The Lawson Academy
May 23, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Terence Frederick
Catherine Mosbacher
Imogen Papadopoulos
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith
Kimberly Wilkinson

STAFF/GUESTS
Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal
Annette Simmons, Business Manager
Dr. Delic Loyde
Emelda Douglas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Hether Benjamin Brown
Chavon Carr
Morris Smith

The Lawson Academy Agenda

1. Call to Order. The Zoom meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:38 a.m.

2. Establishment of Quorum. The quorum was established at 9:38 a.m. Mary Ramos introduced and welcomed Emelda Douglas to the meeting and into service with the Board.

3. Opening Prayer. Cheryl Lawson led a prayer.

4. Public Comment. There was no public comment.

5. Academy Vision (9:39 a.m. – 9:39 a.m.). Cheryl Lawson read the Vision to the Board.

6. Approval of Minutes (9:40 – 9:42 a.m.). Catherine Mosbacher made a motion to approve Minutes of the April 25, 2020 meeting. Kimberly Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson.

7. Governance Committee (9:42 – 9:44 a.m.). Committee Chair Catherine Mosbacher updated the Board had not yet finished their work. Kimberly Wilkinson reported that the committee might be able to meet again, even virtually, after reviewing prior discussion notes. Cheryl Lawson will provide Zoom access to the committee to support longer meeting.

8. Academy Report (9:44 – 10:21 a.m.). Principal Marthea Raney gave an update on work being done in the final weeks of distance learning. Continuing service will be provided by Elements Education, the partner who designed our distance learning toolset in March. This partner will deliver professional development and teacher supports in the upcoming year. Cheryl Lawson reported on the COVID-19 Slide and presented the FY21 School Calendar which starts the school year earlier and ends it later. There Yolanda Smith moved the approval of the FY21 School Calendar. Kimberly Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson. Finals for students

occurred on Friday 5/22 and results will be evaluated in the coming days. Promotion and Graduation events will be virtual (6th graders on 5/26, 7th graders on 5/27 and 8th graders on 5/29) with Board Chair Mary Ramos speaking to the 8th graders. The summer schedule of instruction includes 2 concurrent sessions: 3-weeks of Remediation who need more learning time to grow to the next grade, and 2 weeks of Enrichment for students who performed well during the year. The month of July will include an Edgenuity learning/game opportunity in partnership with the Texas Home Learning program operated under TEA.

9. Lone Star Governance (10:21 – 10:27 a.m.). Dr. Delic Loyde reviewed the Quarterly Progress Tracker and indicated that since TEA has put this on hold, the Board may turn in the tracker with the same information as last quarter. Terence Frederick moved that we apply prior quarter values to the current quarter. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson. A new TEA requirement has been defined for Board Members to attend Cybersecurity Training. Cheryl Lawson will communicate this training opportunity to the Board.

10. Superintendent's Report (10:27 – 10:43 a.m.). Superintendent Cheryl Lawson discussed the Good Reason Housing Funding opportunity, which has been submitted on behalf of the Northern Third Ward Implementation Project. Campus recruiting for the new year will be done through advertising on local radio stations. The KUHF radio spots have already been placed, and additional spots on KTSU, Majic 102 (KMJQ) are being considered for The Boxx (KBXX). Yolanda suggested that iHeart radio be included in the media buy, since they helped the NAACP with a campaign and got a lot of responses. Terence Frederick moved the approval of Cheryl Lawson pursuing advertisement spots for The Lawson Academy recruiting campaign. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson.

11. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjourn Meeting. Imogen Papadopoulos moved adjournment at 10:44 a.m. Yolanda Smith Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Benjamin-Brown, C. Carr, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, M. Smith, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson.