

The Lawson Academy

February 24, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Terence Frederick
Bryce Kennard
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith
Champ Warren

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Chavon Carr
Eric Goodie

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal
Dr. Delic Loyde, Consultant
Mr. Mosab Imam, Business Manager
Jaciell Castro, Community Preschools
Amanda Castro, Community Preschools
Marvin Pierre, 8 Million Stories
Edwin Barrera, PHD Vision
Roger Garcia, Consultant

The Lawson Academy Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 11:58 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** Quorum was established at 11:58 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (not read had been discussed during LSG training)**
- 6. Approval of Minutes (11:59 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.).** Bryce Kennard moved the approval of the January 27, 2024 Academy and Board of Directors minutes. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, B. Kennard, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren.
- 7. Academy Report (12:00 – 12:10 a.m.).** Principal Raney discussed the statistical student data. The FY23 STAAR, Fall Interim and Spring Interim test analysis has been completed and teachers are reviewing the data for additional instruction. Dr. Raney explained that the data shows progress, and the emphasis is on progress for every student.
- 9. Lone Star Governance (no report since we are in LSG training).**
- 10. Superintendent's Report (12:10 – 12:20 p.m.).** Superintendent Lawson showed that TEA's analysis shows that The Lawson Academy is an "A" school, confirming the analysis done last month. Following Board Member Champ Warren's referral, there has been discussion with KIPP Superintendent Frank Cush. Superintendent Lawson will follow up to try and gain access to the "waiting list" at KIPP for use by Lawson. A contract with Jamaur Barnes, a consultant who worked with Good Reason Houston, was presented and discussed. Champ Warren moved approval of the contract. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, B. Kennard, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren. The February newsletter was reviewed.

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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 12:20 p.m.