

The Lawson Academy

October 28, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr
Terence Frederick
Mary Ramos
Champ Warren

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Goodie
Bryce Kennard
Yolanda Smith

STAFF/GUESTS

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

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- 1. Call to Order.** The Zoom meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:33 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** Quorum was established at 9:33 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.).** Cheryl Lawson read the Vision to the Board.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:36– 9:36 a.m.).** Terence Frederick moved the approval of the September 23, 2023 Academy and Board of Directors minutes. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, M. Ramos and C. Warren.
- 7. Academy Report (9:36 – 9:53 a.m.).** Principal Raney discussed the student data and the upcoming Snapshot which will define the number of “enrolled students” for this year. There was a presentation of a TikTok video on English/Language Arts teacher Anella Coleman. A great deal of discussion about the high-quality curriculum resources took place, with information on Amplify (ELAR) and Carnegie (Math). Five 8th grade students were awarded computers from the AT&T Pioneers, employees who work in AT&T and support community programs. An upcoming Movie Night will take place at the campus. The October newsletter was reviewed.
- 9. Lone Star Governance (9:53 – 10:04 a.m.).** Dr. Delic Loyde announced that this Board was selected to be in the LSG Exemplar Cohort. Less than 25% of applicants received this appointment, and the grant (\$12,500) will help pay for our LSG class. The Quarterly Board Progress Tracker was reviewed and updated. Champ Warren moved approval of the Tracker. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, M. Ramos and C. Warren.
- 10. Superintendent’s Report (10:04 – 10:27 a.m.).** Superintendent Lawson explained that TEA is not able to present Accountability data (STAAR results) the 2022-2023 school year due to a lawsuit by 100 school districts about the TEA effort to change their metrics. The Notice of Grant Award for Title I, Title II,

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Title IV and IDEA-B was presented. A lower price for tutoring was given by Varsity Tutoring, allowing the program to continue until March, 2024 at no additional cost.

11. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjourn Meeting. Champ Warren moved adjournment. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.