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Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
270 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 1604
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Attention: Grand Board

Dear Members of the Grand Board:

The Grand Board had a regularly scheduled meeting on April 9, 2025 at which time the Grand Board considered the report of the subcommittee tasked with investigating certain matters involving the Grand Sire Archon. The underlying allegations being investigated were raised by Archon Tabscott in an email which was circulated to the Grand Board and, subsequently to others. Although I requested at least 24 hours to prepare a response to the subcommittee's report, I was only given approximately 20 minutes to review and respond to the report that I had not previously seen. After presenting my response to the Grand Board without the benefit of private counsel or the Fraternity's General Counsel (who was not present at the meeting), I was excused from the meeting by the Grand Board so they could discuss the matter. I waited to be called back into the meeting, but was not called back until after the vote to remove had taken place.

As I am sure you are aware, the Fraternity's Bylaws mandates at Section 4(G) as follows:

“The Grand Board may, upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the *entire* Grand Board, present and voting at any meeting, remove a Grand Board member. . . .”

The Fraternity follows the most recent edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised,” as confirmed in Section 1(F) of Bylaws. Under this edition of Robert’s, *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th Edition)*, the meaning of voting thresholds is specifically addressed in Section 44 (“Bases for Determining a

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Voting Result”). Section 44:3 and Sections 44:7–8 clarify that there is a significant difference between a standard two-thirds vote and a two-thirds vote of the “entire Grand Board,” as provided here. A “two-thirds vote” alone means two-thirds of the votes cast by those present and entitled to vote, not counting abstentions or blanks. In contrast, “two-thirds vote of the *entire* Grand Board,” clearly means something different—i.e., two-thirds of all members of the body, regardless of how many are present or voting.

The Grand Board consists of a total of 14 members. This provision of the Fraternity’s Bylaws requiring a “two-thirds vote of the *entire* Grand Board” always means 10 votes in the affirmative, regardless of how many are present at the meeting.

The Grand Boule’ met in the Bahamas and considered numerous revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws. Amendments to Sections 4F and 4G were not considered by the body. Therefore, the Grand Board is bound to conduct itself consistent with the rule of law. The proper manner in which to amend the Fraternity’s governing documents is to put the proposed amendments before a regularly scheduled Grand Boule’ or to call for a Grand Boule’ - neither of which has occurred in this instance.

While I have consulted counsel and parliamentary experts, my strong preference is to resolve this matter in the spirit of fraternity. In summary, my initial demand is threefold:

- Reconvene the Grand Board within Forty-Eight (48) hours and vacate the vote taken to remove the elected Grand Sire Archon based upon newly discovered information and recommendation of the Fraternity’s counsel
- Acknowledge that I remain Grand Sire Archon
- Take such other actions in furtherance of the vote to vacate as may be appropriate and reasonably necessary

I was elected Grand Sire Archon by a vote of the Grand Boule’. I am not afraid to stand before the men of this great Fraternity at a Grand Boule’ (in person or virtually) and allow them to decide my fate after a full hearing of the facts.

Fraternally,



Archon Douglass
Grand Sire Archon

cc: Archon Ceasar Mitchell
Archon Lloyd Jordan
Council of Past Grand Sire Archons