

The Lawson Academy

June 29, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr
Eric Goodie
Bryce Kennard
Yolanda Smith
Champ Warren

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Delic Loyde, Consultant
Mr. Mosab Imam, Business Manager

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Terence Frederick
Mary Ramos

The Lawson Academy Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Chavon Carr at 9:37 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** Quorum was established at 9:38 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (9:39 a.m.).** Chavon Carr read the Academy Vision.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:39 a.m. – 9:41 a.m.).** Eric Goodie moved the approval of the April 27, 2024 Academy minutes. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, E. Goodie, B. Kennard, Y. Smith and C. Warren. Champ Warren moved the approval of the June 15, 2024 Academy and Board Meeting Minutes. Eric Goodie seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, E. Goodie, B. Kennard, Y. Smith and C. Warren.
- 7. Academy Report (9:42 – 10:12 a.m.).** STAAR results from Spring, 2024 were reviewed using the Cambium graphic. Superintendent Lawson projected a “D” score in Accountability for FY24. Stanford 10 results were reviewed, comparing last year’s 6th grade to current year 7th grade and last year’s 7th grade to current year 8th grade. Pre-K Growth report shows significant improvement using beginning-of-year and end-of-year analysis. Partnership with Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) for pre-k operation of Coolwood campus in Fall 2024. Yolanda Smith moved the approval of the HCDE Memorandum of Understanding. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, E. Goodie, B. Kennard, Y. Smith and C. Warren.
- 9. Lone Star Governance (10:12 – 10:17 a.m.).** The Board’s Quarterly Progress Tracker was reviewed. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the tracker. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, E. Goodie, B. Kennard, Y. Smith and C. Warren. Unspent resources for our LSG Exemplar will be expended before the funding window expires.
- 10. Superintendent’s Report (10:18 – 10:35 a.m.).** Superintendent Lawson presented the Board meeting schedule for 2024-2025. The meeting schedule will be sent along with this month’s meeting

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minutes. The Texas A&M Teacher Education Residency Model (TERM) project was discussed and the grant total has been updated. There is active recruiting underway with the help of Community Preschools, billboard and social media investments. The recruiting flyer will be sent to the Board along with this month's minutes. Target enrollment for FY25:

Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 target = 60, enrollments in process = 38;

Kinder target = 50, enrollments in process = 22;

Middle School target = 163, enrolled, enrollments in process = 95

Charter School Incubator program has provided \$100,000 for FY25 which has not yet been added to the budget. Yolanda Smith moved approval of participation in the Charter School Incubator Program.

Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, E. Goodie, B. Kennard, Y. Smith and C. Warren. The FY25 budget was reviewed and the Academy Line Item budget was discussed. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the FY25 Budget to include the Charter School Incubator \$100K program. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, E. Goodie, B. Kennard, Y. Smith and C. Warren. The New Market Tax Credit program is scheduled to unwind on July 17 and July 18. At the end of that activity, the \$7,253,300 asset on our balance sheet will be removed. The cost to The Lawson Academy will be \$1,000 to unwind the transaction.

11. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjourn Meeting. Yolanda Smith moved adjournment. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.