

## William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

June 15, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

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#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr  
Bryce Kennard  
Mary Ramos  
Champ Warren  
Yolanda Smith

#### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Terence Frederick  
Eric Goodie

#### STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director  
Amanda Castro, Community Preschools  
Jaciel Castro, Community Preschools  
Marvin Pierre, 8 Million Stories

### The Lawson Academy Agenda

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:35 a.m.
2. **Establishment of Quorum.** Quorum was established at 9:35 a.m.
3. **Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **Academy Vision (9:36 a.m.).** Cheryl Lawson read the Academy Vision.
6. **Superintendent's Report (9:37 – 10:51 a.m.).** Superintendent Lawson presented the partners involved in the Pre-K expansion project. All three had participated in April's Lone Star Governance session. There was discussion of the Texas A&M University Teacher Education Residency Model (TERM) program which will assist in certifying teachers during a Masters in Education program for all participants. The funding from Texas A&M will supplement the ADA revenue during this expansion year, enabling staff for Pre-K campuses. The Expansion Agenda was discussed at length, including review of the business plan and key financials. Champ Warren moved approval of Resolution 24-06 Expansion to Multiple Pre-K Sites. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, B. Kennard, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and C. Warren.
11. **Executive Session.** Champ Warren moved the opening of an Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. Bryce Kennard seconded the motion. The executive session ended at 10:56 a.m.
12. **Adjourn Meeting.** Yolanda Smith moved adjournment at 10:56 a.m. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.