

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

January 11, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Hether Benjamin Brown  
Terence Frederick  
Imogen Papadopoulos  
Mary Ramos  
Morris Smith  
Yolanda Smith  
Kimberly Wilkinson

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Toya Roberts Conston  
Catherine Mosbacher  
Gerald Womack

### **STAFF/GUESTS**

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director  
Sherrill Burge, TEA Monitor  
Rebecca Smith, Melton & Melton (Auditor)

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

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 12:15 p.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** The quorum was established at 12:15 p.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance.** Morris Smith moved the dispensing of the Pledge of Allegiance. Hether Benjamin Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Frederick, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, M. Smith, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2018.** Imogen Papadopoulos moved approval of November 17, 2018 minutes. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Frederick, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, M. Smith, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson.

## **The Lawson Academy Agenda**

- A. Academy Report.** Director's report from the Academy was reviewed. 2017-2018 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) was presented and briefly reviewed. Board asked that a one-page summary of TAPR be provided in the next meeting. Graphs reflecting Average Student Enrollment and Average Daily Attendance were discussed.
- B. Superintendent's Report.** TEA Financial Compliance letter was reviewed, listing the continuance of the TEA monitor. Final 2017-2018 Audit was presented by Rebecca "Becky" Smith of Melton & Melton, LLP. Hether Benjamin Brown moved the approval of the Audit. Morris Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Frederick, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, M. Smith, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson.

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cont'd.**

**6. Finance and Audit Committee Report.** The November and December, 2018 financials were reviewed.

**7. Executive Director's Report.** FedEx check has been received, Holiday Letter revenue exceeds \$22,500 as of this report and Rev. Lawson will be honored on February 8 at the Mayors History Makers Luncheon. Board members have been invited to participate (Houstonian hotel).

**8. Executive Session.** Opened Executive Session at 12:50 p.m. Ended Executive Session a 1:10 p.m.

**E. Adjournment.**

Meeting ended at 1:10 p.m.