



Alpha Sigma Graduate Chapter Meeting

Order of Business

April 18, 2020 – 10:15 am

Emergency Meeting via Zoom Technology

“GREATER SERVICE, GREATER PROGRESS”

Meeting Attendance:

1. Aamina Alexander	2. Kinshasa Allender-Davis	3. Shira Amos
4. Carmelita Anderson	5. Sher’ron Anderson	6. Rishawnda Archie
7. Julie Barrett	8. Keira Bible	9. Lora Bingham
10. Rachel Bizzle	11. LaNette Boone	12. Kimberly Bradford
13. Kimberly Brown-Harden	14. Lolita Campbell	15. Tamara Chapple
16. Carla Clark	17. Jennifer Clayton	18. Leila Darden
19. Dawn Davis	20. Nieka Davis	21. DeShara Doub
22. Jamicka Edwards	23. Pamela Emmanuel	24. Alana Everett
25. Metai Ezell	26. Charnel Forbes	27. Nita Gates
28. Sonya Gilbert	29. Daphne Gilmore	30. Tracy Grady
31. Quenshia Graves	32. Kaylin Greer	33. Stephanie Groves
34. Catina Harris	35. Kesha Harris	36. Elwanda Haynes
37. Vida Hillier	38. Aikim Hoggs	39. LaTonya Hudson
40. SaRita Hughes	41. Deitra Jackson	42. Javecia Johnson
43. Samika Johnson	44. DaiMiona Jones	45. Kathy Jones
46. Koyauna Jones	47. Sharron Jones	48. Shelli Jones
49. TaMeca Joshua	50. Nikita King	51. Jennifer Lee
52. Maggi Lewis	53. Valerie Ligon	54. Brandi London
55. Gloria Lucas	56. Taylor Lytle	57. Yolanda Mattox
58. Edna May	59. Brandy McDowell	60. Brandi McGrady
61. My-Jerrier Mitcham	62. Shanonne Morrison	63. Doretha Nance
64. Remitha Norman	65. Qiana Paytner	66. LaShawn Reed
67. Martha Riley	68. India Samuels	69. Tanika Scott
70. Alicia Seawood	71. Khalilah Shabazz	72. Janell Smith
73. Yolanda Snowden	74. Karloa Stevens	75. Ashley Street
76. Denetra Taylor	77. Luv Taylor	78. Mia Taylor
79. Taryan Temple	80. Andrea Terrell	81. Tanya Thornton
82. Tikilia Tinker-Martin	83. Tre-Lique Tinker-Martin	84. Stephanie Tinsley
85. Nikiyah Troutman	86. Marian Turner	87. Vanessa Tyson
88. Toni Watson	89. Charlene Williams	90. Dorothy Williams
91. Ti’auna Williams	92. LaToya Williams	93. Catherine Woodard
94. Dawn Wright	95. Biannca Yates	96. Dannielle Yelder
97. Chelsea Young	98. Tiffney Young	99. Rosalind Young-Goree
100. Lisa Robey	101. Nancy Silver-Rogers	102. Karin Sarratt

Opening / Devotional

The presiding officer, Basileus Wright, called the Alpha Sigma Graduate Chapter Emergency Meeting to order at 10:15 am. Basileus Wright stated that the Emergency Meeting was approved by the Executive Board. Before proceeding, Basileus Wright asked Chaplin Terrell to lead the Chapter in prayer.

Basileus Wright then proceeded to share the following supporting details and rationale for the Emergency Meeting, based on guidance from International Headquarters and our Central Region Parliamentarian:

March meeting waiver via International Grand Basileus message to move forward with chapter business virtually.
Email sent on March 13, 2020

Chapter Operations: Effective immediately, chapters should operate virtually to the fullest extent possible, until at least March 31, 2020, subject to future updates and advisories from health and governmental authorities.

Meetings and community service programming should be postponed if a virtual format is not possible. Guidance related to T.O.R.C.H. activities will be provided in a separate communication. We will update this guidance as information about the impact and spread of the COVID-19 pandemic continues develops.

April Parliamentary follow up

Central Region Parliamentarian Tucker advises that moving forward should not conduct chapter voting or regular chapter business during virtual meetings unless the board votes to host an emergency meeting to do so. Can only have one per sorority year.

Alpha Sigma Bylaws: Article IV Section 407 Emergency Chapter Meetings. *An emergency meeting of Alpha Sigma may be called by an executive order: (A majority vote of entire executive board). This meeting may be held in person or via telephone conference with at least one meeting held in person per sorority calendar year.*

Regular chapter business would include: local nominations from the floor, approving minutes and agendas, adding to standing rules, voting for boule delegates, chapter budget, bylaw changes.

Email sent on April 2, 2020 reads:

Please do not act precipitously by moving forward with chapter meetings, elections, etc. unless your chapter bylaws already have provisions that provide alternatives for normal chapter functioning. We recognize that this may mean postponing the chapter election or possibly missing your April chapter meeting. However, we are preparing materials to help facilitate chapter operations and to do so in a way that is in alignment with our parliamentary authority even if we are forced to be in non-compliance with certain portions of our governing documents. It is particularly crucial that chapters not use this unprecedented national emergency to make decisions and take actions that cannot be upheld, either in terms of Robert's Rules of Order or our national governing documents. For example, unless your bylaws specifically give the Basileus the authority to cancel meetings, that is not a power she can usurp. At a minimum, the Executive Board needs to make that decision.

If you have time-sensitive needs that require your chapter or executive board to take action, please connect with your regional parliamentarian to find out how to best move forward in the interim until a national strategy can be shared with you towards the end of April.

National Bylaws

ARTICLE XIII Voting Section 1301. *Voting at meetings shall be as follows: A. Routine business – vote upon routine business may be taken by voice vote or show of hands, or electronic vote .B. Elections – votes upon the election of officials shall be taken by a secret ballot.*

Central Region Parliamentarian Tucker's suggestion: *Your chapter could call an emergency board meeting for nomination since your Bylaws do allow for electronic meetings.*

Follow up question posed: Can we do bylaw amendments at the emergency meeting as long as we give advanced notice of the recommendations?

Central Region Parliamentarian Tucker's response:

No. Your Bylaws specify that amendments can only be adopted at a "regular" meeting.

Section 1001. Amendments to the By-Laws. *The bylaws must be revisited annually at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote or the members present and voting, provided notice has been sent with the call to the meeting.*

Basileus Wright stated that the Emergency Meeting agenda was restricted to the following topics:

- **Local Officer Nominations – Nominations from the Floor**
- **Chapter Elections Updates**

Basileus Wright highlighted that we will not be voting on Boule delegates at this time. Given that the Boule has been announced as postponed and NOT cancelled, we'll revisit the Boule delegates once we have more information about the Boule.

Finally, Basileus Wright shared that after the Emergency Meeting, a chapter conference call will be held and Officers will share their reports and answer any questions from the body. She then opened the floor for any questions and hearing none, she yielded the floor to Soror Tyson, Nominations Chair.

Soror Tyson reviewed the eligibility criteria that the Nominations Committee used to vet the candidates. She stated that they did not use the meeting attendance criteria because only 2 of the candidates met this requirement. Therefore, they only focused on the qualifications for office, per the bylaws.

Soror Tyson then reviewed the Sorors that had already been vetted. Basileus Wright then opened the meeting for nominations from the floor. She stated that she would have an open call three times before closing out the nomination process for each role. Basileus Wright then began to proceed through each position. Once she arrived at the Tamiochus role, Soror Tyson shared that several Sorors had submitted their paperwork after the deadline (Soror Lolita Campbell and Soror Marian Turner). The nominations committee was able to vet Soror Campbell as a candidate for Tamiochus role. All Sorors that received nominations from the floor were asked to confirm their interest in accepting their nomination by midnight on Sunday, April 16th.

The approved slate is posted on the next page. The Sorors captured in blue and highlighted below were nominated from the floor:

2020-2022 Alpha Sigma Candidate Slate

Basileus

Karin Sarratt

Anti-Basileus (Vice President – Membership)

Nieka Davis

Brandi London

1st Anti-Basileus (Vice President – Undergraduate Concerns/Advisor Director)

Ti'auna Williams

2nd Anti-Basileus (Alpha Chapter)

TaMeca Joshua

3rd Anti-Basileus (Beta Beta Chapter)

Sonya Gilbert

4th Anti-Basileus (Mu Chapter)

Dannielle Yelder

5th Anti-Basileus (Gamma Zeta Chapter)

Yolanda Snowden

Grammateus

Daphne Gilmore

Charonda Woods

Anti-Grammateus

Brandi McGrady

Tamiochus

Lolita Campbell

Marian Turner

Tanya Thornton

Jennifer Clayton (TBD)

Epistoleus

Shira Amos (TBD)

Once the slate was finalized, Soror Tyson yielded the floor back to Basileus Wright. Basileus Wright then asked Soror Gilmore, Sergeant at Arms, to review how Chapter elections would be executed.

Soror Gilmore shared that we'll be using the same electronic voting protocol that was used by the Central Region. Given that she is on the slate, she will only be assisting with logistics and preparations. The actual election will be managed by the Committee.

Basileus Wright thanked Soror Gilmore for being proactive and advancing our efforts to utilize electronic voting. She also wished all candidates good luck and thanked everyone for being willing to serve.

The Emergency Meeting was concluded at 10:44 am. Basileus Wright reminded everyone that a chapter conference call will be held next and Officers will share their reports and answer any questions from the body.

Meeting Adjourned

“Defining our legacy through servant leadership”

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