

2023 Northeast District Convention Minutes

Opening Joint Session

- I. Call to Order on March 17, 2023 at 8:10 AM EST
- II. Welcome to the 2023 Northeast District Convention
- III. Introduction of Joint District Councils
 - A. Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Council
 1. President - Kael Pelletier (Epsilon Nu)
 2. Vice President for Membership - Aly Santos-Silva (Nu Gamma)
 3. Vice President for Programs - Jacob Hopson (Iota Xi)
 4. Secretary-Treasurer - Rose Rush (Kappa Gamma)
 5. Member at Large - Erika Goss (Nu Zeta)
 6. Cade Skuse (Nu Gamma)
 - B. Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Governors
 1. Rassii Elliott (Eta Omega)
 2. Matt Parent (Epsilon Nu)
 3. Marci Jones (Northeast District)
 - C. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Council
 1. President - Joanna Ramierz (Eta Delta)
 2. Vice President for Membership - Kaitlyn Riggio (Eta Gamma)
 3. Vice President for Special Projects - Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
 4. Secretary-Treasurer - Lauren Taylor (Beta Eta)
 - D. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast Counselors
 1. Dr. Ted McCadden (Eta Sigma)
 2. Dr. Bridgette Bell (Epsilon Omega)
 3. Kat Howell (Theta Theta)
- IV. Introduction of Visiting Dignitaries
 - A. Kappa Kappa Psi National Council
 1. President - Jessica Lee (Eta Alpha)
 2. Vice President for Membership and Expansion - Bang Co (Alpha Zeta)
 3. Vice President for Programs - Ed Savoy (Eta Alpha)
 4. Vice President for Professional Relations - Anthony Falcone (Life Member)
 - B. Tau Beta Sigma National Council
 1. Vice President for Membership and Expansion - Siobhan Wilkes-Bratcher (Beta Zeta)
 2. Vice President for Special Projects - Leslie Gartin (Zeta Nu)
 3. Vice President for Communication and Recognition - Allison Leemann (Eta Gamma)

- C. Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees
 - 1. Eric Morson (Delta Omicron)
 - 2. Vice Chair, PNP - Jack Lee (Delta Sigma)
 - 3. Adam Cantley, PNP (Omicron)
- D. Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
 - 1. PNP, Jonathan Markowski (Delta Delta)
 - 2. Immediate PNP, Adrienne Rall (Theta Mu)
 - 3. Rosalyn McDonald (Theta Phi)
- E. Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association Board of Directors
 - 1. Chair - Greg Boike (Kappa Mu)
 - 2. Vice Chair for Membership Engagement - Marina Peña Guiot (Nu Alpha)
 - 3. Communications Director - Donald Lee (Zeta Kappa)
- F. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Alumni Association
 - 1. President - Keelia Decker (Iota Delta)
 - 2. Vice President - Laura Borzellieri (Lambda Delta)
 - 3. Vice President - Indya Hairston (Theta Phi)
 - 4. Secretary - Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon)
 - 5. Treasurer - Evan Choy (Kappa Gamma)
- G. Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Executive Council
 - 1. David Alexander (Gamma Omega)
 - 2. Jessica Smith (Epsilon Epsilon)
 - 3. Tyra Yiare (Eta Delta)
- H. Tau Beta Sigma Past National Presidents
 - 1. Kathy Rodeffer (Beta Eta)
 - 2. Dr. Kathryn Garrett Kelly (Eta Delta)
 - 3. Jonathan Markowski (Delta Delta)
 - 4. Adrienne Rall (Theta Mu)
- I. Tau Beta Sigma Chapter Visitation Assistants
 - 1. Christopher Lukasik (Delta Delta)
 - 2. Indya Hairston (Theta Phi)
 - 3. Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa)
 - 4. Monika Monk (Epsilon Sigma)
 - 5. Zara Simpson (Beta Eta)
 - 6. Brian Main (Iota Alpha)
- J. Tau Beta Sigma Visiting District Counselors
 - 1. Southeast District Counselor - Kelsey Reilly (Omega)
 - 2. Southwest District Counselor - Chelsea Rasing (Theta Mu)
- K. National Headquarters of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma
 - 1. National Alumni Historical and Development Coordinator - Aaron Moore (Alpha Rho)

2. Chapter Support Coordinator - Nicole Brooks (Eta Sigma)
3. Chapter Field Representative - Jake January (Alpha)
- L. Kappa Kappa Psi Past National Presidents
 1. Derrick Mills (Eta)
- M. Visiting District Governors
 1. Midwest District Governor - Nic Rorrer (Eta Beta)
- V. Recognition of graduating seniors in attendance
- VI. Introduction of NEDAA President, Keelia Decker (Iota Delta)
- VII. Keynote Speaker - Gary Allison II (Iota Xi)
- VIII. Host Chapter Recognition
 - A. Eta Omega Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi from Howard University
 - B. Eta Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma from Howard University
 - C. Beta Eta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma from the University of Maryland
 - D. Epsilon Omega Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma and their Alumni Association from Morgan State University
- IX. Recess called until March 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

First Separate Session

- I. Call to order on March 17, 2023 at 9:01 AM
- II. Introductions
 - A. Northeast District Council
 1. President - Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
 2. VPM - Kaitlyn Riggio (Eta Gamma)
 3. VPSP - Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
 4. Sec-Treas - Lauren Taylor (Beta Eta)
 - B. National Council
 1. VPME - Siobhaan Wilkes-Bratcher (Beta Zeta)
 2. VPSP - Leslie Gartin (Zeta Nu)
 3. VPCR - Allison Leemann (Eta Gamma)
 - C. Board of Trustees
 1. PNP, Jonathan Markowski (Delta Delta)
 2. PNP, Adrienne Rall (Theta Mu)
 3. Rosalyn McDonald (Theta Phi)
 - D. TBSAA Executive Council
 1. Tyra Yiare (Eta Delta)
 2. David Alexander (Gamma Omega)
 3. Jessica Smith (Epsilon Epsilon)
 - E. NED Counselors
 1. Dr. Ted McCadden (Eta Sigma)

2. Dr. Bridgette Bell (Epsilon Omega)
3. Kathryn Howell (Theta Theta)
- F. Chapter Visitation Assistants
 1. Christopher Lukasik (Delta Delta)
 2. Monika Monk (Epsilon Sigma)
 3. Indya Hairston (Theta Phi)
 4. Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa)
 5. Brian Main (Iota Alpha)
 6. Zara Simpson (Beta Eta)
- G. Past National Presidents
 1. 2019-2021, Adrienne Rall (Theta Mu)
 2. 2017-2019, Jonathan Markowski (Delta Delta)
 3. 2015-2017, Dr. Kathryn Kelly (Eta Delta)
 4. 1989-1991, Kathy Rodeffer (Beta Eta)
- H. Past Northeast District Presidents
 1. 2021-2022, Ameenah Muhammed (Iota Pi)
 2. 2017-2018, Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa)
 3. 2015-2016, Christopher Lukasik (Delta Delta)
 4. 2012-2013, Allison Leemann (Eta Gamma)
 5. 2000-2001, Dr. Kathryn Garrett Kelly (Eta Delta)
- I. Past District Counselors
 1. Allison Leemann (Eta Gamma)
 2. Dr. Kathryn Garrett Kelly (Eta Delta)
 3. Kathy Rodeffer (Beta Eta)
- J. Visiting District Counselors
 1. Southwest District Counselor - Chelsea Rasing (Theta Mu)
 2. Southeast District Counselor - Kelsey Reilly (Omega)
- III. Recognition of Life Members
- IV. Recognition of Convention Attendance Milestones
 - A. 10th or more convention
 - B. 5th or more convention
 - C. 4th convention
 - D. 3rd convention
 - E. 2nd convention
 - F. 1st convention as an active member, life member, or alumni
 - G. Membership candidate
- V. Overview of Convention Activities and Schedule
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Seating of the Delegates
 - A. First delegates from home chapters

- B. Proxy - seating began with Eta Alpha
 - C. Roll Call
 - D. 2024 seating by rotation starts with Zeta Upsilon
- VIII. Assigning of Committees
- A. Nominations
 - 1. Chair: Laina Meagher (Delta Delta)
 - 2. Advisors: Adrienne Rall (Immediate Past National President) and Kelsey Reilly (Southeast District Counselor)
 - B. Programs
 - 1. Chair: Kaylynn Michael (Eta Gamma) and Darnisha Johnson (Eta Delta)
 - 2. Advisors: Leslie Gartin (National Vice President for Special Projects) and Chelsea Raising (Southwest District Counselor)
 - C. Membership
 - 1. Chair: Madison Grant (Theta Phi)
 - 2. Advisors: Siobhan Wilkes-Bratcher (National Vice President for Membership) and Christopher Lukasik (Chapter Visitation Assistant)
 - D. Ways & Means
 - 1. Chair: Sarah-Faith Mukuna (Zeta Omicron) and Kayla Parker (Eta Delta)
 - 2. Advisors: Allison Leemann (National Vice President for Communications and Recognition) and Brian Main (Chapter Visitation Assistant)
- IX. Practice Vote
- X. Convention Parliamentarian
- A. Omya Goodwin (Eta Delta)
- XI. Standing Rules - Omya Goodwin (Eta Delta)
- A. *Appendix A*
- XII. Vote to Accept the Standing Rules
- A. Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) entertains a motion to accept the standing rules
 - B. Motion carried by Beta Eta
 - C. Seconded by Zeta Omicron
 - D. Motion passes
- XIII. Recess called until March 17, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Second Separate Session

- I. Call to Order on March 17, 2023 at 11:34 AM
- II. Roll Call
- III. Reading of the Minutes from the 2022 Northeast District Convention
 - A. Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) entertains a motion to bypass the reading of the minutes
 - B. Motion carried by Iota Alpha
 - C. Seconded by Zeta Omicron

- D. Motion passes
- IV. Vote to Accept the Minutes from the 2022 Northeast District Convention
 - A. Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) entertains a motion to accept the minutes from the 2022 Northeast District Convention
 - B. Motion carried by Iota Alpha
 - C. Seconded by Eta Chi
 - D. Motion passes
- V. Candidates for Northeast District Council
 - A. Candidate for Vice President for Special Projects - Kaylynn Michael (Eta Gamma)
- VI. Presentation of the NOTE-ification award - Lauren Taylor (Beta Eta)
 - A. Epsilon Omega from Morgan State University
- VII. Final Report of the Secretary Treasurer - Lauren Taylor (Beta Eta)
 - A. *Appendix B*
- VIII. Presentation of the All Star Service Award - Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
 - A. Eta Sigma from Towson University
- IX. SisTAUhood Project Presentations
 - A. Eta Sigma from Towson University
 - B. Theta Phi from Hampton University
- X. Presentation of the SisTAUhood Project Winner - Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
 - A. Eta Sigma from Towson University
- XI. Final Report of the Vice President for Special Projects - Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
 - A. *Appendix C*
- XII. Recess called until March 17, 2023 at 3:30 PM

Third Separate Session

- I. Call to order on March 17, 2023 at 3:33 PM
- II. Roll Call
- III. Ritual Workshop
 - A. National Hymn - Kathy Rodeffer and Siobhan Wilkes Bratcher
 - B. Ritual - Siobhan Wilkes Bratcher
- IV. Presentation of the District Travel Grant - Kaitlynn Riggio (Eta Gamma)
 - A. Theta Phi from Hampton University
- V. Final Report of the Vice President for Membership - Kaitlynn Riggio (Eta Gamma)
 - A. *Appendix D*
- VI. Recess called until March 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Fourth Separate Session

- I. Call to order on March 18, 2023 at 9:24 AM

- II. Introduction of Leslie Gartin - Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
- III. Introduction of Women in Music Speaker, Jesénia Jackson - Leslie Gartin (National VPSP)
- IV. Women in Music Speaker
 - A. Jesénia Jackson - songwriter and composer
- V. National Council Presentation of Honorary Membership
- VI. Recess called until March 18, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Fifth Separate Session

- I. Call to order on March 18, 2023 at 10:48 AM
- II. Roll Call
- III. Final Report of the Programs Committee
 - A. Kaylynn Michael (Eta Gamma) and Darnisha Johnson (Eta Delta)
 - B. *Appendix E*
- IV. Final Report of the Membership Committee
 - A. Cassie Anderson (Gamma Omega) and Madison Grant (Theta Phi)
 - B. *Appendix F*
- V. Final Report of the Ways & Means Committee
 - A. Sarah-Faith Mukuna (Zeta Omicron) and Kayla Parker (Eta Delta)
 - B. *Appendix G*
- VI. Vote to Accept the Final Northeast District Constitution
 - A. Motion carried by Kappa Alpha
 - B. Seconded by Gamma Chi
 - C. Motion passes
- VII. Vote to Accept the Final Northeast District Standard Operating Procedures
 - A. Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) entertains a motion to accept the final NED SOP
 - B. Motion carried by Zeta Omicron
 - C. Seconded by Epsilon Sigma
 - D. Motion passes
- VIII. Review the Proposed 2023-2024 Northeast District Budget
- IX. Vote to accept the 2023-204 Northeast District Budget
 - A. Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) entertains a motion to accept the NED Budget
 - B. Motion carried by Iota Pi
 - C. Seconded by Eta Rho
 - D. Motion passes
- X. Final Report of the Nominations Committee
 - A. Laina Meagher (Delta Delta)
 - B. *Appendix H*
- XI. Presentation of the Slate for the 2023-2024 Northeast District Council
 - A. President - Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)

- B. Vice President for Membership - no slate
- C. Vice President for Special Projects - Kaylynn Michael (Eta Gamma)
- D. Secretary-Treasurer - Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
- XII. Vote to Accept the Slate for the 2023-2024 Northeast District Council
 - A. Laina Meagher entertains a motion to accept the slate
 - B. Motion carried by Gamma Omega
 - C. Seconded by Iota Alpha
 - D. Motion passes
- XIII. Sisterhood Activity - Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
- XIV. Presentation of the District Spirit Award - Lauren Taylor (Beta Eta)
 - A. Iota Alpha from Marist College
- XV. Presentation of the Phenomenal Sister Award - Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
 - A. Ciara Walton (Epsilon Rho)
- XVI. Presentation of the Unsung Hero Award - Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
 - A. Neel Patel (Zeta Upsilon)
- XVII. Final Report of the District President - Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
 - A. *Appendix I*
- XVIII. Recess called until March 18, 2023 at 2:15 PM

Separate Closing Session

- I. Called to order on March 18, 2023 at 2:24 PM
- II. Roll Call
- III. Banquet Announcement
- IV. National Council Announcement
- V. Elections for the 2023-2024 Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Council
 - A. Test Nomination and Election
 - B. Explanation of the Election Procedure
 - C. Floor for elections is open
 - 1. President
 - a) Floor for nominations is open
 - b) Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) is automatically nominated for President by the Slate
 - c) No other nominations
 - d) Floor for nominations is closed; Kaitlyn Riggio becomes acting President
 - e) Kaitlyn Riggio (Eta Gamma) entertains a motion to vote by acclamation
 - f) Motion carried by Zeta Upsilon
 - g) Seconded by Zeta Omicron
 - h) Abstentions - Gamma Chi and Delta Delta

- i) Motion Fails, the delegation votes by ballot
 - j) Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Northeast District President, Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
 - k) Joanna Ramirez returns to Chair meeting.
2. Vice President for Membership
- a) Floor for nominations is open
 - b) No one is automatically nominated by the slate
 - c) Beta Eta nominates Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
 - d) Floor for nominations is closed
 - e) Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) entertains a motion to vote by acclamation
 - f) Motion carried by Delta Omicron
 - g) Seconded by Theta Phi
 - h) Oppositions - Gamma Chi, Zeta Omicron, Delta Delta
 - i) Motion fails, the delegation votes by ballot
 - j) Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Northeast District Vice President for Membership, Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
3. Vice President for Special Projects
- a) Floor for nominations is open
 - b) Kaylynn Michael (Eta Gamma) is automatically nominated by the sale
 - c) Beta Eta nominates Gelly Formica (Zeta Upsilon)
 - d) Floor for nominations is closed
 - e) Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Northeast District Vice President for Special Projects, Kaylynn Michael (Eta Gamma)
4. Secretary-Treasurer
- a) Floor for nominations is open
 - b) Beta Eta entertains a motion to nominate Gelly Formica (Zeta Upsilon)
 - c) Floor for nominations is closed
 - d) Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) entertains a motion to vote by acclamation
 - e) Motion carried by Eta Sigma
 - f) Seconded by Eta Chi
 - g) Opposition - Epsilon Sigma, Gamma Chi, Zeta Omicron, Iota Alpha, Iota Kappa, Eta Gamma, Delta Omicron
 - h) Abstentions - Delta Delta
 - i) Motion fails, the delegation votes by ballot
 - j) The delegation votes to leave the position of 2023-2024 Northeast District Secretary-Treasurer vacant

- VI. Presentation of the Chapter Perseverance Award - Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
 - A. Iota Pi from Lincoln University
- VII. Installation of Officers for the 2023-2024 Northeast District Council
 - A. President - Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
 - B. Vice President for Membership - Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
 - C. Vice President for Special Projects - Kaylynn Michael (Eta Gamma)
- VIII. Meeting adjourned
 - A. Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) entertains a motion to adjourn the 2023 Northeast District Separate Session
 - B. Motion carried by Eta Delta
 - C. Seconded by Delta Omicron
 - D. Meeting adjourned on March 18, 2023 at 4:15 PM

Joint Separate Closing

- I. Meeting called to order on March 18, 2023 at 5:26 PM
- II. Announcement from Anthony Falcone, NVPSA KKPsi (Eta Omicron)
- III. Roll Call
 - A. Kappa Kappa Psi Delegates
 - B. Tau Beta Sigma Delegates
- IV. Presentation of the Joint Relations Award - Jacob Hopkin (Iota Xi) and Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
 - A. Kappa Kappa Psi - Iota Xi at Norfolk State University
 - B. Tau Beta Sigma - Epsilon Sigma at Norfolk State University
- V. 2023-2024 Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Council
 - A. President: Kael Pelletier (Epsilon Nu)
 - B. Vice President for Membership - Jacob Hopson (Iota Xi)
 - C. Vice President for Programs - Cade Skuse (Nu Gamma)
 - D. Secretary-Treasurer - Rose Rush (Kappa Gamma)
 - E. Member at Large - RJ Majar (Nu Xi)
- VI. 2023-2024 Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Council
 - A. President - Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)
 - B. Vice President for Membership - Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)
 - C. Vice President for Special Projects - Kaylynn Michael (Eta Gamma)
- VII. Announcements
 - A. Banquet start time
 - B. NEDAA flower fundraiser
- VIII. Meeting adjourned
 - A. Kael Pelletier (Epsilon Nu) and Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta) entertain a motion to adjourn the 2023 Northeast District Convention Meeting
 - B. Motion carried by Lambda Delta

C. Seconded by Iota Pi

D. Meeting adjourned on March 18, 2023 at 5:40 PM

Appendices

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Appendix A - Standing Rules

Standing Rules for TBSigma Northeast District Convention (Updated for the 2023 Northeast District Convention)

1. All business sessions shall begin promptly at the place and hour specified in the Convention schedule.
2. All reports shall be submitted electronically to the NED President prior to Separate Closing Session unless otherwise specified by the NED President.
3. Any member desiring the floor shall raise their placard to indicate interest in speaking, wait to be recognized by the NED President, then clearly state their business.
4. Any Tau Beta Sigma member attending may speak to or discuss the question on the floor, but only Delegates are entitled to vote on the question.
5. Committee reports that would change the Constitution must be referred to the Ways and Means Committee for review and approval before presentation to the floor.
6. No member, other than a member of the Northeast District Council, shall speak more than twice during the same session to the same question, and not longer than three minutes at one time without permission of the Convention. The question of granting permission shall be decided by a two-thirds vote without debate.
7. During elections, only those who have met the criteria for candidacy established by the nominations committee will be eligible to be nominated for any office.
8. As the delegation has had ample opportunity to review the candidate interviews carried out by the Nominations Committee, there will be no additional time allotted for a Question and Answer period, or candidate panel. Motions for caucus during elections will not be recognized by the Chair.

Appendix B - Final Report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Lauren Taylor (Beta Eta)

Sisters of the Northeast District,

One year ago, at the 2022 Northeast District Convention, a tired, stressed-out, overworked, slightly burnt-out version of myself came to convention with no intent on running for District Council that year. I was the president of two organizations on campus, one being my home chapter, Beta Eta, and the other a club where we taught people how to crochet. I was also a squad leader in my marching band, a campus tour guide, in an academic honors society, and student teaching. Now, I'll admit, it *is* my fault for taking on so many commitments, but don't worry, I don't do all of that stuff now. The opportunity for me to run for secretary-treasurer presented itself, and despite how busy I was, or how my mom kept telling me I was doing too much, I went for it. I had my right hand man, Olivia Morgan with me, as well as some of my alumni besties, Zara, Marcus, and Ivania, to encourage and support me through the election process. During elections, I honestly didn't think I was going to be elected, but here I am. My favorite part of convention was not the fact that I got elected, it was the picture that Zara took of me in complete shock when my name was announced, with a tremendously proud Marcus in the background with both hands in the air, screaming with joy. After convention, and I mean literally on the drive home from convention - Olivia can vouch for me; I got the happy news that I was chosen to play in the pep band for the Women's NCAA Sweet 16 in Spokane, Washington. If you don't know me, I really love our school's women's basketball team (Go Terps). All of this good news was a little overwhelming, and very surprising to me, and it took me a while to fully process things. I was just riding the high.

After I came back from my trip, I got back to business and focused on getting through the rest of the semester with my sanity intact. Come the end of the semester and into the summer, I started learning the ins and outs of my position. I had lots of support from the newly elected council, the district counselors, and the past district council, which I am so thankful for. Starting in this position was very scary, and I felt unprepared. I felt like an imposter for so much of my term, but I had so much amazing support from my council and the counselors. As we started to do more as a council at the start of the fall semester, I got to see what the council really did throughout the year. I got to review chapter budgets (which were all on time and awesome),

connect with chapter officers, see what fundraisers chapters were doing, work with the Kappa Kappa Psi Council (which was all new to me because my school doesn't have a brother chapter) and post on social media with both annoying reminders and joyful celebrations of the awesome things the Northeast District Chapters are accomplishing.

My time on District Council was admittedly stressful, but most importantly it was immensely rewarding to serve my District. I want to thank the Counselors for their patience, understanding, and support while I learned to navigate my position along with school and another year of student teaching. I admire the work you all do behind the scenes to keep our District running. I remember asking Ted for advice back when I was the president of my chapter, not knowing what I was doing. My thanks to him goes all the way back to 2021. I remember reaching out to Dr. Bridget about running for District council before I decided to wait a year (and then impulsively forgoing that decision...) and she provided support and guidance. I remember seeing Kat at my Virtual Rituals, not knowing that I would be working side by side with the Northeast Nugget Queen in less than a year's time. I know that I can count on the three of you to support and encourage me at any time, and for that I am forever grateful.

To my council, thank you all for being so supportive, funny, and overall just great people to talk to whether we're working or not. Joanna, thank you for being supportive of me and taking time out of your busy schedule to come hang out with my chapter, even when you roast the heck out of my apartment. Also, thank you for sending out of pocket memes to make us all laugh in stressful times. Kaitlyn, thank you for always being so positive and encouraging not just to me but to the whole council. Tylar, thank you for our shared love of Bluey, and supporting my questionable financial decisions to buy Bluey stuffed animals. Also, I want you to know that your instagram posts and reminders to post are never annoying and are extremely helpful, so thank you for helping me stay on top of things. Thank you to all of you for making me feel like I belonged on the council and that I wasn't an imposter. Even when I messed up, you guys were there to help and support me, so thank you.

To my home chapter, Beta Eta, thank you for everything. Beta Eta will always have a special place in my heart. You have shown me resilience, strength, and perseverance. Your passion for service, band, and the Sisterhood has shown me that I can always count on anyone in the chapter to be there for me as a Sister and a friend. I love all the Tau Beta Shenanigans that go on in our chapter, and I hope we never stop being Tau Beta Silly. Thank you to my Big, Abby,

for showing me what it means to be a Sister, and to my littles Katie and Tenley, my grandlittles Alexis and Tara, and my great grand little, Robert, for not only making me feel really old, but for showing how strong and everlasting our bond is in Tau Beta Sigma.

To the Northeast District, thank you for being the best district in the nation. All of the hard work and dedication to band, service, and Sisterhood is evident through the countless and amazing accomplishments across the District this year. I am so proud to be able to represent this District. I know that I'll see some of you soon (maybe at Nationals in Orlando) because with my Sisters, I am best. I will always be here to support my Sisters no matter what. It has truly been an honor to serve as your Northeast District Secretary-Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, with much love in the bond,

Lauren Taylor, Beta Eta, Spring 19

Northeast District Secretary-Treasurer 2022-2023

Appendix C - Final Report of the Vice President for Special Projects, Tylar Nardei (Delta Omicron)

Sisters of the Northeast District,

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart thank you for making this experience on District Council wonderful and exciting. I am so proud of the dedication and drive you all have to serve this wonderful organization and to serve the communities that we work so hard to support and uplift. You have all worked hard to blow past my expectation for this year, having many firsts for the Northeast District, seeing an improvement in involvement in District and National Programs, and seeing massive growth and appreciation for the service we provide as sisters of Tau Beta Sigma. Let's take a moment to highlight some of these accomplishments:

- Eta Alpha was the first chapter in the entire nation to complete the Red Stripe kicking off the Focus on Five Campaign.
- Delta Omicron was the first in the entire nation to complete the Black Stripe
- Kappa Alpha was the first in the entire nation to complete the Middle Lyre Piece
- Eta Gamma was the first in the entire nation to complete the Focus on Five Campaign
- We as a district have the highest participation in the For Greater Practice initiative, with the Crescendo project and Women in Music Speaker Series following right after.
- We have created a living breathing spreadsheet for the District to see in real time where they are in the Focus on Five Campaign that lives on our website.
- Continuing this year, we were able to keep our Joint District Service Project at District Convention, and were able to donate to an amazing organization Band Together that works to loan and give instruments to students who cannot otherwise afford them in the Harford County public school system.
- This year, we were able to rework and reimagine the SisTauHood Project, which allowed for more creativity and allow chapters to make their projects unique and different from everyone else in the District. We began to see a growth in District participation in the project, and we were able to have the finalist chapters present their work and creativity in front of you all here today.

- Finally, last week we saw the dedication toward service that each of you strives for in our annual Service Week. The sheer amount of you who participated and the way you all showed your love for service made Service Week an outstanding success.

I want to say thank you all for keeping your dedication to this amazing organization and from the bottom of my heart thank you for making this year one to remember.

To my Focus on Five Besties, thank you for absolutely killing it at the Campaign this year, you all are such amazing people and I know that you all will continue this amazing work for the rest of this campaign. I cannot wait to see what you all continue to do and where your journey in Tau Beta Sigma will take you. To the sisters of the Northeast District, your dedication, loyalty, and devotion to service and music is inspiring and it truly does embody our values here. I hope that this journey here has grown your love and dedication because it is true that “with my sisters, I am best”.

Thank you to my home chapter Delta Omicron for bringing me into the wonderful organization and showing me what it means to serve the bands. To my Little, my grand-little, and great-grand-little, you amazing women have taken what it means to be a big and flipped it upside down. As a big, we take on the role of being a role model and parent, guiding you through your journey here in Tau Beta Sigma. You have shown me what it means to be in a family of crazy, weird, and strong individuals who are highly dedicated to service and the promotion of bands. I am so grateful to be able to call you my family. To my crossover little, thank you for showing me every day what it means to be one in the bond with your brothers in Kappa Kappa Psi. You are an amazing leader, role model, and someone I look up to every day.

Thank you to Leslie, you have helped to guide me in my journey as VPSP and I thank you for believing in me. Thank you to Ted, Kat, and Bridgette for guiding me through this journey here on the council. You guys have been my greatest critiques when I needed it the most, believed in me a lot throughout this process, and have shown me what it means to be a great leader. You three are such amazing people and I am grateful to have gotten to work with you.

To Lauren, thank you for everything that you have done, you have made this experience full of laughs. Thank you my Bluey buddy.

To Kaitlyn, you are such a light in this council. You brought joy to a lot of the District Hangout Events, and even would be there when no one else was. Thank you so much.

To Joanna, you have been a rock for this council, being there for each of us when we are going through our ups and downs. You have been the person holding everything together and I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done this year. I am so glad to have gotten to know you and am so glad for our friendship.

From the late-night calls, text messages that I would have to contain myself from laughing out loud at, to the memes (and I mean a lot of memes that have been shared) I am so grateful to you all. You are such amazing and wonderful people and I wouldn't trade this time and experience for anything in the world. This council, the counselors, my NVPSP, and you the District have made me a better person and a better sister and I thank you all for everything.

Respectfully submitted and with much love in the bond,

Tylar Nardei

2022 - 2023 Northeast District Vice President for Special Projects

Appendix D - Final Report of the Vice President for Membership, Kaitlyn Riggio (Eta Gamma)

To the Sisters of the Northeast District,

I can clearly remember sitting in the 2019 Northern Precinct Meeting at Marist College, newly on my journey towards becoming a Sister, having gone through First Degree only a few days before. An eager Membership Candidate, I wanted to soak up everything the sorority had to offer. I sat in awe of the District Council, and though I was still learning about who they were and what they did, I knew I wanted to be just like them.

Over four years later, I can't believe I'm sitting up here giving my final report as a member of the Northeast District Council. To be honest, I've been thinking about giving this report for most of my term. But now that the time has come, it's hard to believe it's time to close this chapter of my journey as a Sister.

I'm honored and humbled to have had the chance to serve as the Northeast District's Vice President for Membership this past year. My term allowed me to engage with membership in ways I never could have imagined.

As a District, we worked together to set up a Slack channel, so chapter Membership Educators can get answers to their quick questions and collaborate with other VPMs throughout the District. We welcomed new Sisters into our bond and explored new ways to keep education going with Active Sisters. On a broader level, I had the opportunity to work alongside the wonderful Curriculum Committee and National VPME Siobhan Wilkes-Bratcher on projects like the Module 0 video and new continuing education efforts. I was also lucky enough to co-present a workshop at Summer Mixtape, which connected me to Sisters I might have never met otherwise.

I can't put into words how grateful I am for each and every one of these opportunities. Every conversation I've had with chapter VPMs throughout the District, every new thing I've learned about Overture and continuing education, every MEP I reviewed gave me the opportunity to serve the District through membership, and I can't emphasize enough how lucky I feel to have had this opportunity. Thank you, Sisters of the Northeast District and especially chapter VPMs, for being so wonderful to work with and for being so open to working together. It's been an honor to be your VPM.

Joining the Council as a graduating senior, I'll admit I was a little nervous coming into my term. So much around me in my life was changing, and there were times when I felt lonely and lost. I was away from everything I'd built for myself in the prior years, and it felt like I was starting over from scratch. But as I settled in, I realized that I had a home with my Sisters no matter where I was geographically. It helped me feel connected even when I felt like I was a million miles away. And nothing symbolizes that more than the connection I was able to foster with the rest of the Council.

Joanna, Tylar and Lauren: you were a dream to work alongside. Though we only met in person a few times, they were a precious few. I always looked forward to seeing you in our weekly Council calls, even if it was only on a screen, and it was a joy to watch you guys kill it in your home chapters while also balancing the responsibility of being on District Council. Your kindness, your passion, your emotional poise and undeniable leadership made me aim to be a better Sister. There's no other group I would have rather worked with during this past year, and I'm so happy that I met all three of you. Working alongside you has left me both changed for the better and changed for good.

To the Counselors: thank you for your wisdom, guidance and reassurance. None of this would have been possible without your support.

As I sat down to write this report and reflected on my time on District Council, I kept landing on a quote from Shakespeare's *The Tempest*: "what's past is prologue." The idea that your history lays the groundwork for your present. I would not be the Sister, the VPM or the person I am today without the people who helped to get me here.

To Eta Gamma, my home chapter. Thank you for being my launch pad and my introduction into everything this Sorority has to offer.

To Julia Tordo, my VPM. Thank you for seeing the Sister in me and for embodying everything a VPM should be.

To Shruthi, Larissa, Breanne, Elisha, Victoria and, of course, my Big, Samantha Nicole "Riley" Casey. Thank you for being role models for what Sisters and Brothers should be. Even after graduating, I still look up to you and I feel so lucky to have you all in my life.

To Alex. Thank you for saying yes to walking home with me after our very first day of Concert Band freshman year, for everything that came after and for everything that's yet to come. You may be my Little, but you inspire me every day.

To my Little Brothers, Annie, Jimmy and Amanda. I'm so proud of all three of you in all of your endeavors, in KKPsi, in school, in band and in life.

To Fish. Thank you for being the definition of a ride or die. We became Sisters side by side. You were by my side at the beginning of my run for VPM, so it's only fitting that you're here for the end of the run, even if only in spirit. You always have a spot on my hip, even if we're hundreds of miles apart.

To Allison and Emily, thank you both for inspiring me through your achievements and for being shining examples of just how tall I can reach to be.

As my term as District VPM draws to a close, I can't help but feel like this isn't the end of a journey. It's just one step in a larger journey. After all, "what's past is prologue." I don't know what the rest of the journey looks like yet, or even what the next step is. But when I do, I'll be ready to take it, with fortitude and courage. Until then...

Respectfully submitted with Much Love in the Bond,

Kaitlyn "Oona" Riggio

Northeast District Vice President for Membership, 2022-2023

Appendix E - Final Report of the Programs Committee

The Programs Committee - March 17th and 18th, 2023

The charges for the 2023 Programs Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2022 Programs Committee Report and Charges
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District Standard Operating Procedures, focusing on sections involving programs and awards.
 - a. Submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Ways and Means Committee by the end of the first committee meeting
3. Review National Programs (Crescendo, Coda, WIMS, Focus on Five Campaign, For Greater Practice, etc.) and District Programs and their requirements
4. Review SisTauHood Project and suggested changes
5. Review Project Peace of Mind and its implementation
6. Review Service week and how it can be more than just a social media project.

Document Review and Changes:

National Constitution: None

District Constitution: None

District SOP: None

Focus on Five Review

- **Coda Project**
 - The Committee discussed participation and implementation of the Coda Project. We discussed ways to make the language used in the National Programs Guide more simple and readable as well as creating example projects that go through the project step by step to make it more accessible.
 - The Committee also discussed ways to brainstorm ideas for the Coda Project to give Chapters more examples of what they can do.
- **Women in Music Speaker Series**
 - The Committee discussed how Chapters may find it difficult to find WIM Speakers and how a database of previous WIM Speakers in the District should be created for easier access.
 - The Committee also discussed the perks of keeping the event hybrid and how to promote virtual events. We discussed promoting events to other Chapters as well as sharing information about upcoming events on District social media pages.
- **Crescendo Project**

- The Committee discussed participation and implementation of the Crescendo Project. We discussed ways to make the language used in the National Programs Guide more simple and readable as well as creating example projects that go through the Crescendo Project step by step to make it more accessible.
- The Committee also discussed ways to brainstorm ideas for the Crescendo Project to give Chapters more examples of what they can do.
- **For Greater Practice Challenge**
 - The Committee discussed creating a District Award centered around recognizing the Chapter that completed the most practice hours.
 - The Committee discussed ways for Chapters to recognise members who have practiced the most, recognizing music majors and non-music majors separately. We discussed editing the recognition certificate template from the National Programs Guide and sending it to Chapters to use.
- **Project Peace of Mind**
 - The Committee consulted with the Membership Committee and determined that Project Peace of Mind falls under their jurisdiction.
- **SisTAUhood Project**
 - The Committee discussed creating a Google Folder of past projects to show Chapters the scope of creativity in different types of projects that they can submit and give them more ideas for formatting the project.
- **District Engagement**
 - The Committee discussed ways to increase engagement with the District and across Chapters. To increase socialization across Chapters, we discussed implementing a pen pal program and continuing to host Zoom events.
 - We also discussed how to encourage Chapters to go to in person events. This could include encouraging geographically close Chapters to have in person hang outs and work together to coordinate travel to District Convention.
- **Social Media Highlights**
 - The Committee discussed ways to highlight Chapters who go above in participation on the District social media accounts. We discussed highlighting Chapters' Focus on Five Projects and ways that Chapters find to socialize with each other.
 - We also discussed sending out a monthly newsletter with resources and information about the National and District Programs, highlights of projects from different Chapters, as well as submissions from students via an online form.
- **Summer Sisterhood Activities**
 - The Committee discussed the implementation of summer sisterhood activities. We discussed creating a weeklong social media campaign promoting ways to maintain sisterhood over the summer including ideas for outdoor activities,

fundraisers, ways to connect while at home, and meet ups in major cities in the District.

- **Service Week**

- The committee discussed NED Service Week and determined that the social media takeover format online helps promote engagement within the chapters more than in person service events would. The Committee felt as though pushing in person activities could be a barrier for some Chapters to participate, especially since Service Week falls over spring break at many schools.
- The Committee discussed hosting workshops for chapter VPS to plan future service and learn tips and tricks to doing service effectively.

The charges for the 2024 Programs Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2023 Programs Committee Report and Charges
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District Standard Operating Procedures, focusing on sections involving programs and awards.
 - a. Submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Ways and Means Committee by the end of the first committee meeting
3. Review National Programs (Crescendo, Coda, WIMS, Focus on Five Campaign, For Greater Practice, etc.) and District Programs and their requirements
4. Review SisTauHood Project and implementation of suggested changes.
5. Review Summer Sisterhood Activities and its implementation.

The charges for the 2023-2024 District VPSP

1. Create District guides for the Coda, Crescendo, and WIM Projects including project requirements and a step by step example to planning each project.
2. Create District idea banks for the Coda, Crescendo, and WIM Projects with suggestions on what to do for each program using crowdsourced ideas from Chapters.
3. Create a database of previous WIM speakers sorted by region to send to Chapters as potential speakers.
4. Create a form for Chapters to fill out to have a featured post on District social media accounts about their upcoming projects, specifically WIM Speakers, to promote attendance across other chapters.
5. Create a District award to recognize the Chapter that completed the most hours per member in the For Greater Practice Initiative.
6. Create a recognition certificate template to send to Chapters to present to the one music major and one non music major that completed the most practice hours in the For Greater Practice Initiative.
7. Create a Google Folder to upload previous SisTAUHood projects that show a variety of formatting options for the project.
8. Create a pen pal program across the District that members can sign up for via Google Form to be paired with a pen pal from another chapter.

9. Create a week long Summer Sisterhood Activities program to feature different ways to stay connected over the summer.
10. Send out a monthly newsletter with resources for the different District and National Programs and highlights of completed programs by different Chapters.
 - a. Create a Google Form for Chapters to submit content to be featured in the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaylynn Michael, Eta Gamma (Chair)
Darnisha Johnson, Eta Delta (Chair)
Leslie Gartin, Zeta Nu (Advisor)
Chelsea Rasing, Theta Mu (Advisor)
Tori Keefauver, Eta Gamma, Proxy for Delta Omicron
Majaci'd Alexander, Epsilon Rho, Proxy for Delta Nu
Lizzy Park, Eta Rho (Delegate)
Izzy Hasson, Zeta Omicron, Proxy for Eta Chi
Lauren Bunch, Eta Psi (Delegate)
Kemaria Burgess, Iota Pi (Delegate)
Brian Chang, Eta Gamma
Helena Gill, Eta Gamma
Caimren Wagner, Eta Gamma
Jay Ward, Eta Rho
Lillianna Hepfer, Gamma Omega
Jaelyne Ware, Iota Pi
Aneisha Somerville, Iota Pi
Kyler Burgin, Iota Pi

Appendix F - Final Report of the Membership Committee

The Membership Committee First Session- March 17th and 18th, 2023

Called to Order: 9:53 am

The charges for the 2023 Membership Committee are as follows:

1. Review the charges for the 2023 Membership Committee
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District Standard Operating Procedures, focusing on sections involving membership or member education.
3. Provide any proposed changes to the 2023 Jurisdiction Committee.
4. Continue to review Overture and propose new activities.
5. Review Project Peace of Mind and suggest new activities for the program.

Discussion:

Tau Beta Sigma National Constitution III.V Membership rules are read aloud.

V.IV Officers description is read aloud.

VI.VI Membership description is read aloud.

A detailed explanation of membership statuses is given by Sister Siobhan Wilkes Bratcher.

6.608 Membership, ALUMNI: “they is” → “they are”

OMRS changing to OPUS, potential for the change to occur this upcoming academic year. With OPUS implementation, you will receive a membership card upon initiation, but the necessity for the Active Membership card is no longer pertinent with new technology.

Query from Sister, if too much time passes after a member is disciplined/placed onto probation, what happens? Sister Wilkes Bratcher clarifies that there is an option to once again be on good standing with the Sorority; if you graduate as a suspended member, you can choose to pursue an alumni membership in good standing, otherwise you are listed as inactive.

Sister Christopher Lukasik offers that disciplinary status should be discussed with the District Counselors, Chapter sponsors, etc in order to have a wider perspective of the decision.

Focus is moved towards the Standard Operating Procedures of the Northeast District.

Under I. District Council, Vice President for Membership description of responsibilities is read aloud.

Third bullet point is written “NVPCM”--change needed to NVPME to reflect change in title to omit usage of “colonization” 2021.

Under II. Meetings, Membership Committee description is read aloud.

The Membership Committee of 2023 moves to charge the Northeastern District with the following changes to the Constitution and SOP:

- Outline within the Standard Operating Procedures under Recurring Duties-MEP Section
 - The NED VPM shall connect with and support individual Chapter VPMs in development of their membership programs, and as needed throughout the year. [Reflects Current Practice]
 - Third bullet point is written “NVPCM” change needed to NVPME. [Reflects change in title to omit usage of “colonization” from Natl Convention in 2021.]

All attending delegates are in favor.

0 Oppositions

0 Abstentions

Motion passes.

Meeting focus transitions to reviewing Project Peace of Mind.

This program began as Project Good Member in 2019, which then changed to Project Peace of Mind in 2020

A reminder to the Chapters about Peace of Mind can encourage District involvement within this program/ or an association with the lyre piece/a potential award/involvement generally. Possibly encouraging activity posts/etc—can be sent to District VPM.

Session concludes at 11:06am.

The Membership Committee Second Session- March 17th and 18th, 2023

Called to Order: 2:20pm

Goal: The Curriculum Committee had many questions regarding Overture that they wished to be addressed by the Membership Committee. The primary question was “Does the flow of Overture make sense, and is it digestible for Membership Candidates?”.

There were no comments or concerns on any of the Overture Modules.

Likes:

Streamlined content, learning about one’s own chapter, learning about the service opportunities, planning, and goals; the Bigs come to MC classes helps with modeling TBS standards.

Dislikes:

Relearning everything when you become Active; miscommunication of information and concern over set timeline of membership process;

Changes:

Learning/reinforcing the songs and emphasizing their significance; adding the sheet music/information to Overture/reminders of due dates for VPM & Officers

Quizzes:

Used for PME in certain chapters to reinforce the information, taken weekly by Membership Candidates.

Sisterhood:

Sister Dates/Interviews/MCs create presentations for the Chapter upon getting to know the Sisters/Tea Party organized by new class

PME: Frequency should be as much as possible, with focuses on:
Purpose/Mission/Vision/Origins/Songs/Hazing/Chapter chosen topics
Trivia, Jeopardy, Kahoot

Discussion about inclusive language in the 3rd Degree ritual.

Probates and New Member presentations—discussion regarding what point within a process these occur, before or after initiation.

Perhaps information added to Overture about planning a probate and providing the details about what the group should include in it. Opening the presentation/performance to a campus geared presentation rather than strictly Tau Beta Sigma related.

Meeting closes at 3:07pm.

The charges for the 2024 Membership Committee are as follows:

1. Review the charges for the 2024 Membership Committee
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District Standard Operating Procedures, focusing on sections involving membership or member education.
3. Provide any proposed changes to the 2024 Jurisdiction Committee.
4. Continue to review Overture and propose new activities.
5. Review Project Peace of Mind's impact on chapters and suggest ways to improve

The charges for the 2023-2024 District Council are as follows:

1. Outline within the SOP under recurring Duties- MEP Section
 - a. The NED VPM shall connect with and support individual Chapter VPMs in development of their membership programs, and as needed throughout the year. { Reflects Current Practice }
 - b. Third bullet point is written "NVPCM" currently. This needs to be changed to NVPME. {Reflects change in title to omit usage of "colonization" from the National Constitution in 2021 }

Respectfully submitted,

Madison Grant, Theta Phi Chapter (Chair)

Siobhan Wilkes Bratcher, Christopher Lukasik, Olivia DeFilippo (Advisors)

Seated Delegates

Rebekah Doucette, Delta Delta
Emily Spencer, Eta Sigma (Proxy for Gamma Kappa)
Soojin Cho, Eta Sigma (Proxy for Kappa Alpha)
Taylor Gray, Eta Sigma (Delegate)
Tracy Riffle, Eta Rho (Proxy for Iota Kappa)
Jeremy Balda, Eta Sigma

List all participating Sisters

Gwendolyn Stephenson, Eta Psi
Nasyah Oxner, Eta Delta
Kalailah Coleman, Theta Phi
Emily Smith, Eta Rho
Krystina Stevens, Theta Phi
Joseph Ereifej, Gamma Omega
Sabriya Root, Theta Phi
Taylor Solomon, Eta Psi
Angel Mitchell, Epsilon Omega
Nigee Pratt, Epsilon Omega

Appendix G - Final Report of the Ways & Means Committee

The 2023 Ways and Means Committee Final Report - March 17th and 18th, 2023

The charges for the 2023 Ways and Means Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2022 Ways and Means Committee Reports and Charges.
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District Standard Operating Procedures, focusing on sections involving constitutions and budgeting.
3. Collect any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures from other committees by the end of the first committee meeting.
4. Review the proposed changes to the 2022-2023 TBSigma NED Constitution.
 - a. Discuss proposed changes from the District Council and other Committees.
 - b. Develop a list of proposed changes, including rationale, for the Chair to present to the delegation for voting a Separate business session.
5. Review the proposed changes to the 2022-2023 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures.
 - a. Discuss proposed changes from the District Council and other Committees.
 - b. Develop a list of proposed changes including rationale for the Chair to present to the delegation for voting a Separate business session.
6. Review the tentative NED 2023-2024 Budget and approve projected revenue and expenses.
7. Propose virtual and in person fundraising options for the District.
8. Evaluate fundraising efforts for the 2022-2023 year

The committee unanimously decided to hold all our meetings sitting on the carpet, with terminology dubbed as “floor time” to foster better conversation. After this, we began our first committee block by reviewing the Ways and Means Committee 2023 Charges. During our first committee block we got through the first four charges. We skipped the 3rd charge during the first committee block due to there being no proposed changes but revisited this idea in our second committee block.

Our second committee meeting had a very fruitful discussion on the election proposal process. Following Robert’s Rule of Order for group discussions, we heard varying perspectives on the idea of, ramifications, and logistical aspects of running from the floor for District Office. The committee decided upon a recommendation to the District Council for the Standing Rules for the Election Process, with no changes being made to the Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures.

Committee block three focused on the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year. The committee discussed any monetary allocation changes that felt necessary and made the proposed amendments as needed. There was another discussion on how the location of certain events, including but not limited to, Precincts and Districts, can drastically affect how certain monetary allocations are decided upon.

We bypassed charges 7 and 8 due to time constraints.

Introductions

- All delegates present
- Reviewed charges and report from the 2023 Ways and Means Committee

Budget Review

- Reviewed 2024-2025 budget

Proposed Budget

- Reviewed 2023-2024 budget
 - Decided to increase lodging budget for NEDCon 2024
 - Decided to decrease budget for Precincts due to Precincts being tentative

Jurisdiction

- Reviewed National Constitution, District Constitution, and District Standard Operating Procedures
- Reviewed changes to the District Constitution and Standard Operating Procedures suggested by the current District Council
- Reviewed all changes suggested by Nominations, Programs, and Membership Committees

All proposed changes to the District Constitution and the Standard Operating Procedures are reflected below. Original passages to be changed will be **highlighted**, suggested changes are shown in **red**, and explanations or rationale will be shown in **blue**.

Proposed Changes to the Northeast District Constitution

SUGGESTED CHANGES FROM COUNCIL

- 3.1 The National Headquarters shall administer the account for the District. The District Council shall determine the use of District funds, subject to approval by the District Counselors **as proposed in the budget set out by the Ways and Means Committee as approved as the delegation.**

Add: "As proposed in the budget set out by the Ways and Means Committee as approved as the delegation"

Explanation: The committee wanted to emphasize that spending by the District Council should be held to the budget created for that school year. The spending by the District is meant to stay as close to the proposed spending approved by the Ways and Means Committee as possible.

- 4.4 The location of the next Convention shall be determined by the preceding Convention by the District Counselors and Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Governors in conjunction with the National Headquarters staff.

REMOVED

Explanation: The Northeast District Counselors are not the only governing body responsible for deciding the information regarding District Convention. Due to all of the logistics allowed, it is not feasible to claim that the NED can make this determination by itself.

- 4.5 There **may** be an annual Precinct Meeting within each Precinct of the District. The location of the next Precinct Meeting shall be determined at each preceding Precinct Meeting by the Joint

District Councils with approval by the District Counselors and Governors. In the absence of an approved bid by the District Counselors and Governors for each precinct, there shall be one virtual precinct meeting prior to District Convention.

Add: There may be

Explanation: The District has eliminated the mandatoriness of Precinct Meetings. The District may decide to hold Precinct meetings.

Proposed Changes to the Northeast District SOP

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS FROM COUNCIL

- The District Council is elected by the Delegation in attendance at the District Convention. The elections process is outlined in the National Constitution section 5.403: A Nominations Committee “shall carefully investigate the eligibility of candidates for election... [and] nominate one member for each office and present the names to the Convention. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention by Official Delegates. **The Nominations Committee shall determine the eligibility of any other candidates who are nominated from the floor. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election.**” Additional information regarding the election process is available in the District Officer Elections resource packet.
Consider revising elections process to define how soon runs front the floor
Recommendation: There should be a lot more prior education from the Districts about the voting process AND the vacancy process to help make sure that all voters are informed. There should be a hard deadline for packets and they would be due by the end of the first joint session, any time after that you would not be given as much as or any time to , in comparison to those who completed paperwork on time. There could be pamphlets from the district given to delegates at convention to remind them of this information as well.
- The District Vice President for Special Projects role is outlined in the **District Constitution, section 2.4:** “The District Vice President for Special Projects shall be responsible for supporting national programs and initiatives, as well as designing and implementing District programs and projects.”
Add: "The District Vice President for Special Projects shall be in charge of implementing the National and District programs as set forth by the guidelines of the Programs Committee."
Reasoning: Compare to National 5.406
- Notify the District at-large as well as **any Northeast District stakeholders Chapter Sponsors, District Officers, District Counselors, NEDAA Officers, TBSAA Executive Council, National Officers, Board of Trustees, and National Headquarters of the date of District Convention within 14 calendar days of deciding the date, by May 1st,** unless given an alternate deadline by the District Counselors.
Delete: Chapter Sponsors, District Officers, District Counselors, NEDAA Officers, TBSAA Executive Council, National Officers, Board of Trustees, and National Headquarters of the date of District Convention AND by May 1st

Explanation: Stakeholders cover all of these people in less wording and changed the date of May 1st to 14 calendar days of deciding the date due to the date usually being later in the year

- The District Council selects recipients and distributes awards, grants, and scholarships during District Convention the spring semester each year. Each award has specific requirements and application processes that are announced by the District Council, with approval from the District Counselors.

Delete: “the spring semester”

Add: “District Convention”

Explanation: All awards, grants, and scholarships will be given at District Convention so we added this to clarify a specific date during the Spring semester.

- Chapter Perseverance Award - This award is given by the District Council to a chapter that has shown significant growth over the past year. This award ranks as one of the highest recognitions that the NED Council awards as it highlights one Chapter for their contribution to improving themselves as an overall Chapter and as individual Sisters. To be eligible, a Chapter must be present at the Northeast District Convention, at least one Precinct Meeting, and be on-time with all paperwork deadlines. There are no nominations or applications for this award.

Delete: “at least one Precinct Meeting”

Explanation: The District Council requested that language be changed based on the fact that precinct meetings are no longer required.

- Phenomenal Sister Award and Life Member Scholarship - This award is given by the NED Council to recognize a graduating Sister that goes above and beyond the call of duty within their chapter. This Sister actively contributes to the overall growth and betterment of the chapter in many ways, such as holding various leadership positions and encouraging other Sisters to be the best they can be. To be eligible, the Sister must be nominated by another Sister or another person associated with your chapter (including but not limited to, Alumni, Active Brothers from your university, Chapter Sponsor, DOB) be Active in both the Fall and Spring semesters of the academic year, and exhibit daily adherence to the Five Qualities and Eight Essential Factors. The selected Sister will be awarded a Life Membership Scholarship.

ADD: “or another person associated with your chapter (including but not limited to, Alumni, Active Brothers from your university, Chapter Sponsor, DOB)”

Explanation: Language was not specific enough on who could nominate an active Sister for an award

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS FROM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Listed under VPM Responsibilities

CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Membership Education Packets (MEPs)

ADD: The NED VPM shall connect with and support individual Chapter VPMs in development of their membership programs, and as needed throughout the year.

Explanation: Reflects Current Practice

- Assist the NVPCM NVPME in monitoring and reviewing the submission of Overture documents.

Delete: NVPCM

Add: NVPME

Explanation: Reflects change in title to omit usage of “colonization” from Natl Convention in 2021

The charges for the 2024 Ways and Means Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2023 Ways and Means Committee Charges by the end of the first committee meeting.
2. Collect any proposed changes to the 2023-2024 NED Constitution and NED Standard Operating Procedures from other committees by the end of the first committee meeting.
3. Review the 2023 Ways and Means Committee Final Report.
4. Review the National and NED Constitutions as well as the NED Standard Operating Procedures.
5. Review the proposed changes to the NED Constitution and NED Standard Operating Procedures.
 - a. Discuss proposed changes from the District Council, District Counselors, other committees, and Ways and Means committee members.
 - b. Develop a list of proposed changes, including rationale, for the Co-Chairs to present to the delegation for voting during a Separate business session.
6. Review the tentative 2023-2024 NED Budget.
 - a. Discuss proposed changes from the District Council, District Counselors, other committees, and Ways and Means committee members.
 - b. Develop a list of proposed changes, including rationale, for the Co-Chairs to present to the delegation for voting during a Separate business session
7. Evaluate district fundraising efforts from the 2023-2024 year.
8. Propose virtual and in-person district fundraising options for future years.

The charges for the 2023-2024 District Council are as follows:

- Secretary-Treasurer should review fundraising events from the past year, evaluate them, and propose revisions and additions for future fundraising events.
- District Counselor should communicate with Council for Kappa Kappa Psi to discuss change in verbiage regarding Precinct Meetings and make sure all language is consistent within all documentation.

Respectfully submitted,
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Kayla Parker, Eta Delta (Co-Chair)
Allison Leemann, Eta Gamma (Co-Advisor)
Brian Main, Iota Alpha (Co-Advisor)
Tenley Fahey, Beta Eta
Abby Bennett, Proxy for Gamma Chi, Delta Delta
Chanelle Jones, Epsilon Omega
Samantha Butler, Proxy for Eta Alpha, Epsilon Sigma
Trevor Powell, Eta Gamma
Samantha Fingerman, Zeta Upsilon

Appendix H - Final Report of the Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee - March 17th and 18th, 2023

The charges for the 2023 Nominations Committee were as follows:

1. Review the 2022 Nominations Committee Report and Charges.
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District SOP, focusing on candidacy, district offices, and voting procedure.
3. Submit any recommendations for modifications to the District Constitution or SOP to the Jurisdiction/Ways & Means Committee before the beginning of the second committee block.
4. Interview all candidates found eligible for candidacy, being sure to ask the same questions if there are multiple candidates running for the same office.
5. Review the list of candidates for District Office based on the packets that were submitted electronically 1 week prior to the start of the Convention.
6. Create a slate of recommended candidates.
7. Review the list of suggested questions for candidates and provide feedback to the district counselors as needed.
8. If necessary, evaluate the number of packets submitted and discuss strategies for recruiting and maintaining interest for future District Officer candidates.
9. Create the 2023 Nominations Committee Report and Charges for the 2024 Nominations Committee.

Description of and conclusion for discussion points

1. We reviewed the 2022 Nominations Committee Report and Charges. We also made a checklist for each of the charges listed above to ensure we covered each of them during our discussions this weekend.
2. We reviewed the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District SOP, focusing on candidacy and voting procedures.
3. We reviewed the recorded interview of one Official Candidate and interviewed all potential floor nominees who submitted the required materials prior to the presentation of the slate.
4. We reviewed each of the candidates based on their interviews and candidate packet or required floor nominee materials, with a focus on determining which candidates we felt could best fulfill the responsibilities of each of the district offices.
5. We reviewed the list of interview questions and made recommendations to the District Counselors for modifications and additions.
6. We created a slate of recommended candidates based on our discussion surrounding the third charge.

7. We evaluated the number of submitted materials and noted that it was only slightly over the number of available positions, so we brainstormed multiple ways to encourage and maintain interest in running for district office. We include these ideas in our charges for the 2023-2024 District Council.

The charges for the 2024 Nominations Committee are as follows:

1. Review the 2023 Nominations Committee Report and Charges.
2. Review the National and District Constitutions, as well as the District SOP, focusing on candidacy, district offices, and voting procedure.
3. Review the list of suggested questions for candidates and adjust as necessary prior to conducting interviews.
4. Submit any recommendations for modifications to the District Constitution or SOP to the Jurisdiction/Ways & Means Committee before the beginning of the second committee block.
5. Interview all candidates found eligible for candidacy, being sure to ask the same questions if there are multiple candidates running for the same office.
6. Determine whether to interview candidates with late submissions.
7. Review the list of candidates for District Office based on the packets that were submitted electronically 1 week prior to the start of the Convention.
8. Create a slate of recommended candidates.
9. If necessary, evaluate the number of packets submitted and discuss strategies for recruiting and maintaining interest for future District Officer candidates.
10. Create the 2024 Nominations Committee Report and Charges for the 2025 Nominations Committee.

The charges for the 2023-2024 District Council are as follows:

1. Emphasize to all parties interested in District Council the importance of submitting complete packets for consideration on time as per the Standard Operating Procedures of the District.
2. Review the following suggestions for District Officer and Chapter Delegate recruitment and create an implementation plan if applicable:
 - Create a presentation to introduce officer positions during the fall semester
 - Make members aware of delegate positions and responsibilities and encourage members to be delegates for their chapters
 - Create “job shadowing” group chats for each District Office
 - Make detailed officer reports outlining duties completed throughout the year
 - Create ‘hype videos’ for office positions and share them on social media two months prior to convention to better inform members of the responsibilities of

each district office, steps required to run, and cultivate enthusiasm and interest in running for office

- Host workshops in order to advance chapter members' knowledge and understanding of the Northeast District Council's day-to-day operations as well as the importance of attending and participating in Northeast District Convention.

The 2023 Nominations Committee was not afforded the opportunity to properly fulfill our charges. Due to the volume of last minute materials submissions, the bulk of our committee sessions were spent conducting interviews and reviewing submitted materials rather than having already taken care of interviews and reading packets prior to convention. This is not only a disservice to the Nominations Committee but also to the voting delegation and the Northeast District at large, as we all deserve the opportunity to review the interviews and packets of anyone who seeks to serve on the District Council.

The Nominations Committee would also like to reiterate the significance of the slate as a recommendation of candidates found to be best suited for each office after careful investigation and deliberation of all candidates. In the case that there is no slated candidate for a position, this means that the committee came to the conclusion that there were no candidates qualified to meet the expectations of that office.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the 2023 Nominations Committee. Your input, time, and dedication during this convention were wholly representative of our shared values and ideals!

Respectfully submitted,

Laina Meagher, Delta Delta (Chair)

Delegates:

Ciara Walton, Epsilon Rho

Te'Lia Clark, Epsilon Sigma

Gracie Maslyn, Zeta Omicron

Gabby DeCiccio, Iota Alpha

Advisors:

Adrienne Rall, Theta Mu

Kelsey Reilly, Omega

The Slate

President: Joanna Ramirez

Vice President for Membership: No Slate

Vice President for Special Projects: Kaylynn Michael

Secretary/Treasurer: Tylar Nardei

Appendix I - Final Report of the Northeast District President, Joanna Ramirez (Eta Delta)

Sisters of the Northeast District,

I cannot even begin to express what an honor it is to be standing in front of all of you here today. When I joined Tau Beta Sigma back in the spring of 2020, I had no idea that I would be serving this organization in this capacity. Honestly, I thought I was just going to be passing out water to the band at football games. I had no idea that I would make it as far as I have.

Serving as your District President has been such a blessing and fulfilling experience for me. This year, I got to see another side of our organization and district. I've had the pleasure of attending your rituals, teaching workshops, attending events, watching your concerts, and even volunteering with some of your chapters. I've also had the pleasure of harassing every single Chapter President in the room to submit their paperwork on time, which they did. We've had an amazing year as a District and I need to take the time to recognize and celebrate some of our accomplishments from this year:

- We started the school year off strong with 100% submissions of chapter constitutions and budgets, with Eta Sigma being the first chapter in the district to submit their constitution, budget, and MEP.
- Eta Delta and Eta Sigma tied for being the first chapter in the district to submit their Chapter Personnel Report.
- Beta Eta, Delta Delta, Eta Delta, Eta Sigma, Eta Chi, Theta Phi, and Kappa Alpha all received an early bird award for meeting the early bird deadline submission for the chapter personnel report.
- Eta Chi was the first chapter in the northeast district to complete the fall activity report.
- Epsilon Rho was the first chapter in the district to submit their delegate form for convention.

Aside from our paperwork accomplishments, I need to take the time to recognize two trailblazing women in our district. Angel Mitchell, a spring 2022 initiate of the Epsilon Omega chapter at Morgan State University, is the second ever, first in decades and first of her chapter, woman to become Drum Major. Quiara Jackson, a spring 2020 initiate of the Epsilon Sigma chapter at

Norfolk State University, is the first woman to ever become drum major at her university. Those of us who march at HBCUs know how rare it is to ever see a woman hold the title of drum major, and I wanted to thank the both of you for representing us as women so gracefully and for always killing it out there on the field.

I'm so thankful for all of you, all of you who came to our chapter check-ins, President check-ins, District hangout events, and all of you who didn't get mad at me for the insane amount of slack channel announcements that I would send on a daily basis. I cannot express how proud I am of each and every single one of you. I'm proud of your hard work, your dedication, and your resilience. I'm proud of all of you for the service and leadership that you've provided to your universities. I'm proud of each of you for so many things, but I'm most proud of all of you for remaining true to yourselves even when things got tough. Our district would not have had all of these amazing accomplishments this year without the hard work and dedication that each of you and your chapters put in this year.

To my home chapter, Eta Delta, I'm so grateful to have been selected to be initiated through this very well accomplished (and stylish) chapter. Being in Eta Delta has taught me to never be afraid to speak up for others, to protect the women of the band, and to face every challenge with elegance and grace. I'm grateful to all of you for always holding me accountable and for reminding me that there is always room for growth and improvement. Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to lead and for all of your support. I'd also like to thank you for teaching me that if I don't come overdressed to every single event then I am doing something wrong. Eta Delta Oww, will forever ring in my heart.

To Hannah, Kayla, and Ameenah, thank you guys so much for responding to my group messages whenever I felt lost or confused. The four minute long voice memos where Hannah's ADHD would be in full effect have become a core memory for me now. But seriously, you three inspired me to run for this position in the first place and I'm so grateful for that. Thank you for being my sisters and supporting me through everything.

To my HBCU sisters, thank you so much for allowing me to represent us this year. Thank you all so much for always having my back and reminding me that I deserved to be here. Each and every single one of you guys killed it with your service and programming this year. You all did some

amazing things this year like Epsilon Rho and Epsilon Omega going to Honda, Epsilon Sigma going to the Rose Bowl, Eta Delta being in the MEAC vs SWAC battle, Eta Psi being nominated for chapter of the year last May, Theta Phi participating in an MLK March, and Iota Pi having a successful year with their entire chapter being all newly initiated sisters. Remember that we are all capable of whatever we put our minds to and that we are worthy of having a seat at every table.

To the world's greatest past district presidents, thank you all so much for never making me feel like I was asking too many questions even though I felt like I was. Thank you all for your kind words, supportive messages, and for celebrating every one of my milestones during my term. Shout out to Allison for teaching me to bring a swimsuit wherever I go because you never know, and this is now something I live by forever.

To my council, thank you so much for always being there for me, inside and outside of Tau Beta Sigma. Lauren, thank you for bringing me around Beta Eta and for making me feel like I was part of your family. Tylar, thank you for FaceTiming me in your car when I needed to vent and teaching me how to slay the day away. Kaitlyn, thank you for always being so sweet and supportive, and for being the best right hand woman ever. Thank you all for laughing at my jokes and reminding me that I'm the funniest friend in our group. Thank you all for the hard work that you each put in this year and for making sure that we helped each other however we could. I'm so grateful that you guys always had my back and for reminding me that I was in fact not tripping. I can't wait to bully Kaitlyn into going to NatCon so that we can slay the day together one more time. Thank you guys for helping me fight my silent battles, for comforting me when I felt like my world was falling apart, but most of all thank you for being my sisters, especially in my time of need.

To the Northeast District Counselors, I cannot thank the three of you enough for your patience and being able to maintain your emotional composure when things were getting hard. I appreciate all of you for your guidance and for never getting mad at me when I texted the group chat past midnight because I needed help. Thank you for your transparency, flexibility, and words of wisdom, because they reminded me that whatever was going on was not going to be the end of the world. I must also take the time to reveal to Dr. Ted that I've secretly been his biggest fan since I met him at my first chapter check-in back in 2020 with Kayla and Allison. Thank you

all for the hard work that you do behind the scenes and for always being willing to stand up for us.

Sisters, although this is my final report of the year, know that I will always be here for you in any and every capacity. I will always be your sister and I will always be here to cheer you on. Sisters of the Northeast District, thank you. Thank you for trusting me and for believing in me to lead you this year. Thank you for selecting me to serve our district. It has truly been an honor to be selected to serve.

Elegantly yours, with MOTS and MOTS of love,

Joanna “RoΣe Key” Ramirez

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Northeast District President 2022-2023