

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

July 30, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Hether Benjamin Brown
Terence Frederick
Dr. Christine LeVeaux Haley
Billie Jo Johnson
Catherine Mosbacher
Mary Ramos
Gerald Womack
Ambassador Arthur Schechter

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Toya Roberts Conston
Dr. Richard Griffin
Regina Rogers

Cheryl Lawson, Staff
Karen Lee, Fund Development Consultant

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 10:05 a.m.

2. Establishment of Quorum. The quorum was established at 10:05 a.m. Arthur Schechter moved the agenda be amended to remove the Prayer/Pledge. Gerald Womack seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Frederick, C. LeVeaux-Haley, B. Johnson, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos, G. Womack and A. Schechter.

4. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

5. Approval of Minutes from June 25, 2016. Catherine Mosbacher moved the approval of minutes from June 25, 2016. Arthur Schechter seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Frederick, C. LeVeaux-Haley, B. Johnson, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos, G. Womack and A. Schechter.

6. Governance and Nominating Committee Report. There was no Governance report.

7. Finance and Audit Committee Report. Draft Fiscal Year 2017 budget (September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017) was presented. Cheryl also distributed a multi-page detailed budget for everyone. The budget has already been presented to the Finance Committee. Billie Jo Johnson questioned Terry Frederick if he had completed the research suggested in the Finance Committee meeting. No action was taken.

8. Recruiting Committee. There was no Recruiting report. Cheryl indicated that we had received about 180 enrollments from the work done by Tarla Crumb, our Title I Parent Engagement Representative.

9. Facility Report. An informational report was provided including the expense of the construction project to date.

10. Academy Report. The Charter Renewal Contract from TEA was discussed. It represents a ten-year renewal of our charter. Gerald Womack moved the approval of the charter contract. Billie Jo Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Frederick, C. LeVeaux-Haley, B. Johnson, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos, G. Womack and A. Schechter.

The Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification document was discussed. It represents the access to textbook purchases for the upcoming year. Gerald Womack moved the approval of the Instructional Materials Allotment. Dr. Christine LeVeaux-Haley seconded the

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motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Frederick, C. LeVeaux-Haley, B. Johnson, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos, G. Womack and A. Schechter.

11. Executive Director's Report. There was no Executive Director's report.

12. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

13. Adjournment. Gerald Womack moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Hether Benjamin-Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Frederick, C. LeVeaux-Haley, B. Johnson, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos, G. Womack and A. Schechter.