

The Lawson Academy

February 26, 2022 Agenda Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Imogen Papadopoulos
Morris Smith
Kimberly Wilkinson

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal
Annette Simmons, Business Manager
Dr. Delic Loyde, Consultant
Maria Anderson, Development Director

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- 1. Call to Order.** The Zoom meeting was called to order by Chavon Carr at 9:33 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** The quorum was established at 9:33 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.).** Marthea Raney read the Vision to the Board.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:35 – 9:35 a.m.).** Mary Ramos made a motion to approve Minutes of the December 18, 2021 meeting. Hether Benjamin Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Benjamin-Brown, C. Carr, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos, and Y. Smith.
- 7. Governance Committee (9:36 – 9:40 a.m.).** Catherine Mosbacher indicated that the Committee's work is nearly completed, will hope to have a report at the next meeting.
- 8. Academy Report (9:40 – 10:41 a.m.).** Principal Marthea Raney discussed the current school statistics. Superintendent Cheryl Lawson presented Varsity Tutoring report, indicating student improvement and also recognizing some students are more than 2 years behind grade level. Discussion with Dr. Raney, Dr. Loyde and multiple board members on impact to school's rating. Reflected on the "mission" of taking students who need the school, even though they are multiple years behind grade level. Update on the work done by the Catholic Charities Therapist Nicole Duarte, providing a 'case' update of therapy's impact. Academy Newsletter was presented.
- 9. Lone Star Governance (10:41 – 10:44 a.m.).** Dr. Loyde reported that at the LSG State Meeting she had recently attended, she was allowed to pick two (2) Boards for next year's reporting. She chose The Lawson Academy and Mainer ISD.

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10. Superintendent's Report (10:43 – 10:54 a.m.). Superintendent Cheryl Lawson reported that TEA ESSER Grant has been increased by over \$300,000. The Charter First Rating, one of the LSG constraints selected by the Board, is in and The Lawson Academy has a score of 75, which is passing. A February Teacher/Staff Survey has been completed and the results were reviewed. Dr. Raney explained that she is incorporating “mindfulness, health and well-being” to every other Thursday’s PLC sessions to support the teachers. Two (2) members of the Board are asked to join the Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Service (RIPICS) meeting on a date to be announced. Mary Ramos and Terence Frederick volunteered to serve.

11. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjourn Meeting. Mary Ramos moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. Hether Benjamin-Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Benjamin-Brown, C. Carr, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos, and Y. Smith.