



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Saginaw Alumnae Chapter  
**One Chapter – One Sisterhood: Leaving No Soror Behind**

**Karen L. Lawrence-Webster, Chapter President**

**Call Meeting – Single Subject – Reinstatement of Amiya Simmons**

August 7, 2019 – 6 p.m.

Hoyt Public Library

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**MISSION**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.

- I. Attendees: Bowman, Deborah Williams, Rhoden, Marshall, Riggins Sawyer, Hemphill, Taylor, Ray, Brown, Peters, Jones, Harge, Ellison, Gillespie, Robinson, Barkley, Johnson, McAfee, Moses-Johnson, Gibbs-Bond, Scott-Mason, Walker, Fabin, Tatum and Lawrence-Webster
- II. Code of Ethics
  - I. Confidentiality
- III. Amiya Simmons will be reinstatement
  - I. Del Sprite Handbook was used to discipline instead of Risk Management Manual
    - I. Parent signed a discipline document in 2017 that was not in compliance with Risk Management
- IV. Risk Management Manual
  - I. Youth Code of Conduct was violated by Amiya Simmons and Del Sprite Committee is recommending that she be reinstated with next infraction being a cause for dismissal based on past Sprite actions and committee steps
    - I. Initial infraction was during ball practice
      - I. Chapter President spoke to Sprite and mom that night over the phone (Sprite Simmons indicated that she no longer wanted to be a Sprite)
      - II. Chapter president spoke with all advisors in attendance (B. Vinson, Ellison and Johnson)
      - III. Chapter president met with Sprite and mom – Sprite indicated that she no longer wanted to be a Sprite
      - IV. Committee had a conference to discuss outcome and voted to expel Sprite Simmons
      - V. Chapter President sent letter to mom, expelling Sprite Simmons
        - I. Mom didn't tell Sprite Simmons, rather they attended a mandatory meeting and the Chapter President told Sprite Simmons
      - VI. Shontay Thomas wrote a letter to the chapter and the chapter President received the letter nine (9) days later from the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
      - VII. An unknown Soror called the State Facilitator on June 14<sup>th</sup>
      - VIII. An unknown Soror called the Regional Director on June 16<sup>th</sup>
      - IX. Regional Director directed the chapter to reinstate Sprite Simmons
      - X. The Del Sprite Committee met and developed a recommendation and timeline
- V. The chapter president informed the membership that Soror Blackwell, Scholarship and Standards member had requested the Del Sprite governing documents (not related the Sprite Simmons Concern) and that we needed to immediately move to full compliance with the Delta GEM model.
- VI. Member questions and comments
  - I. Soror Scott-Mason requested that the Regional Director come to Saginaw and explain what we did wrong
  - II. Soror McAfee stated that the entire membership to be told the details of the Sprites action
    - I. Sorors Lawrence-Webster and Taylor (Risk Management Coordinator) explained that information should be share on a as to need to know basis
  - III. Some sorors stated that we've been here before, we just have to change the name
  - IV. Should forms be signed yearly by Del Sprites – yes
- VII. Meeting Adjourned