

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF ALPHA CHAPTERS



JULY 18, 2026
DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
[UCF and Virtual via Zoom]

CHRISTOPHER POLKE, DISTRICT DIRECTOR
THEODORE JOHNSON, ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTOR
WATSON W. LOUIDOR, DISTRICT SECRETARY

"ALPHA LIGHT: Leadership, Innovation, Goodwill, Health, and Togetherness"



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, July 18, 2026

[10:00 am – 01:00 pm]

Brother Christopher Polke, District Director, Presiding

OPENING SESSION

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME / RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Brother Christopher Polke, District Director, called meeting to order at **10:06 am**. He welcomed all Brothers present. He briefly provided the Rules of Engagement for the meeting.

INVOCATION

Brother Dr. Kevin Perry provided the invocation to bless meeting time, leadership, and Brotherhood in the absence of Brother Rev. Dr. Jermaine Mulley.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Brother Polke entertained a motion to accept the Agenda as presented. It was moved, properly seconded, and unanimously approved to accept Agenda as presented.

Brother Polke recognized Brother Lynwood Bell, 10th District Director/Past Southern Region Vice President, Brother Gary Johnson, 11th District Director, and Brother James Crumel, 13th District Director/Past Southern Region Vice President. All the past District Directors provided brief supportive remarks and appreciation for Brother Polke's leadership.

Brother Polke recognized Brother Theodore Johnson's hard work and dedication to the District.

ROLL CALL

Brother Watson Loudior, Secretary, conducted roll call of all the Board Members in attendance. There were **24 Board Members** and were **33 Brothers-at-large** present on Zoom at beginning of meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: 24

Christopher Polke, District Director	Dr. Kevin Perry, Deputy Dist. Dir.	David Prater, Deputy Dist. Dir.
Theodore Johnson, Asst. District Director	Cecil Stevens, Jr., Parliamentarian	Nehemiah Johnson, Jr., NW Area Dir.
Christopher Paige, Executive Director	Jonathan Baucom, Chief of Staff	Octavius Jackson, North Area Dir.
Leslie Elus, Chief Impact and Engagement Officer	Gary Johnson, 11 th Dist. Dir.	James Crumel, 13 th Dist. Dir.
Derrick Butler, Sr. South Area Dir.	Algernon Cargill, Sr., Bahamas Island Area Dir.	Rodney Rackley, Director of Conferences

John Ellis, Jr. 14 th Dist. Dir.	Reginald Jackson, Legal Counsel	Dr. Derrick Randall, West Area Dir.
Lynwood Bell, 10 th Dist. Dir.	Dr. Terence Culver, East Area Dir.	George McAllister, II Historian
Thomas Brown, Treasurer	Kaseem Mabry, Financial Secretary	Watson Louidor, Secretary

LEADERSHIP ICE BREAKER

Brother Dr. Perry conducted an entertaining exercise of testing Brothers' protocol "IQ" involving matching letters with the appropriate numbers.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR GREETINGS & UPDATES

Brother Theodore Johnson welcomed and greeted all brothers present. He reported:

- 40+ college Brothers graduated this past spring and summer semester.
- All chapters' roster has been purged, removing all inactive Brothers and Brothers who would've graduated to the General Organization, only reflecting active and financial Brothers.
- College Brothers continue to be the standard as several Brothers hold leadership positions on their campuses.
- All interviews for the position of Assistant Area Directors have been completed and we're awaiting final approval from Bro. RVP Bradford. Assistant Area Director Positions (6): N, NW, S, E, W, Bahamas. Brothers interested must send their Alpha Resume to Bro. Polke and I with the Area Director cc'd by May 30th, 2026. Brother Polke, Area Directors and I will review and discuss applications received up to June 12th, 2026

DISTRICT DIRECTOR UPDATE

Brother Polke thanked all brothers for continuing to serve the District and made the sacrifice to attend the Summer Executive Board meeting. He reported:

- **Strategic Plan & District Goals Overview:** Briefly spoke about each letter of the LIGHT and goals progress.
- **FFAC Organization Chart Overview:** Briefly went over the Alpha LIGHT organizational chart.
- **Alpha LIGHT Leadership Update:** Briefly went over the percentages of different area leadership (72 total Brothers). He reported that he is waiting for the following upcoming / pending appointments approval by RVP - College Alpha Advisors, Asst. Area Directors, and IMDP District Chief Deans, Area Chief Deans, and Assistant Area Chief Deans. He reported that he appointed: Brother Cordell Manns (Sigma Pi Lambda) as the Associate Director of Graphic Designs; Brother Tavares Jones (Beta Beta Lambda) as the Director of Public Relations. He reported that the following District Leadership positions are vacant: District Sergeant-at-Arms, Director of Leadership Development, Director of National Programs, 2 new Finance Team positions, March for Babies Committee Chair, Project Alpha Committee Chair, and Visual Media Team position.
- **Alpha Day on the Hill Update:** Reported that it was held on 05/09/26 and Brothers received an update from Florida Legislators and policy updates on relevant topics impacting our communities. He thanked Brother Cyrus Calhoun, III, Chair, and all who took part.

- Announced that the District hosted a **Protocol & Etiquette Workshop** lead by Brother Ola Aluko via Zoom on 07/09/26. He reported that the theme was “What Every Alphaman Should Know.”
- **2026 FYILS Update:** Reported we have 65 participants this year and that this was the most participants the Florida District has ever had. Reported that it is going on at the same time as our Board meeting at UCF. He thanked Brother Nicholas Solomon, Director, and all who took part.
- **Alpha LIGHT Mentoring Program:** Announced the launching of the program, the aims, and objectives. He thanked Brother Jamal Baskin, Director, and all who took part.
- **IMDP Materials Audit and Rituals Update:** Reported that he is actively working with the General Office to close this issue out by the end of the summer. Reported that he received the Rituals from the General Office and will distribute directly to chapter presidents and/or Area Director to get to the Presidents.
- **2026 District Conference:** Reported that it will take place at the Rosen Centre, Orlando, Florida, October 15-18, 2026. Reported that this year’s theme will be: ***“Stronger Together: Building Brotherhood, Advancing Health, and Developing Leadership.”***
- Announced that he is requesting all Brothers engage in **District Recess and Recharge**. He reported that he wants all District Leadership and Committee meetings pertaining to District operations cease from July 20 – 31, 2026. He reported that regular operations will resume on August 1st. He reported that he wants Brothers to focus on their respective families and selfcare.
- **Disciplinary Actions:** Reported we have one (1) Alumni Brother on Cease and Desist and one (1) College Chapter / Theta Sigma on two (2) years of suspension (1st year suspended and 2nd year probation)
- **District Standard Operating Procedures:** Reported that it to assist District Leaders and Brothers as a guide and tool as they manage the District operations on a day-to-day basis; To provide management, guidelines, strategy, protocols, and methods to ensure organizations operations consistently flow during an administration transition; Reported that it was not designed to replace the District Constitution and Bylaws.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Brother Christopher Paige started his update by thanking Brothers for their leadership. He provided information about the upcoming 2026 District Conference and reported that registration will open on 08/01/26. He spoke in detail about the progress of the District’s Specialty License Plate, acknowledged all that were working on the committee, and our ranking in Divine 9 license sales. More detailed information can be found in the Reports Book.

DISTRICT CHIEF DEAN AND IMPD UPDATE / DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR UPDATE

Brother Dr. Kevin Perry reported the following:

- Urged chapter officers to update chapter roster in AlphaMX
- Ensured the roll out of information to chapters via Area Directors using multiple formats
- Reported that he oversaw a consistent collaboration with ELT, CLT, and District leaders
- Ensured that chapter officers and chapter rosters are updated by 09/01/26
- Reported that the Fall IMPD dates are as followed: Candidate Application Opens - September 1, 2026; Candidate Application Closes – October 18, 2026; IMPD

Window Opens – Friday, October 23, 2026; IMPD Windows Closes – December 20, 2026

- Disclosed more details on the approved FFAC Fall 2026 IMPD dates
- Reported that all new member presentations and events must be conducted during the timeframe of November 15-22, 2026; College Alpha Advisors and Chapter Presidents must submit in writing to the District Director through the Greek Life Office for petitions outside of this window; There should be no assumption that chapters can automatically have a new member presentation; New Member presentations are approved or denied on a case-by-case basis.
- Discussed the certification process

DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR & STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS UPDATE

Brother David Prater provided the following update - More information can be found in the Reports Book:

- Supported the Florida District through three major areas of impact: governance support, operational reporting, and strategic planning execution. I helped lead and coordinate work related to the HKL Task Force, including documentation, follow-up, and governance accountability.
- Automated the District reporting process, improving visibility, consistency, and leadership access to chapter reporting data.
- Coordinated the collection of strategic planning reports to strengthen alignment between chapter activity and district priorities, creating a stronger foundation for execution, accountability, and future planning.

CHIEF IMPACT & ENGAGEMENT OFFICER UPDATE

Brother Leslie Elus provided the following update:

- 3/4 of March of Dimes Partnership deliverables complete
- 2/4 of American Cancer Society Partnership deliverables complete
- 3/3 of Big Brother Big Sister Florida Partnership deliverables complete
- 2/3 of Be The Match Partnership deliverables complete
- \$20,000 Projected Conference Sponsorship (\$10K financial, \$5K in-kind, \$5K service)
- Confirmed Conference Partners: City of Orlando, Orange County, Lyft, JCPenney, Macys, One Blood, Central Florida National Association of Black Journalists, Big Brothers Big Sister of Florida, Palm Beaches, Be The Match, UNCF-Orlando, Thurgood Marshall College Fund, Volunteer Florida, Inside Edge, INROADS, Management Leaders of Tomorrow, Microsoft, Florida Blue, Florida Highway Patrol, Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- Launching new pre-conference kick-off experience
- Debuting new District Conference community engagement program, FOCUS HBCU Fair
- Expanding chapter national programs, initiatives recognition opportunities

CHIEF OF STAFF UPDATE & DISTRICT CALENDAR OVERVIEW

Brother Jonathan Baucom provided the following update - More information can be found in the Reports Book:

- Remained focused on strengthening internal operations, improving communication, and supporting collaboration among chapter leadership.

- Worked closely with the Executive Board to coordinate meetings, track action items, and facilitate communication between officers, committee chairs, and chapter representatives.
- Improve organizational efficiency by establishing clearer follow-up procedures, promoting timely reporting, and ensuring leadership remains aligned on strategic priorities.
- Regular executive meetings have provided opportunities to monitor progress on key initiatives, address operational needs, and maintain transparency across the Federation.

DISTRICT TREASURER UPDATE

Brother Thomas Brown provided the following update:

- Completed required treasurer responsibilities, proposed new budget and monitored budget
- Finance team is still identifying request for assistance
- Displayed spreadsheets disclosing the Budget vs. Actuals for FY26
- Reported that as of 06/30/26, the District total assets are \$64,103.23

DISTRICT FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Brother Kaseem Mabry provided a brief update. A motion was made by Brother Prater, and it was seconded by Brother Dr. Perry that we accept the FY2027 Budget Summary. The vote was 19 in the affirmative (12 in room and 7 on Zoom).

DISTRICT COUNSEL UPDATE

Brother Reginald Jackson reported that he has reviewed the Conference contracts. He reported that approximately 20 Brothers were interviewed during the Theta Sigma investigation. He spoke briefly about the importance of Brothers being forthcoming during investigations. He reported that his committee recommended anti-hazing training from Alumni and College chapters. He reported that the Theta Sigma Cease and Desist was lifted, investigation was completed, and the chapter was placed on suspension/probation for two (2) years.

66th / 2026 FLORIDA DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE

Brother Rodney Rackley reported that the dates for the 2026 conference will be October 15th through October 18th. He reported that we will be going to the Rosen Center Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The nightly rate will be \$174 with no resort fees and \$20 additional person fee. He reported that the hotel registration portal is open now, but an official email will be coming from the District in the beginning of August to begin registration districtwide.

****BOARD BREAK****

AREA DIRECTORS REPORTS

Northwest Area Director Update: Brother Nehemiah Johnson, Jr., provided the following update - More information can be found in the Reports Book:

- The NW Area completed over 100 hours of Community Service hours, gave over \$6000 in scholarships and charitable giveaways and impacted the lives over 70 young men.

- All Chapters have new Presidents and Vice Presidents taking office this Fall. 4 New Brothers completed the Spring IMDP Process, each chapter is in Good Standing and there are no administrative challenges currently in the Area.

North Area Director Update: Brother Octavius Jackson provided the following update - More information can be found in the Reports Book:

- North Area Leadership continues to utilize formulated platforms for communication and engage amongst one another to include reminders, announcements, and dialogue sharing for chapter events, technical assistance, and innovative ideas exchanges.
- Effective July 6, 2026, Theta Sigma received an official notice of Chapter Suspension from the Southern Region. The chapter will be suspended for the term of one year followed by one year probation effective April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2028, due to violations

East Area Director Update: Brother Dr. Terence Culver provided the following update - More information can be found in the Reports Book:

- The East Area welcomed new leadership across its college campus chapters.
- Graduate chapters also introduced new leaders.
- Chapters throughout the East Area have been actively engaged in strategic planning and chapter retreats in preparation for the upcoming fraternal year. In addition, all chapters have demonstrated strong commitment to the "A Voteless People Is a Hopeless People" initiative as election season approaches.
- Delta Xi Lambda Chapter distinguished itself by hosting a successful 5K walk-run and is preparing to host a Golf Tournament featuring participation from General President Lucien J. Metellus, Jr.

West Area Director Update: Brother Dr. Derrick Randall provided the following - More information can be found in the Reports Book:

- The West Area leadership has established a monthly meeting calendar.
- The West Area Director, Assistant Director, and all the area Chapters' Presidents meet on the first Wednesday (7PM) of each month (Sept-May) via Zoom to update, report, and build rapport.
- To further our efforts to establish Togetherness, we are currently working on a collaborative West Area calendar that will provide each chapter's meetings and events to be held during the fraternal year.
- Planning a West Area Family Day that will include all Chapters coming Together to interact and get to know each other better.

South Area Director Update: Brother Derrick Butler, Sr., provided the following update - More information can be found in the Reports Book:

- The South Area awarded over \$34,000 in scholarships to deserving 2026 high school seniors: OUL - \$2k, IPL - \$2k, ZAL - \$8k, BBL - \$13k and DDL - \$9k.
- The BBL and ZAL, jointly completed a 4-day college tour where they visited 7 incredible universities across the state of Florida.
- June 13, 2026, the EKL chapter hosted its Alpha Day Party at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club.
- June 6, 2026, the ZAL chapter hosted its Legacy of Scholars Golf Classic.
- May 16, 2026, the BBL chapter hosted its Alpha Derby Day Party inside of the Flamingo Room at Gulfstream Park.

Bahamas Island Area Director Update: Brother Algernon Cargill provided the following update - More information can be found in the Reports Book:

- Bahamas Alphas Educational and Leadership Foundation Honours Day - 70 high school male seniors were recognized for outstanding academic achievement. \$34,000 in cash awards, and \$4.0 million in Institutional Scholarship Awards to HBCUs were provided. Keynote speaker was Brother Dr. Mark Brown, President of Tuskegee University
- Brother Leslie Wilson graduated from the University of The Bahamas and completed his term as the Asst. Area Director. Brother Pedro Saunders was recommended and is currently in the interview process.
- Chartering Ceremony for the Phi Mu Chapter is in the initial planning stages.

Virgin Islands Area Director Update: Brother Dr. Dino Fontaine *was not present* but provided a brief update that can be found in the Reports Book.

Dominican Republic Area Director Update: Brother Miguel Rodriguez *was not present* but provided a brief update that can be found in the Reports Book.

Republic of Panama Area Director Update: Brother Alfred Merritt *was not present* but provided a brief update that can be found in the Reports Book.

DISTRICT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS UPDATE

Brother Pierre Rutledge, Chair, *was not present* but provided a brief update that can be found in the Reports Book.

VOTELESS PEOPLE HOPELESS PEOPLE CHAIR UPDATE

Brother Hew Pinto provided the following update:

- On May 9, 2026, he assisted with hosting ADOTH Virtual District program with elected officials and Equal Ground
- District request for VPHP Chair contact information from all Chapters via DD and Area Directors
- Email blast went out to VPHP Chairs Implementation Guide 2026 and documentation requirements
- Biggest challenge is getting contact information for VPHP chairs / Will continue outreach to get information to chapters.
- Will continue collaboration with ADOTH committee

DISTRICT PARLIAMENTARIAN / CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Brother Cecil Stevens, Jr., Chair, provided the following information:

- Requested District input for recommended changes to District Constitution and Bylaws.
- Reviewed and briefed proposed changes to District Constitution and Bylaws to District leadership.
- Reviewed Section 3 of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Official Policies, Procedures, and Elections Instruction Manual and began coordination with District Nominating and Elections committee to propose amendments to District Constitution and Bylaws to conform to Manual.
- Committee reviewed current proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws and is working on potential changes that will result from the newly adopted Section 3 of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Official Policies, Procedures, and Elections Instruction Manual.
- Coordinate proposed amendment to Constitution and Bylaws by Financial Secretary and Nominations and Elections Committee.
- Send proposed changes to District Brotherhood on the 15th of July.

- Schedule on the 30th of July a Zoom with District Brotherhood to brief them on the proposed amendments.
- Mid-August schedule 2nd Zoom to discuss proposed amendments.
- 1st of September coordinate with Executive Director to send out final proposed Constitution and Bylaw changes to District.

J.C. RAWLS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION UPDATE

Brother James Kelly, Chair, reported:

- Thanked all the Brothers for their continued support.
- Thanked Brother Polke for his commitment and support of the Foundation.
- Spoke briefly about the Real Men Read Initiative, scholarship information, Disaster Relief for Alumni/College Brothers
- Spoke about the fundraising efforts related to Day of Giving, National Day of Giving, District Conference Raffle, golfing event, and asked all Board members to contribute \$250 annually to Foundation.
- Reported that he needs more Alumni Brothers and more College Brothers to join the Foundation Board.
- Reported that the Board has a retreat on August 1st.

FINAL REMARKS, QUESTIONS, & FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

- Brother John Ellis, Jr., 14th District Director, made brief remarks thanking Brother Polke for his leadership and work well done for the District.
- Brother G. Johnson, 11th District Director, suggested the District consider having a District Conference in one of our District Islands.
- Brother Polke thanked Brothers attending meeting and their dedication to Alpha and the District.

ADJOURNMENT

Brother Polke adjourned meeting at approximately **01:19 pm**.

FRATERNITY HYMN AND PRAYER

Brother Dr. Perry closed with prayer.

Fraternally Submitted,



Watson W. Louidor
District Secretary



Theodore Johnson
Assistant District Director



Christopher Polke
District Director