

The Lawson Academy

March 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith
Champ Warren

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal
Dr. Delic Loyde, Consultant
Mr. Mosab Imam, Business Manager

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Terence Frederick
Eric Goodie
Bryce Kennard

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- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:42 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** Quorum was established at 10:37 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (9:42).** Dr. Marthea Raney read the Academy Vision.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (10:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.).** Champ Warren moved the approval of the February 24, 2024 Academy and Board of Directors minutes. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren.
- 7. Academy Report (9:42 – 10:24 a.m.).** Principal Raney discussed the statistical student data. The FY24 Student Performance was reviewed showing the Fall (BOY) and Spring (EOY) assessment results and the predicted outcomes for STAAR. Students are currently in STAAR Boot Camp. Consultant Roger Garcia (who attended last month's LSG training) has been on campus to support math instruction, and he will also support social studies. Dr. Raney is most proud of the impact he is having. Students competed during Spring Break in reading and the 8th graders added 151 books to their inventory of completed text. They will get a Free Dress day and a party for their efforts. Champ expressed appreciation for everything being done, especially with his understanding of how difficult it is. The STEM for Kids program which has been in place for a few years recognized The Lawson Academy in a press release they published which was reviewed. There was mention of a graduated student, Trevion Bell, who is planning a career in Maritime (he is a senior at the Energy High School). On Monday, April 1, the final presentations for this year's STEM for Kids program will occur on Zoom. All board members are invited to attend, if their schedules allow. The flyer which includes the Zoom link will be sent to everyone on the Board. The upcoming STAAR dates were discussed.
- 9. Lone Star Governance (10:24 – 10:41 a.m.).** Dr. Loyde expressed appreciation for the attendance last month. Every member of the Board has received a LSG Certificate for our participation. The Board's Quarterly Progress Tracker was presented and discussed. Champ Warren moved approval of the Board's

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Quarterly Progress Tracker. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren.

10. Superintendent's Report (10:41 – 10:53 a.m.). Superintendent Lawson presented the School Year 2024-2025 Academic Calendar. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the Calendar. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren. The Certification of Instructional Materials was presented for approval. When submitted, the certification allows The Lawson Academy to access textbook funds for the upcoming year. The Amplify texts will be funded for 2025-2027 using dollars available this year. The board commented that it is a good idea to pay for textbooks early, since pricing always goes up over time. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the Certification of Instructional Materials. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren. Superintendent Lawson provided an update on the Outreach and Recruitment activity. The March 2024 newsletter was reviewed and discussed.

11. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjourn Meeting. Champ Warren moved adjournment. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.