

Minutes of the Grand Board Meeting of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity

Held on May 21, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM EST by Grand Sire Archon Jesse J. Tyson.

2. Roll Call

Roll was taken by Grand Grammateus Darrell B. Searcy. All voting members were present at the start of the meeting. Quorum confirmed.

Present Members:

- Jesse Tyson
- Darrell Searcy
- Derrick Roman
- Jerlando Jackson
- Stefan Bradley
- Abraham Turner
- Antoine Garibaldi
- Anthony Hall
- Jim Welch
- Calvin Heard
- Askia Ahmad
- Kanahl Kendrick
- David Tapscott

Guests in Attendance:

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- Archon Shaun Davis
- Executive Director Bennett Gaines
- Archon Lloyd Jordan
- Archon Jeff Webster

3. Adoption of Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

- April 8-9, 2025 Grand Board Meeting (Orlando)

Motion by Jim Welch, seconded by Antoine Garibaldi - Approved unanimously

- Miami Grand Board Meeting

Motion by Antoine Garibaldi, seconded by Calvin Heard - Approved unanimously

5. Contract Approvals

- ABCD + Triche Entertainment contracts

Motion by Askia Ahmad, seconded by Calvin Heard - Approved unanimously

6. Gamma Gamma Jurisdiction

Motion to approve expanded jurisdiction for Gamma Gamma Boulé made by Askia Ahmad, seconded by Bradley - Approved unanimously

7. Grievance Committee Referral

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Motion by Derrick Roman, seconded by David Tapscott to refer the Douglass complaint to the Grievance and Complaints Committee.

A substitute motion introduced by the same Archons required the Committee to complete its investigation and submit a recommendation within 30 days.

Vote: Substitute motion carried unanimously

8. Initial Suspension Vote

Motion to suspend Loren Douglass for cause:

- Yes: Searcy, Jackson, Heard, Ahmad, Tapscott, Tyson
- No: Roman, Bradley, Turner, Garibaldi, Hall, Welch
- Absent: Kendrick

Result: 6 Yes / 6 No / 1 Absent - Motion failed

9. Resolution to Ratify Removal Action

Motion to adopt Executive Committee interpretation of Bylaw § 2(4G) and ratify April 9, 2025 removal of Archon Loren Douglass:

- Yes: Searcy, Jackson, Bradley, Garibaldi, Hall, Welch, Heard, Ahmad, Tapscott, Tyson, Roman
- Absent: Turner, Kendrick

Result: 11 Yes / 2 Absent - Motion carried

10. IPGSA Motion

Motion to allow the Grand Boulé to determine the treatment of the Immediate Past Grand Sire Archon (IPGSA) role:

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- Yes: Searcy, Jackson, Bradley, Garibaldi, Hall, Welch, Heard, Ahmad, Tapscott

- No: Roman, Turner

- Absent: Kendrick, Tyson

Result: 9 Yes / 2 No / 2 Absent - Motion passed

11. Suspension Vote (Post-Lawsuit Filing)

Motion to suspend Loren Douglass due to the filing of a lawsuit against the Fraternity, effective until the lawsuit is adjudicated:

- Yes: Searcy, Roman, Jackson, Welch, Heard, Ahmad, Tapscott, Tyson

- No: Bradley, Turner, Garibaldi, Hall

- Absent: Kendrick

Result: 8 Yes / 4 No / 1 Absent - Motion passed

12. Resolution Summary - Ratification of Removal and Governance Interpretation

Title: Adoption of Interpretation of Bylaw § 2(4G), Ratification of Prior Removal Action, and Affirmation of Voting Requirement

Purpose:

This resolution clarified the voting threshold under Bylaw § 2(4G), ratified the Grand Board's prior removal of Grand Sire Archon Loren Douglass for cause, and codified the effect of that removal on future eligibility for Fraternity roles.

Key Provisions:

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- Formal adoption of the "present and voting" interpretation of Bylaw § 2(4G)
- Ratification of the April 9, 2025 Grand Board vote to remove Loren Douglass for cause
- Nunc pro tunc update of the Fraternity's official records
- Disqualification of Douglass from serving as IPGSA or any role dependent on full term completion
- Implementation authorization granted to the Grand Sire Archon and Grand Grammateus

13. Resolution Summary - Bylaw Interpretation and Ratification of Prior Action

The Grand Board of Directors considered and adopted a formal resolution entitled:

"Adoption of Interpretation of Bylaw § 2(4G), Ratification of Prior Removal Action, and Affirmation of Voting Requirement"

Purpose:

The resolution was adopted to formally interpret Bylaw § 2(4G) regarding the vote required for removal of a Grand Board member, ratify the Grand Board's prior removal of Archon Loren Douglass for cause, and affirm the implications of that removal on future Fraternity roles.

Key Provisions of the Resolution:

1. Interpretation Adopted: The Grand Board officially adopted the Executive Committee's interpretation of Bylaw § 2(4G), affirming that the vote required for removal of a Grand Board member is two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.
2. Ratification of April 9 Action: The Grand Board re-examined and ratified its April 9, 2025 action removing Archon Loren Douglass as Grand Sire Archon, confirming it was proper under the adopted bylaw

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interpretation.

3. Official Record Update: The Fraternity's official records shall reflect that Archon Douglass was removed for cause effective April 9, 2025 (nunc pro tunc).

4. Future Role Restrictions: As a result of his removal, Archon Douglass is prohibited from serving as Immediate Past Grand Sire Archon or holding any role contingent upon completing a term as Grand Sire Archon.

5. Implementation: The Grand Sire Archon and Grand Grammateus were authorized to carry out all necessary actions to implement and archive the resolution.

Resolution Vote: A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Vote Tally:

- Yays: 11

- Nays: 0

- Absent: 2

Name / Vote

Jesse Tyson - Yay

Darrell Searcy - Yay

Derrick Roman - Yay

Jerlando Jackson - Yay

Stefan Bradley - Yay

Antoine Garibaldi - Yay

Anthony Hall - Yay

Jim Welch - Yay

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Calvin Heard - Yay

Askia Ahmad - Yay

David Tapscott - Yay

Abraham Turner - Absent

Kanahl Kendrick - Absent

Result: Motion passed unanimously by all voting members present (11-0).

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM EST.

Addendum: Vote Tally Summary

See the following table summarizing individual votes:

Addendum 1: Vote Tally by Grand Board Member

Board Member	8. Initial Suspension	9. Ratify Removal	10. IPGSA Motion	11. Post-Lawsuit Suspension	13. Bylaw Ratification
Jesse Tyson	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes
Darrell Searcy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Derrick Roman	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Jerlando Jackson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stefan Bradley	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Antoine Garibaldi	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Anthony Hall	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Jim Welch	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Calvin Heard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Askia Ahmad	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Tapscott	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Abraham Turner	No	Absent	No	No	Absent
Kanahl Kendrick	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent