

The Lawson Academy

July 27, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr
Bryce Kennard
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith
Champ Warren

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Ingrid Baker, Principal
Dr. Delic Loyde, Consultant
Mosab Imam, Business Manager

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Goodie
Terence Frederick

The Lawson Academy Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:38 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 (9:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.).** Yolanda Smith moved the approval of the June 29, 2024 Academy minutes. Bryce Kennard seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, B. Kennard, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren.
- 7. Academy Report (9:41 – 9:51a.m.).** Principal Ingrid Baker was introduced and gave an opening statement. She is committed to building a culture that supports the work. There are two big “rocks” for this year: focus on instruction and focus on relationships. There will be Professional Learning Community meetings 3 times weekly. Dr. Loyde welcomed Principal Baker. Members of the Board welcomed Principal Baker.
- 9. Lone Star Governance (9:51 – 9:58 a.m.).** Dr. Loyde complimented the Board and re-stated that the importance of their good governance practices. The Legislature has continued to not respond and better fund education, and Texas ranks #48 out of the 50 States in the US.
- 10. Superintendent’s Report (9:58 – 10:13 a.m.).** Superintendent Lawson discussed the replacement of the SY24 Seed Money (\$45,000) with some of the unexpected revenue from the unwinding of the New Market Tax Credit project. Champ Warrant moved the approval of the Seed Money transfer. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, B. Kennard, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren. The Lawson Academy Video introducing 8 Million Stories was presented and will be sent to the Board following this meeting.
- 11. Executive Session.** There was no Executive Session.

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12. Adjourn Meeting. Yolanda Smith moved adjournment. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.