

The Lawson Academy

July 26, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith
Champ Warren

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Terence Frederick
Eric Goodie
Bryce Kennard
Vernon Lewis

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Jonathan Sutton, Principal

The Lawson Academy Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was opened by Mary Ramos at 9:37 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** There was no quorum.
- 3. Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (9:36 a.m.).** Dr. Jonathan Sutton read the Academy Vision.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:37 a.m. – 9:37 a.m.).** There was no quorum and minutes were not approved.
- 7. Academy Report (9:38 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.).** Principal Sutton introduced the theme for the 2025-2026 school year: Soaring to Excellence. Dr. Sutton discussed the upcoming professional development which takes place August 4-11. He presented the Calendar of Events for the school year, identifying items in each of the upcoming months. There have already been good conversations with Region 4 representatives on the school's performance and progress to date. The facility is being made ready for the students and staff's arrival. With the addition of campus décor, the space will be even more student-friendly.
- 8. Lone Star Governance (10:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.).** Dr. Loyde was not present.
- 9. Superintendent's Report (10:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.).** Superintendent Lawson presented the WALIPP Board Meeting Dates for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. All meetings will be 4th Saturday at 9:30 except in November and December. The lease with Regency Lofts for the Lawson Pre-K campus has been identified as in "informal default" and the landlord/partner Donna Rickenbacker of DWR Development has become difficult to negotiate with. The enrollment for middle school is low, and there are recruiting efforts underway to increase enrollment before the start of school on August 12. Champ Warren suggested that Superintendent Lawson contact Marvin Pierre of 8 Million Stories, in addition to the work underway.
- 10. Executive Session.** There was no Executive Session.
- 11. Adjourn Meeting.** The meeting ended at 10:25 a.m.