

The Lawson Academy

February 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr
Bryce Kennard
Catherine Mosbacher
Immy Papadopoulos
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith
Champ Warren

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Terence Frederick
Eric Goodie

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Delic Loyde

The Lawson Academy Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The Zoom meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:36 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** Quorum was established at 9:36 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (9:37 a.m. – 9:37 a.m.).** Dr. Marthea Raney read the Vision to the Board.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:37 – 9:37 a.m.).** Immy Papadopoulos moved the approval of the January 28, 2023 Academy and Board of Directors minutes. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, B. Kennard, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren.
- 7. Academy Report (9:37 – 10:22 a.m.).** Principal Marthea Raney reviewed statistical data on student demographics and attendance. She presented a Powerpoint on the Effective Schools Framework, discussing the February 21 onsite visit by Region IV staff. Imogen Papadopoulos asked how we supported students who are not college-bound. Champ Warren suggested that a non-profit called “Bridge Year” could support us with campus visit(s) to discuss trades and non-college options. Superintendent Cheryl Lawson presented the STEM for Kids video at the halfway point of this program, showing student websites on the topic of Maritime. The Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHAT) and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) programs to supplement Mental health supports for students and families were presented. Catherine Mosbacher moved approval of the TCHAT and NAMI partnerships. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, B. Kennard, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren. There was also a presentation of the February 2023 Student Newsletter.
- 9. Lone Star Governance (10:23 – 10:23 a.m.).** The Lone Star Governance session on March 4 and March 5 has been cancelled since our participating school boards were not able to confirm. It will be scheduled at another time, since multiple board members have not attended this session in the past.

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10. Superintendent's Report (10:23 – 10:43 a.m.). Superintendent Cheryl Lawson indicated that the Charter Amendment is moving forward. Docusigns of two (2) Resolutions have been circulated at the request of TEA. A review of the January 31 Safety & Security Committee materials were presented and discussed. In December, the school was 'audited' by TEA, attempting to gain unauthorized access. The TEA auditor was able to get in, and the school has undertaken three (2) corrective actions which were discussed (exterior doors kept locked, weekly door sweeps). Bryce Kennard asked whether parents would be aware of the results of the security audit. Cheryl explained that March newsletter would include some safety information for families.

11. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjourn Meeting. Champ Warren moved adjournment at 10:43 a.m. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, B. Kennard, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren.