

## **The Lawson Academy**

May 27, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

### **William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Terence Frederick  
Bryce Kennard  
Mary Ramos  
Champ Warren

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chavon Carr  
Eric Goodie  
Yolanda Smith

#### **STAFF/GUESTS**

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director  
Dr. Marthea Raney

### **The Lawson Academy Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order.** The Zoom meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:32 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** Quorum was established at 9:325 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (9:34 a.m. – 9:34 a.m.).** Bryce Kennard read the Vision to the Board.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:34 – 9:35 a.m.).** Bryce Kennard moved the approval of the March 25, 2023 Academy and Board of Directors minutes. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, B. Kennard, M. Ramos, and C. Warren.
- 7. Academy Report (9:35 – 10:11 a.m.).** Principal Marthea Raney reviewed statistical data on student demographics and attendance. Student assessment results were reviewed including the BOY-MOY-EOY which showed marked improvement. There was a video of Dr. Raney discussing STAAR goals with a student and the impact of these one-on-one meetings to encourage and clearly communicate performance goals. The Stanford 10 analysis was also discussed, reviewing the improvement of No STAAR data is expected immediately, and may not come until late summer. The Bridge Year program, which had been recommended by Board Member Champ Warren was a stunning success and we look forward to having them return every year. There was also a presentation of the April and the May 2023 Student Newsletters.
- 9. Lone Star Governance (10:12 – 10:14 a.m.).** Dr. Delic Loyde has lost her mother and is not attending today's meeting. The Quarterly Board Tracker was updated, fresh, and will be submitted. The TEA LSG Leaderboard still does not show many schools, following the state-wide cleanup.
- 10. Superintendent's Report (10:14 – 10:41 a.m.).** Superintendent Cheryl Lawson discussed the Grant Allotment revisions which were included in the Academy budget. The 2023-2024 School Calendar was presented for approval. Terence Frederick moved approval of the Calendar. Bryce Kennard seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, B. Kennard, M. Ramos, and C. Warren. The Counseling Program was discussed, with the review of significant student

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presentations to deal with student testing. The TEA has approved the Charter Amendment requested earlier this year. This allows The Lawson Academy to operate the Pre-K program at Regency Lofts, and to create a feeder system for our middle school in the coming years. A lease between WALIPP and Regency Lofts was presented. It has been reviewed and revised with our legal counsel, Shannon Hunter. Champ Warren moved the approval of the lease. Bryce Kennard seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, B. Kennard, M. Ramos, and C. Warren. A presentation of our recruiting campaign.

**11. Executive Session.** The board went into Executive Session at 10:41 a.m. The board came out of Executive Session at 10:47 a.m.

**12. Adjourn Meeting.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.