The Lawson Academy
May 30, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Chavon Carr
Eric Goodie
Terence Frederick
Vernon Lewis
Yolanda Smith

STAFF/GUESTS
Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Jonathan Sutton, Principal
Eldon Lewis, Chief Development Officer
Dr. Delic Loyde, Consultant
DeAnna Clavell, InSchools

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Bryce Kennard
Mary Ramos
Champ Warren

The Lawson Academy Agenda

1. Call to Order. The meeting was opened by Chavon Carr at 12:15 p.m.

2. Establishment of Quorum. The quorum was established at 12:15 p.m.

3. Opening Prayer. Terence Frederick led a prayer.

4. Public Comment. There was no public comment.

5. Academy Vision (12:18 p.m.). Chavon Carr read the Academy Vision.

6. Approval of Minutes (12:18 p.m. - 12:19 p.m.). Yolanda Smith moved approval of the March 28, 2026 Academy and Board Minutes. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the April 25, 2026 Academy and Board Minutes. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Academy Report (12:19 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.). Principal Jonathan Sutton updated on the performance of STAAR as we understand it. The Reading results are very good, with 81% of students passing (Approaches, Meets or Masters) and a very good showing in Math as well. There are no Science scores, so it is impossible to truly know the Accountability ranking, but it should be a C or better. There have been great partnerships in this year, including the Library effort and the Career Symposium held last month..

8. Lone Star Governance (no content today).

9. Superintendent's Report (12:34 p.m. – 1:29 p.m.). Superintendent Lawson requested approval of the 2026-2027 Calendar having been revised to include an additional 3 days of Pre-Service in July. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the 2026-2027 Calendar. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Superintendent requested the approval of the Non-Expansion Amendment to remove the list of pre-K (child care) facilities that were never opened by Community Preschools. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the Non-Expansion Amendment. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The

motion was unanimously approved. There are two elements which will be in place with the board's use of InSchools for governance support. The Procedures for Public Notification and Opportunities for Public Comment was presented. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the Procedures for Public Notification. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The list of Federal Grants was presented, with explanations about the amounts and the purposes of each grant (e.g., Title I, Title IV). Yolanda Smith moved approval of the Intent for Federal Grants. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The RISE grant to provide leadership support from Region 4 was presented. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the RISE Grant. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The contract for InSchools to provide back office support was presented. Questions were asked about the contract language for termination. Superintendent Lawson will circulate the InSchools contract prior to board approval. The 4Mativ Technologies contract was presented to provide transportation logistics and work with a third-party bus company for daily routes. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the 4Mativ contract. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The Healthy Lunch Box vended meals contract was presented. Yolanda Smith moved approval of the Healthy Lunch Box contract. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chief Development Officer Report (1:29 – 1:41 p.m.). Chief Development Officer Eldon Lewis presented the update on efforts to date. A multitude of speakers attended the Career Symposium (Chavon Carr was one of the presenters) and there was great excitement by the students and the guests. On that same day, the Library was opened and Chavon and Yolanda Smith were in attendance. The meeting today is being held in the new library. Continuing efforts to speak to potential donors and to receive feedback. The positive STAAR data will help greatly. There are a number of influential board members of the foundations being targeted with whom WALIPP Board members may have relationships. The list of board members will be circulated. All board members must be financially supportive of the agency. When the question from a funder is asked, the answer must be "100%", so if a gift has not been made yet, all members must donate to the agency.

10. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

11. Adjourn Meeting. meeting ended at 1:41 p.m.