

The Lawson Academy

September 27, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vernon Lewis
Mary Ramos
Champ Warren

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Chavon Carr
Terence Frederick
Eric Goodie
Bryce Kennard
Yolanda Smith

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Delic Loyde
Dr. Jonathan Sutton, Principal
Eldon Lewis, Chief Development Officer

The Lawson Academy Agenda

1. Call to Order. The meeting was opened by Mary Ramos at 9:36 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 (9:38 a.m.). Eldon Lewis read the Academy Vision.

6. Approval of Minutes (). There was no approval of the August Minutes.

7. Academy Report (9:38 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.). Principal Sutton described work of the Career Technical Education class with a photo of a local Chef that brought sushi and introduced the students to creating their own business. There was a discussion of the Safety Drills which occur at least monthly and a group of other events, including:

- Coffee with the principal
- Cafeteria food tasting
- Fathers Take Your Child to School Day (with photos)
- Parent Teacher Organization coordination (underway)
- Parents vs Students basketball game
- (Upcoming) Honor Roll Lunch with the Principal

With the completion of the NWEA MAP BOY (beginning of year) tests, there is alignment with the grades and standards which students need to gain proficiency. Dr. Sutton is providing instructional support to all core content areas. The Intervention class coordinates with the math and reading teachers to help drive student success. Special Education students are being identified and services. There was an error on the campus calendar indicating that tutorials were to take place.

8. Lone Star Governance (10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.). Dr. Loyde commented that there are lots of requirements in the recent legislation for Safety (mentioned by Dr. Sutton) and academics. It is still

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unknown what the statewide test will be, probably not STAAR. If it is NWEA MAP, the Academy is well positioned to be ready for the change. Another tool in use is IXL that works with consistent use and clearly demonstrates student growth.

9. Superintendent's Report (10:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.). Superintendent Lawson presented the HB3 goals for board approval. These goals are consistent with the model of 2020-2025 data, and has been reviewed by staff and campus leadership. The Charter Renewal process is underway, with a plan to bring the Charter Renewal Application for Board approval in the October 25 meeting. The renewal application must be submitted to TEA no later than November 14. There is also a Special Education Cyclical Review this year, which requires preparing for onsite and remote analysis of how students are provided services. Chief Development Officer Eldon Lewis was present and updated the persons on the work done so far.

10. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

11. Adjourn Meeting. The meeting ended at 10:40 a.m.