

The Lawson Academy

September 25, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr
Catherine Mosbacher
Imogen Papadopoulos
Mary Ramos
Kimberly Wilkinson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Hether Benjamin Brown
Terence Frederick
Morris Smith
Yolanda Smith

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal

The Lawson Academy Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The Zoom meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:35 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** The quorum was established at 9:35 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (9:35 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.).** Dr. Marthea Raney read the Vision to the Board.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:36 – 9:36 a.m.).** Imogen Papadopoulos made a motion to approve Minutes of the August 28, 2021 meeting. Chavon Carr seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, and K. Wilkinson.
- 7. Governance Committee (9:36 – 9:36 a.m.).** There is no report. Imogen Papadopoulos commented that there has been no ability to meet due to COVID.
- 8. Academy Report (9:37 – 10:25 a.m.).** Principal Marthea Raney discussed the statistics and described the reviewed the September newsletter. Discussed the campus structure where every student is assigned a laptop and the computers do not go home with the students. Student survey results were presented which show that students want a 'real world' experience such as the NASA Tracer virtual learning session. The Targeted Improvement Plan was presented in a draft form. A Special Called Meeting will be scheduled after Mary Ramos has validated that there is a "final" document for Board approval. The Open House was discussed with images of the event.
- 9. Lone Star Governance (10:26 – 10:33 a.m.).** Scheduling a Legislative Update Board Workshop which will provide two (2) hours of training to take place in October. Tentative dates of 10/12 or 10/13 were discussed but will be finalized following other's input and consultation with Dr. Loyde.
- 10. Superintendent's Report (10:33 – 10:53 a.m.).** Superintendent Cheryl Lawson reported on TCLAS Grant and ESSER Grants which have been awarded. The TEA has recommended the 7th Grade Alternate Reading Waiver for this year. Catherine Mosbacher moved the approval of the

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waiver. Kimberly Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, and K. Wilkinson.

11. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjourn Meeting. Imogen Papadopoulos moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Kimberly Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, and K. Wilkinson.