for Read Across America. Sorors are asked to donate \$25 for International Awareness and Involvement Day. Soror Ercia Glenn also asked for members to sign up for at least two committees.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Soror Deborah Washington reported that the following correspondence was received from the chapter post office box: USPS Smart Locker boxholder letter regarding packages via Smart Locker, SouthState Bank statements, dues from Soror Tena K. Sewell (\$225), a check for \$137.50 from Clea George, and thank-you cards from President Sheriah Johnson and the McDowell Family. Soror Deborah Washington submitted a report that is on file.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Financial Secretary:** Soror Denise Livingston presented the financial secretary's report covering the period February 1, 2025, to February 28, 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 a deposit, transfers, expenses, balances, and restricted funds that cover the period February 1, 2025, to February 28, 2025. The CD investment account information 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

**Budget and Finance:** Soror Whitney McDowell-Robinson report concerned the following action items: the updated voucher request form, the certificate of deposit, and the 2025 Q2 budget recommendation.

**MOTION:** Soror Whitney McDowell-Robinson moved to recommend on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Executive Board to move forward with the new voucher check request form, which will replace all other versions and will align with the 2025 budget. **SECOND:** N/A **ACTION:** Motion carried eleven (11) in favor; Zero (0) opposed.

**MOTION:** Soror Whitney McDowell-Robinson moved to recommend on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Executive Board to renew the chapter certificate of deposit at the promotional rate of 3.78% for five months, which will expire in August 2025. **SECOND:** N/A **ACTION:** Motion carried eleven (11) in favor; Zero (0) opposed.

**MOTION:** Soror Whitney McDowell-Robinson moved to recommend on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Executive Board to adopt the Q2 Budget for April 2025 through June 2025 with modifications as presented. **SECOND:** N/A **ACTION:** Motion carried eleven (11) in favor; Zero (0) opposed.

Soror Whitney McDowell-Robinson submitted the Q2 Budget for April 2025 through June 2025 that is on file. The budget report is posted on the chapter website under financial documents.

**Fundraising:** Soror C. Sue Davis-Westmoreland reported that the Divine 9 Paraphernalia Expo will take place on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 12 noon until 6 p.m. The location is Lanier High School, 918

Buford HWY, N.E., Buford, GA 30518. The committee invited 115 vendors from Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama. All D9 chapter presidents in Georgia were notified of the event. A reminder email was sent on Friday, March 14, 2025. As of March 15, 2025, 13 vendors have submitted an application; and 13 vendors paid for a booth. The booth prices were shared. Funds raised thus far are \$3,050.00. The goal is \$5,000.00.

**Policies and Procedures:** Soror Erica Glenn reported that the month of March is a time to review and discuss the proposed amendments to the Chapter Policies and Procedures. She explained the proposed amendments by going over the entire policies and procedures draft document. The chapter vote concerning the amendments to the Chapter Policies and Procedures is scheduled for May 17, 2025. Soror Vallorie Coley, the committee chair, submitted a report that is on file.

**Social Action/Political Awareness and Involvement:** Soror Erica Glenn reported information concerning Delta Days at the State Capital (DDAC). She relayed that the legislative focus areas will be public safety, health equity, economic justice, voting rights, and education. Soror Erica Glenn reported that she, Soror Vallorie Coley, Soror Denise Livingston, and Soror Audrey Simmons attended DDAC.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Minerva Circle:** Soror Vallorie Coley read Soror Denise Arnold's EB report, which follows: Twenty-five candidates are scheduled to be inducted on March 15, 2025, at 5 p.m. Soror Denise Arnold will send a Constant Contact email that will include information for membership intake activities. The membership intake calendar is posted on the chapter website in the members only section.

### **Unfinished Business**

- There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business**

- There was no new business.

### **Announcement**

- The Pyramid Induction Ceremony will be held at the Northeast Georgia Medical Center Walters Auditorium at 5 p.m. The attire is all black, no pants.

### **Adjournment**

- **MOTION:** Soror Whitney McDowell-Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m.  
**SECOND:** Soror Lisa Williams **ACTION:** Motion carried ten (10) in favor; Zero (0) opposed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Vallorie Coley, Recording Secretary

**APPROVED:**

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Sheriah Johnson, President

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