

## **The Lawson Academy**

January 25, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

### **William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Terence Frederick  
Eric Goodie  
Rashonner Lillie  
Mary Ramos  
Champ Warren

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chavon Carr  
Bryce Kennard  
Vernon Lewis  
Yolanda Smith

#### **STAFF/GUESTS**

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director  
Mosab Imam, Business Manager

### **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.).** Champ Warren read the Academy Vision.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:36 a.m. – 9:36 a.m.).** Rashonner Lillie moved the approval of the January 25, 2025 Academy Minutes and Board of Directors Minutes. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, E. Goodie, R. Lillie, M. Ramos and C. Warren.
- 7. Academy Report (9:37 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.).** Superintendent Lawson presented the demographic data for the Board. Principal Baker was absent and had provided a video presentation on the events upcoming for the Academy. On Wednesday, 2/26/2025, there will be a Black History program to which all board members are to be invited (email to be sent following meeting). The Safety Audit for Intruder Detection took place in February by TEA. There was one item missing from Academy records (one week of door sweeps) and a final response to TEA will be submitted.
- 8. Lone Star Governance (No Report).** Dr. Loyde was not in attendance.
- 9. Superintendent's Report (9:55 – 10:07 a.m.).** Superintendent Lawson discussed the launch of the Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) partnership at the Coolwood campus on April 1, 2025. The Texas A&M University TERM program has been terminated because too few participants completed the required certification testing. A letter from Texas A&M University indicated that funds received by the Academy were to be refunded. Dialogue with counsel will take place to address this issue. There is a Houston Astros Foundation/Apache Company Tree planting project on March 7 at 10 am. This is a local partnership to teach environmental concepts to students, give 8<sup>th</sup> graders a planting opportunity and provide

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a small 'tree in a cup' to the early ed students at the Scott street campus. The bus driver has finally been hired, so it is expected that the Academy's bus will be used soon. There was no newsletter this month.

**10. Executive Session.** Motion to go to Executive Session at 10:07 a.m. Executive Session ended at 10:22 a.m.

**11. Adjourn Meeting.** Yolanda Smith moved adjournment. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.