

The Lawson Academy

March 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr
Terence Frederick
Catherine Mosbacher
Immy Papadopoulos
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith
Champ Warren

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Goodie
Bryce Kennard

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Marthea Raney
Dr. Delic Loyde

The Lawson Academy Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The Zoom meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:45 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** Quorum was established at 9:45 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. Delic Loyde read the Vision to the Board.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:45 – 9:45 a.m.).** Champ Warren moved the approval of the February 25, 2023 Academy and Board of Directors minutes. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren.
- 7. Academy Report (9:36 – 10:02 a.m.).** Principal Marthea Raney reviewed statistical data on student demographics and attendance. Student attendance is lower than normal, lots of absences. She was also able to discuss NWEA-MAP Interim STAAR Results and the STAAR Bootcamp. Dr. Raney indicated that the Interim STAAR results are mixed, but they are continuing to work on student performance through the bootcamp effort, where classes are co-taught by two faculty members. Cheryl Lawson presented the campus' Clinician Report and introduced the Clinician Workshop/Presentation Services to be conducted for staff and students. There was discussion of the work being done by the clinician. Report cards were sent home with students yesterday. There was also a presentation of the March 2023 Student Newsletter.
- 9. Lone Star Governance (10:02 – 10:14 a.m.).** Dr. Delic Loyde discussed the Leaderboard results and the fact that only one (now two) school is on the Leaderboard. Superintendent Cheryl Lawson has requested that Board members sign the Quarterly Board Trackers so that we can be added to the TEA LSG Leaderboard. Imogen Papadopoulos mentioned the HISD takeover and asked if it would have any impact on The Lawson Academy. Dr. Loyde said no, but perhaps the Academy could become an option for parents who are not content with the HISD situation. Dr. Loyde discussed the existing personnel working with TEA: Doris Delaney, Monitor/Conservator and Robbie McGowen, LSG Coach.

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10. Superintendent's Report (10:14 – 10:26 a.m.). . Superintendent Cheryl Lawson discussed the upcoming Safety Standards Formula Grant. The Lawson Academy is allotted \$200,000 for use with fencing, doors and other safety “hardening” approaches. It will be submitted to allow for summer installations. Increasing attention to our recruiting effort is underway, in alignment with the partnership with Community Preschools.

11. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjourn Meeting. Terence Frederick moved adjournment at 10:26 a.m. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren.