

## The Lawson Academy

August 26, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

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

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr  
Terence Frederick  
Eric Goodie  
Bryce Kennard  
Yolanda Smith  
Champ Warren

#### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Ramos

#### STAFF/GUESTS

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

### The Lawson Academy Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The Zoom meeting was called to order by Chavon Carr at 9:38 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** Quorum was established at 9:38 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (9:38 a.m. – 9:38 a.m.).** Chavon Carr read the Vision to the Board.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:39– 9:39 a.m.).** Champ Warren moved the approval of the July 22, 2023 Academy and Board of Directors minutes. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, E. Goodie, B. Kennard, Y. Smith and C. Warren.
- 7. Academy Report (9:40 – 9:59 a.m.).** Principal Raney discussed the summer preparations on campus, reviewing each of the staff members and the Master Schedule (7:30 a.m. to 4:10 p.m.). A Meet and Greet is scheduled for the first week of school, where parents can meet the teachers before the year goes forward. There is not yet any STAAR data to share, pending release from TEA. The Compensatory Education strategy was reviewed, using an existing staff member and experiential learning. Champ Warren volunteered to assist with financial literacy and potential field trips. Dr. Raney will work with Board Member Warren. The school has been awarded an ESF grant to assist with improving school effectiveness. The amount has not been released, but it will help to fund the work of Region 4 and other resources.
- 9. Lone Star Governance (9:59 – 10:04 a.m.).** Dr. Delic Loyde expressed pride at the board's commitment to governance. The plan to conduct a Lone Star Governance session this year will be complimented by the investment being made in governance strategies.
- 10. Superintendent's Report (10:04 – 10:25 a.m.).** Superintendent Lawson presented the Charter First results for FY22 (C-Passing) and discussed the error which caused the lower score. Yolanda Smith moved the approval of the Depository Contract for Frost Bank. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, E. Goodie, B. Kennard, Y. Smith and C. Warren. The plans for recruiting were discussed. Bryce Kennard asked about whether students have siblings (Dr. Raney explained some siblings are enrolled) and access to realtor recommendations like Gerald Womack. Cheryl Lawson will follow up on this realtors in the community.

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**11. Executive Session.** There was no Executive Session.

**12. Adjourn Meeting.** Champ Warren moved adjournment. Eric Goodie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.