

The Lawson Academy

February 28, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chavon Carr
Terence Frederick
Eric Goodie
Bryce Kennard
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith
Champ Warren

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Vernon Lewis

STAFF/GUESTS

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

The Lawson Academy Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was opened by Mary Ramos at 9:30 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** Quorum was established at 9:30 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (9:31 a.m.).** Champ Warren read the Academy Vision.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:32 a.m. – 9:32 a.m.).** Bryce Kennard moved the approval of the January 24, 2026 minutes. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The January 24, 2026 Minutes were unanimously approved.
- 7. Academy Report (9:33 a.m. – 9:53 a.m.).** Superintendent Cheryl Lawson reviewed campus statistics. Principal Jonathan Sutton's report had been recorded in Zoom and was presented. The Parent Survey will be administered in March, 2026 after Spring Break. Upcoming calendar events were reviewed.
- 8. Lone Star Governance (9:54 a.m. – 9:59 a.m.).** Dr. Loyde updated the Board that the accountability system is being updated in two (2) years. Yolanda Smith asked what had been learned about school closures, including the HISD schools. Dr. Loyde reminded the Board that 62% of students in the district are Hispanic and the ICE crackdowns have dramatically affected student attendance.
- 9. Superintendent's Report (9:59 a.m. – 10:12 a.m.).** Superintendent Lawson reported that a letter from TEA renewing the charter for 10 additional years was received on 1/30/2026. The Communities in Schools update showed the case management activity for January. The Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) has been presented to the campus staff and families via Zoom. The video was opened and quickly introduced during the meeting and will be sent by email to all Board members. The presentation of the TAPR is required by TEA. The 2025-2026 Local Improvement Plan was introduced, with a walk-through of the campus statistics, prior year performance, comprehensive needs analysis, goals, strategies and addenda. Yolanda Smith moved the approval of the Local Improvement Plan. Champ Warren seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Transition for the Bloom Academy students will include

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two (2) Info Sessions: March 5 and March 18. The first session will be hosted at Lawson and the second session will be hosted at Bloom.

Chief Development Officer Report (10:12 – 10:23 a.m.). Eldon Lewis updated the Board on the multiple visits taking place in the Leadership Speaker Series. Recent visits included Brandon Smith, a TSU Board member; Daniel from Microsoft and Judge Kenneth Hoyt. Given the emphasis on STAAR preparation, the Leadership Speaker Series will be on 'pause' through late March and all of April. A donor has contributed furniture and books to create a library on the campus for all grades.

10. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

11. Adjourn Meeting. Yolanda Smith moved adjournment at 10:24 a.m. Eric Goodie seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 10:24 a.m.