

The Lawson Academy

December 18, 2021 Agenda Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr
Mary Ramos
Morris Smith
Yolanda Smith
Kimberly Wilkinson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Hether Benjamin Brown
Terence Frederick
Catherine Mosbacher
Imogen Papadopoulos

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal
Andreka Provost, Accelerated Learning Coach
Dovie Smith, Instructional Coach

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- 1. Call to Order.** The Zoom meeting was called to order by Kimberly Wilkinson at 9:39 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** The quorum was established at 9:39 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (9:42 a.m. – 9:42 a.m.).** Marthea Raney read the Vision to the Board.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:43 – 9:43 a.m.).** Kimberly Wilkinson made a motion to approve Minutes of the November 20, 2021 meeting. Morris Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, M. Ramos, M. Smith, Y. Smith, and K. Wilkinson.
- 7. Governance Committee (9:44 – 9:44 a.m.).** There is no report. Mary asked Kimberly if we could help set up a meeting after the first of the year to complete the work of this committee.
- 8. Academy Report (9:44 – 10:18 a.m.).** Principal Marthea Raney discussed the current school statistics. Both Ms. Smith (Instructional Coach) and Ms. Provost (Accelerated Learning Coach) presented information on the work they are doing to support student performance. The Varsity Tutoring program was presented by Superintendent Lawson, and NWEA MAP analysis data was discussed. A video which Varsity Tutoring prepared for their staff was presented. The NWEA MOY results show that students are still largely unprepared for STAAR and that work must continue. The questions around how to measure the tutoring success were reviewed.
- 9. Lone Star Governance (10:18 – 10:18 a.m.).** There was no Lone Star Governance report.
- 10. Superintendent's Report (10:18 – 10:26 a.m.).** Superintendent Cheryl Lawson reported that Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation awarded \$10,000 to The Lawson Academy. Another \$10,000

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was awarded by the Houston Texans Foundation with the assistance of Board Member Morris Smith. The Student Programs for 2021-2022 were presented and discussed.

11. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjourn Meeting. Yolanda Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. Kimberly Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, M. Ramos, M. Smith, Y. Smith, and K. Wilkinson.