

The Lawson Academy

September 23, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr
Terence Frederick
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith
Champ Warren

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Goodie
Bryce Kennard

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal

The Lawson Academy Agenda

1. **Call to Order.** The Zoom meeting was called to order by Champ Warren 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.).** Chavon Carr read the Vision to the Board.
6. **Approval of Minutes (9:38– 9:38a.m.).** Terence Frederick moved the approval of the August 26, 2023 Academy and Board of Directors minutes. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren.
7. **Academy Report (9:39 – 10:00 a.m.).** Principal Raney discussed the use of Mobile Reading Cart (for early arrivers) and upcoming events including Open House this Thursday 9/28 and a winning Flag Football team. To support instruction, the campus has invested in high-quality instructional materials and professional development including sessions by Region 4, Dr. Loyde, vendor specialists and our Special Education director. The tutoring schedule begins October 9 with a six-week schedule of Math Tutoring. Additional hours will be scheduled in the spring. News coverage of the Pre-K program was reviewed.
9. **Lone Star Governance (10:00 – 10:00 a.m.).** Dr. Delic Loyde was absent today, conducting a training session.
10. **Superintendent's Report (10:00 – 10:09 a.m.).** Superintendent Lawson presented the Notice of Grant Award for School Safety Standards (\$200,000) which will enable improvements in fencing and campus doors. The TEKS Certification FY24 was discussed, which required board approval to allow access to textbook funds. Yolanda Smith moved approval. Mary Ramos seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren. Resolution 24-01 was presented to Restrict Data Requests of student or parent data. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the Resolution. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren.
11. **Executive Session.** There was no Executive Session.

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12. Adjourn Meeting. Mary Ramos moved adjournment. Chavon Carr seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.