

Palm Coast Flagler County Alumnae Chapter

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

CHAPTER MEETING

Pedro Menendez High School

October 4, 2025

Emergency Response Notice

Ritualistic Opening

Meeting Called to Order 10:16 am

Quorum established *(38 financial members are needed for chapter meeting quorum)*

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Corrections to the Minutes of the Last Meeting will be noted by strikethrough of incorrect notes and typewritten notes of stated corrections per Recording Secretary.

Chapter President's Report

- **National Headquarters' Updates:**
 - The National Headquarters website was down for maintenance and is back up now. There are still some minor glitches and errors occurring; Sorors asked to be patient and give time for the updates to take effect.
 - A reminder to Members that the International President is the only one that speaks for the Sorority. Members are asked to stand down and do not reply to media statements or react to unfriendly social media posts.
 - Members are asked to update their pertinent information on the National Headquarters' member portal as per an email dated September 18, 2025.
- **Southern Region Updates:**
 - The deadline to submit for a Southern Region award is October 19, 2025. The award period is July 1, 20024 through June 30, 2025. Winners will be announced at the 2026 Southern Regional Cluster.
- **Chapter updates:**
 - The Chairs of the Protocol & Traditions Committee are also to serve as Custodian of Properties according to the current Policies and Procedures. At this time, the co-chairs have said they are unable to take on an additional role. Therefore, a vacancy will occur.
 - If you are aware of any local events in our chapter service areas that you want the chapter to support, send a request to the Chapter President and

- Corresponding Secretary. Also it is good to note if this request is to be a newsletter entry.
- The Chapter will be paying for all meeting spaces this Sororal year. It is best that we be efficient and utilize space and time wisely.
 - Thank you to Members who attended the homegoing services of Soror Kimberly Wright's mother and Soror Johnetta B. Cole's "Meet the Author" book signing event on 9/27/25.
 - The Chapter is growing and this necessitates change. Therefore, after careful consideration, Committee Chairs will be allowed four (4) minutes to provide their reports to Executive Board and during Chapter meetings.
 - The PowerPoint slides provided by Technology Committee for Executive Board and Chapter meetings do not require prior approval. The information on slides only reflects what has been reported by Committee Chairs and no additional information or details.
 - Soror Weyatta Murray has submitted a first-draft strategic plan, and more information will be forthcoming.
 - A lot of flyers have been received and reviewed. Members are asked to ensure they submit flyers to Chapter President for approval and then to Technology for posting.
 - There are new time frames for Committee Chairs to report which is four minutes and no longer two minutes.
 - Sorors are asked to continue to pray for and lift each other up so that we may grow strong together.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Soror Harris gave report of the correspondence received via US mail and Email for the period of September 1 – 30th. The last issue of Panache Press went out on 9/23/25. A gentle reminder to notify her if not receiving communications.

First Vice President's Report

Soror Hughey-guy recognized visiting Soror, Margaret Powell from Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter. The Membership Services Committee sent out cards and condolences as reported by Corresponding Secretary. Soror Hughey-Guy acknowledged Sorors who are celebrating birthdays for the month of October. She saluted Sorors who are survivors in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The committee does a wellness check during the month to those Sorors who have missed two (2) or more months. Soror Hughey-Guy gave an update of the 30-year Anniversary celebration to be voted on later. The Sisterhood Gathering is Friday night (12/5/25); and a hospitality room will be available. For Sorors wanting to stay overnight until Saturday (12/6/25), room rate is \$149. Breakfast is \$15 and Luncheon ticket is \$60; Charter Member, Soror Lois Scott is the Guest Speaker. The meeting room for Chapter Meeting is complimentary. A budget of \$1500 is needed. Approval will be needed for Chapter to participate in the breast cancer walks and Festival of Trees events happening in our service areas. Chapter pictures will be at the November chapter meeting, and attire and color will be shared by email.

Second Vice President's Report

Soror Jefferies stated that the Program Planning and Development Committee reviewed and decided on calendar of events for 2026. The committee budget worksheets were submitted to the Treasurer by the deadline.

- Risk Management: Training courses were held in the month of September and facilitated by Soror Mikaila Jones. The final two (2) Risk Management training courses are scheduled for October 9th and 18th and registration is required.

Financial Secretary's Report

Soror Milliner-Smith gave the report of receipts/income for the period of September 1st through 30th. Grand total receipts are \$9,137.00.

Treasurer's Report

Soror Patterson-Moss provided report on general checking and DREF accounts. She provided totals of membership dues and PayPal funds from golf tournament and Black Business Expo and total deposits of \$9,137. Total revenue is \$53,183.90 and total disbursements for September are \$11,475.83. Checkbook balance is \$51,708.07; plus DREF equals \$56,075.51; Scholarship balance is \$6,500.00.

Programmatic Thrusts Committee Reports

- Economic Development – Chair, Soror Chonta Haynes asked of Sorors who have businesses to register for black business Expo and can utilize discount of \$25. Sorors are asked to poll their friends who have businesses to request them to be in black business expo; 30 additional slots still to be filled; working on early promotions. Soror Dollicia Green is co-lead for black business expo. Career Workshop is being recommended to be held on Saturday, March 28th, 2026; requesting approval from chapter to add to our 2026 calendar.
- Educational Development – Soror Kathy Wright for Chair, Dr. Yvette Jones Delta Academy and GEMS application deadline is 9/25/2025. At present, Flagler County has ten (10) applications, St. Johns County has six (6), and Putnam County has two (2). Soror Wright restated co-lead advisors for each county.
- Physical and Mental Health – Chair, Soror Stephanie Wellon
Affirmation for the Day: The quality of my physical and mental health supports me when I need it most. Emphasis on finalizing the calendar to include a few pink ribbon walks in our service areas. She provided information on Deland Alumnae's Sickle Cell Awareness event set for October 9 by Zoom. The committee is asking for suggestions on a date to attend and/or participate in a Women's Symposium, March 14th or 21st. A health fair at the Lord's Temple Church in Hastings, FL, is being planned contingent upon available dates and time. This event will be coordinated by Soror Dariana Tobler.

- Political Awareness and Involvement/Social Action – Chair, Soror Jalisa Ferguson
Soror Ferguson reported that the committee's goals are to hold Third party voter registration after chapter meetings, attend City Hall and County Commission meetings; send letters and emails to representatives in our state to ensure fair and equitable services for all citizens, collaborate with the Council of Negro Women Black Caucus and the National Panhellenic Council, as well as be visible and active with webinars that shed light on the Big Beautiful Bill. The committee is recommending the chapter support the Freedom Fund event on October 11th by purchasing a table. It is hopeful that at least 16 Sorors can attend and purchase their ticket today. A vote for chapter support will be conducted at meeting in October as Executive Board recommendation.

Arts & Letters – Soror Linda Fuce

Soror Fuce stated the committee is recommending Paint the Mat, Share the Chat: Coir Mat Making fellowship event on October 26th at Iris's community center. Note the date correction from what was reported at Executive Board. Space is limited to 40 people and \$20 covers the materials. A Jot form will open to reserve your spot.

Fundraising – Soror Claire Taylor and Soror Chonta Haynes

Golf Tournament - Soror Taylor gave an urgent plea to keep our golf tournament alive. She shared reasons for not allowing cancellation of this event. Need sponsors and golfers. No need to own a business to sponsor a hole. Non-golfer opportunities, purchase a lunch ticket or sign up for lessons (clinic). Historic 1997 seven dwarfs gave a \$50 donation for hole in today's meeting.

Ad-Hoc: Perfume – Soror Haynes stated that \$32,000 is the expected revenue goal before end of year. There are 414 remaining bottles to sell.

Policies and Procedures – Soror Sandra Matthews

Soror Matthews states the committee met to identify and review the changes to the current Rules of Order and P & P documents. There were several items from the 57th National Convention that need to be aligned to our current policies and procedures. All members are asked to review the webinars on the National Headquarters' portal. The committee will contribute a "Did You Know?" to the chapter newsletter to educate on Policies and Procedures.

Scholarship – Soror Tiffany McKinney

Soror McKinney stated the scholarship application and criteria are current.

Unfinished Business

A slideshow of scholarship recipients viewed by present sorors.

New Business (Votes Needed)

Miriam Hughey-Guy moved for a block vote to support breast cancer walks, festival of trees, 30th anniversary celebration (see dates on screen); amendment by Soror Kimberly Smith to vote separate for 30th anniversary due to meeting location change and funds

needed; a second amendment by Soror Matthews to remove cancer walk. After discussion, this was not accepted because the date is still valid; October 5th date removed and added 30-year anniversary in a separate vote. Soror Lalita Thomas asked that we keep October 5th so that if Soror(s) can attend, we can count that as a chapter participating event. Soror Derby Johnson second the amendment. Voting to change the block and then vote on the block. 43 Yes, 0 opposed for removing the block; Motion Passes.

Soror Hughey-Guy, Chair, moved that chapter participates in the Palm Coast cancer and Palatka cancer walks, festival of trees. 46 Yes, 0 opposed; Motion Passes.

Soror Hughey-Guy, Chair, moved that chapter celebrates 30th chapter anniversary in St. Johns County, December 5th and 6th, with a budget modification of \$500; and meeting location change from Flagler to St. Johns County. (\$1500 to be used for the entire event). 46 Yes, 0 opposed. Motion Passes.

Soror Chonta Haynes, Chair, moved that chapter sponsors a Career Expo Workshop on March 28th, 2026, and add date to 2026 calendar. 47 Yes, 0 opposed. Motion Passes.

Soror Jalisa Ferguson, Co-chair, moved that chapter to support the Flagler County Freedom Fund Luncheon on October 11th (tickets are \$85 and \$125) and costs to be paid by individual sorors; dependent upon enough sorors to attend, a table of 8, and display Chapter name/banner on the table. (There are 5 sorors who have committed to attending, 3 more needed). Please wear red if you are attending. After discussion, it was 43 Yes, 0 opposed. Motion Passes. Soror Chonta Haynes asked for additional consideration for chapter to pay for co-chairs to attend the Freedom Fund Luncheon. There are no funds available in political awareness budget, and the Co-chairs have paid for their tickets already.

Soror Linda Fuce moved that the chapter supports the Coir Mat Fellowship on October 26th with a cost of \$20 for each Soror to pay on own. 46 Yes, No opposition. Motion passes.

Announcements

- Congratulations to Lakeshia Rayburn for Teacher of the Year in Putnam County.
- Please complete membership profile, QR code on table in foyer.
- Welcome back Soror Rosetta James.
- Prayers for Soror Dollicia Green's daughter.
- Congratulations to Pamela Jackson-Smith on her marriage engagement.
- Soror Jennifer Harris suggested photographer services for chapter events.
- Shelley Gourdine welcomed Michelle Patterson-Moss back, who has completed her master's degree in accounting.
- Soror Lalita Thomas announced that the 17 Jewels of Excellence will contribute \$210 for hole sign for golf tournament.
- Soror Joann Johnson has a Black History magazine from St. Johns County that she is pictured in and Sorors can view.

- Soror Rudean Jackson asked three (3) sorors who want to purchase tickets to the Freedom Fund Luncheon to see her today after meeting.
- Soror Kimberly Smith stated that Soror Sandra Miles will be present next month as Regional Officer to give a report of how to run for Regional Office.
- Soror Derby Johnson will sponsor ticket for a Soror to attend Paint the Mat/Coir.
- Soror Sandra Matthews encouraged present Sorors to contact a member of the chapter to check on and invite them to chapter meeting.

Adjournment

Soror Lalita Thomas moved that chapter adjourns, second by Soror Shelley Gourdine; Motion Passes.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Ritualistic Closing

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Wright
Recording Secretary

Attendance:

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| 1. Kimberly Smith | 21. Jackie Robinson | 41. Janice Wright |
| 2. Kathy Wright | 22. Sharon Spell | 42. Latoya Lockhart |
| 3. Alicia Washington | 23. Clarrissa Debose | 43. Theresa Brown |
| 4. Stephanie Wellon | 24. Shelley Gourdine | 44. Deidra Calloway |
| 5. Tiffany McKinney | 25. Tiffany Brown | 45. Derby Johnson |
| 6. Lasherica Jefferies | 26. Rosetta James | 46. Lakeshia Rayburn |
| 7. Pamela Randall | 27. Rekia Anumege | 47. Tonya Miles |
| 8. Miriam Hughey-Guy | 28. Jalisa Ferguson | 48. Pamela Jackson-Smith |
| 9. Sandra Matthews | 29. Monica Crawford | 49. Peggy Turner |
| 10. Jennifer Harris | 30. Lalita Thomas | 50. Courtney Alston |
| 11. Linda Fuce | 31. Michelle Patterson-Moss | 51. Rudean Jackson |
| 12. Ina Backman | 32. Sadie Milliner-Smith | 52. Chonta Haynes |
| 13. Amanda Sands | 33. Mikaila Jones | 53. Brandy Peoples |
| 14. Ranata Wright | 34. Stephanie Isaac | 54. Kiana Francois |
| 15. Joann Johnson | 35. Angela Williams | 55. Margaret Powell (visiting Soror) |
| 16. Cynthia White | 36. Lasandra Williams | |
| 17. Iris Smith | 37. Pamela Brown | |
| 18. Cerita Battles | 38. Caroel Debose | |
| 19. Carolyn Roberson | 39. Robin Brown Wright | |
| 20. Jackie King | 40. Claire Taylor | |