

The Lawson Academy

July 22, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Terence Frederick
Eric Goodie
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith
Champ Warren

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Chavon Carr
Bryce Kennard

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.).** Terence Frederick read the Vision to the Board.
6. **Approval of Minutes (9:38 – 9:38 a.m.).** Terence Frederick moved the approval of the June 24, 2023 Academy and Board of Directors minutes. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, E. Goodie, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren.
7. **Academy Report (9:38 – 9:40 a.m.).** Superintendent Cheryl Lawson explained that Principal Raney is on vacation. There was a presentation of the key instructional materials which have already been ordered: Carnegie Math & Mathia for mathematics and Amplify for English/Language Arts & Reading. The FY24 planning calendar was previewed.
9. **Lone Star Governance (9:40 – 9:44 a.m.).** Dr. Delic Loyde talked about the Exemplary Cohort application which is being submitted. There will be a Lone Star Governance class this fiscal year, in partnership with Community Preschools and other charter operators.
10. **Superintendent's Report (9:44 – 10:03 a.m.).** Superintendent Cheryl Lawson introduced Jaciel Castro who discussed the work underway on the Pre-School at Regency Lofts. All apartments at Regency Lofts were visited, and 9 of the current students are resident in that complex. There are 45 enrollment applications, 38 in process (to be finalized by parent submissions) and 14 students in the classrooms. Texas Rising Star will do a final inspection of the facility. There were questions about the competition for 3-year-olds in the community and Jaciel indicated that this program is unique in serving that age range. The Good Reason Housing Pre-K campaign is one of the marketing approaches under way.
11. **Executive Session.** There was no Executive Session.

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12. Adjourn Meeting. Yolanda Smith moved adjournment. Eric Goodie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.