

The Lawson Academy

May 17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr
Terence Frederick
Bryce Kennard
Vernon Lewis
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Goodie
Champ Warren

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Delic Loyde, Consultant
Mosab Imam, Business Manager

The Lawson Academy Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 12:10 p.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** Quorum was established at 12:10 p.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (12:11 p.m.).** Vernon Lewis read the Academy Vision.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (12:11 p.m. – 12:11 p.m.).** Vernon Lewis moved the approval of the March 22, 2025 Academy Minutes and Board of Directors Minutes. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, B. Kennard, V. Lewis, M. Ramos, and Y. Smith.
- 7. Academy Report (12:11 p.m. – 12:23 p.m.).** Superintendent Lawson presented the analysis completed on the MAP reporting taken shortly after the STAAR assessments in May. Principal Baker was not in attendance: her son is graduating today. The “A” rating of the school was discussed, showing the rating for the 2022-2023 year. A report by the Communities in Schools counselor, Ms. Katina Gordon was discussed, showing the positive impact of having an on-campus counselor for student engagement.
- 8. Lone Star Governance (12:24 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.).** Dr. Loyde mentioned that today’s training is important to understand how TEA is measuring schools and to recognize the impact of student outcomes. Additional training for individual board members will be scheduled with Superintendent Lawson for the TEA Learn Safety training which can be done remotely at a time that is convenient for board members.
- 9. Superintendent’s Report (12:25 – 12:50 p.m.).** Superintendent Lawson presented the Communities in Schools contract which was signed in advance of this meeting. The 2025-2026 School Calendar was introduced. It includes the ADSY entries for instruction during the summer of 2026. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the SY26 School Calendar. Bryce Kennard seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, B. Kennard, V. Lewis, M. Ramos, and Y. Smith. A number of components of the Safety program were introduced. The board reviewed the District Vulnerability Assessment Full Report on the Sentinel website. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the Good Cause Exception Resolution and the

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Safety Code of Conduct. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, B. Kennard, V. Lewis, M. Ramos, and Y. Smith. Financial review by Mosab Imam was completed to address changes needed ahead of the fiscal year. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the Board Amendment. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by C. Carr, T. Frederick, B. Kennard, V. Lewis, M. Ramos, and Y. Smith.

10. Executive Session. The Board went into Executive Session at 12:46 p.m. The executive session ended at 12:50 p.m.

11. Adjourn Meeting. Terence Frederick moved adjournment. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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