

The Lawson Academy

November 20, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Hether Benjamin Brown
Chavon Carr
Terence Frederick
Catherine Mosbacher
Mary Ramos
Morris Smith
Yolanda Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Imogen Papadopoulos
Kimberly Wilkinson

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal
Dr. Delic Loyde
Terrell Hutchinson, Special Education

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1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:42 a.m.
2. **Establishment of Quorum.** The quorum was established at 9:42 a.m.
3. **Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **Academy Vision (9:43 a.m. – 9:43 a.m.).** Marthea Raney read the Vision to the Board.
6. **Approval of Minutes (9:44 – 9:44 a.m.).** Hether Benjamin Brown made a motion to approve Minutes of the October 23, 2021 meeting. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, C. Carr, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos, M. Smith and Y. Smith.
8. **Governance Committee (9:45 – 9:45 a.m.).** The committee has not met yet, and Mary suggested that staff might be able to assist with coordinating committee member schedules. Cheryl Lawson indicated that all Board members would receive the annual individualized Governance Reporting Form for signature.
8. **Academy Report (9:48 – 10:10 a.m.).** Principal Marthea Raney reviewed the campus statistics. Special Education Director Terrell Hutchinson presented the Policies and Procedures for board approval which have been tailored to The Lawson Academy. Materials are purchased from Texas Charter Schools Association's legal arm to fulfill all updated state-mandated Special Education policies. Hether Benjamin Brown moved approval of the Special Education Policies and Procedures. Catherine Mosbacher seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, C. Carr, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos, M. Smith and Y. Smith. Dr. Raney presented the STAAR-BOY-MOY Analysis which indicates learning is on an upward trajectory. Participation in the Chevron Whole In One project was discussed and the commercial created with two students was presented. November's Academy newsletter was reviewed and discussed.
9. **Lone Star Governance (10:10 – 10:23 a.m.).** The Quarterly Board Tracker was discussed and changes made to reflect a current score. Hether Benjamin Brown moved approval of the Quarterly

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Board Tracker. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, C. Carr, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos, M. Smith and Y. Smith. Dr. Loyde will provide an electronic copy of prior training offerings so that Board members will be able to participate in those sessions (87th Legislative Update and Framework for School Board Development Update). Cheryl Lawson will incorporate training “calendar” on Board meeting slides going forward so that persons know their training completion status each month.

10. Superintendent’s Report (10:25 – 10:43 a.m.). Superintendent Cheryl Lawson presented the \$5,000 Maritime Sponsorship award. There was another \$10,000 award from Texas Foundation (notice not yet received, but Board Member Morris Smith was able to confirm), requested early in 2021. Depository Contract has been prepared for submission to TEA. Terence Frederick moved approval of the Depository Contract. Hether Benjamin Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, C. Carr, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos, M. Smith and Y. Smith. Results of a fall Student Survey were presented and discussed.

11. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjourn Meeting. Hether Benjamin Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, C. Carr, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos, M. Smith and Y. Smith.