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The History of Epsilon Eta Chapter

Dr. Washington was an active and financial member of Xi Chapter in Houston, Texas for years until she separated her membership in the organization. In latter January 2020, returning to the sorority, she hankered to start a new chapter in the suburb of Pearland, Texas which would serve this community and those therein its county, Brazoria. Dr. Washington sought to select Christian, educated, sophisticated, service-minded, and dedicated women who shared the percipience that sisterhood and friendship in a new chapter and in the sorority would be paramount.

To that end, on February 1, 2020, she contacted her longtime friend and dual sorority member Ms. Sharon Moore and asked her to opine whether a new chapter might be supported by the Southern Region and the National office. Ms. Moore indicated that she strongly believed they would be supportive and agreed to provide telephone numbers for the applicable leaders. Shortly thereafter, Ms. Moore texted additional expressions of encouragement as well as Southern Region's Director Ms. Joyce Taylor telephone number. Director Taylor was called immediately at which time she also encouraged the start of a new chapter. Further, she agreed to contact the National President Ms. Colette McCurdy-Jackson and report back to Dr. Washington.

In the interim, Ms. Moore telephoned Dr. Washington from the home of Assistant Region Director Ms. Josephine Anderson who urged her to start the chapter once approved by the executive leaders and added that she would like to assist with the Membership Intake Process. Weeks later, Director Taylor notified Dr. Washington that approvals had been awarded by her and her executive committee and National President McCurdy-Jackson and her executive committee. Thus, she transferred her membership status to member-at-large and proceeded with the steps to make the proposal a reality. She and Assistant Region Director Josephine Anderson conducted a Virtual Soiree which was attended by the nine women who were selected for membership consideration by Dr. Washington. Eight of these women were sponsored by Dr. Washington for membership and approved by the national president for the Membership Intake Process. Assistant Director Anderson served as Membership Intake Coordinator and Mrs. Jodie Jenkins-Oliphant served as the Assistant Membership Intake Coordinator.

The chapter known as Epsilon Eta chartered virtually on Sunday, March 7, 2021, with the Chapter Sponsor Dr. Washington and the following new initiates: Kameron Brackins, Angela Ford-Castille, Cynthia Jones, Victoria Lackey, Dr. Sonya Sneed, Charlotte Washington, Rashun Williams, and Antoinette Wright.