COVINGTON AREA ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, September 14, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Virtual Meeting
Presiding Officer: Soror Alana Sanders, Social Action Chair
Co Chair: Soror Charika Davis
Meeting Schedule: Second Monday of each month

Attendance:
• Soror Alana Sanders, Social Action Chair
• Soror Charika Davis, Co Chair
• Soror Shurika Frazier
• Soror Vickie Harper
• Soror Vanessa Laney
• Soror Kathryn McGrady
• Soror Barbara Collins, Chapter President

CALL TO ORDER

Soror Alana Sanders welcomed committee members and called the Social Action Committee meeting to order. The meeting focused on National Voter Registration Day preparations, upcoming voter engagement initiatives, future Social Action programming, and the updated approval process for Social Action activities.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

The committee finalized preparations for National Voter Registration Day scheduled for September 15, 2026.

• Voter registration activities were planned for Newton High School, Eastside High School, and Alcovy High School.
• Volunteers were assigned to each school location and asked to arrive before the student lunch periods to prepare their tables.
• Materials included voter registration information, QR codes, chapter materials, table coverings, signage, stickers, and snacks.
• Students who were at least 17 1/2 years old were eligible to register to vote.
• Committee members were asked to maintain a count of students registered at each school so the chapter could document the impact of the initiative.
• Members were encouraged to provide voter education and answer student questions in addition to assisting with registration.

POSTCARD PARTY

The committee discussed the upcoming nonpartisan Postcard Party scheduled for October 3, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. The initiative is designed to encourage residents throughout the service area to participate in the November election and to provide reminders regarding early voting and Election Day.

• Approximately 1,500 postcards are included in the initiative.
• The chapter purchased 500 postcard stamps.
• Additional stamps had been contributed toward the project.
• Sample nonpartisan messages and community address lists would be provided to participants.
• Members discussed continuing to request postcard stamp donations to support the project.

The committee confirmed that the Postcard Party had received the required approval.

SOCIAL ACTION APPROVAL PROCESS

Soror Sanders reviewed the updated approval requirements associated with Social Action programming.

• Chapter committees planning activities with a Social Action component should first work with the Social Action Committee.
• Committees were asked to submit proposed activities to the Social Action Committee at least 30 days before the event.
• The Social Action Committee will review the proposed activity and assist with identifying and strengthening its Social Action component.
• Activities requiring National Social Action Commission approval must be submitted at least 21 days before the event.
• Written approval must be received before applicable activities may move forward.
• Voter registration activities are already approved and do not require the same submission process.

Committee members who serve on other chapter committees were encouraged to share the updated requirements with those committees.

UPCOMING SOCIAL ACTION INITIATIVES

Social Action Day with the City of Covington

The committee discussed a future **Social Action Day with the City of Covington** to provide members and community participants with an opportunity to observe local government and learn more about municipal operations and civic participation.

Social Action Day with the Walton County Board of Commissioners

The committee discussed expanding civic engagement programming into Walton County, which is part of the chapter service area. A future **Social Action Day with the Walton County Board of Commissioners** was discussed as an opportunity to increase civic education, governmental awareness, and chapter visibility within Walton County.

Final dates remained subject to confirmation and the chapter approval process.

CIVIC 101

The committee discussed the return of the Civic 101 program. The program is designed to provide practical education about local government and civic participation. Proposed topics include the roles and responsibilities of mayors, city council members, county commissioners, boards of education, and other governmental offices.

Community partners and elected officials may be invited to participate in educational roles consistent with the chapter nonpartisan approach. Participants completing the program will receive a certificate recognizing their participation in the CAAC Social Action civic education program.

May 22 was identified as the proposed revised date, pending final confirmation.

FAMILY DAY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The committee discussed the proposed Family Day and its potential connection to previous Social Action discussions regarding a community outreach or block party style event. Members discussed using the event to strengthen chapter visibility, community engagement, and collaboration among chapter committees while maintaining a Social Action and civic education presence.

COMMITTEE COLLABORATION

Members discussed the importance of incorporating Social Action throughout chapter programming. Other chapter committees interested in including a Social Action component in their programs should contact the Social Action Committee for assistance. The Social Action Committee will help identify the civic or Social Action component and assist with the appropriate approval process.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY RALLY

Members were informed of a National Voter Registration Day rally being promoted through National Headquarters. Information regarding the rally had been shared through chapter communications and GroupMe.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The committee discussed the current meeting schedule and agreed to continue meeting on the second Monday of each month.

ACTION ITEMS

• Complete National Voter Registration Day activities at Newton High School, Eastside High School, and Alcovy High School.
• Record the total number of voter registrations completed at each school.
• Complete preparations for the October 3 Postcard Party.
• Continue collecting postcard stamp donations.
• Confirm dates for upcoming Social Action Days in Covington and Walton County.
• Continue planning for Civic 101.
• Inform chapter committees of the updated Social Action submission requirements.
• Encourage chapter committees to submit Social Action requests at least 30 days before proposed activities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, the meeting concluded following committee updates and discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Alana Sanders
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