

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

November 18, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Hether Benjamin Brown
Dr. Toya Roberts Conston
Terence Frederick
Catherine Mosbacher
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Marthea Raney
Annette Simmons
Jones May, IT Consultant
Theodore Sims, Project Manager

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Gerald Womack

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:34 a.m.

2. Establishment of Quorum. The quorum was established at 9:34 a.m.

3. Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comment. There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes from October 28, 2017. Hether Benjamin-Brown moved the approval of minutes from October 28, 2017. Terry Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Conston, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos and Y. Smith.

Hether Benjamin-Brown moved the agenda be revised to move the Facility Report to the top of the meeting. Catherine Mosbacher seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Conston, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos and Y. Smith.

Hether Benjamin-Brown moved that the Board go into Executive Session. Terry Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Conston, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos and Y. Smith.

12. Executive Session. The Executive Session opened at 9:42 a.m. and ended at 10:25 a.m.

6. Governance and Nominating Committee Report. Cheryl Lawson provided Governance forms for signature as required by the Texas Education Agency.

7. Finance and Audit Committee Report. Insurance provider Frank Karkowsky provided details on the current insurance coverages and answered questions. Mr. Karkowsky will provide pricing on Flood and Active Shooter coverages. The Directors & Officers (D&O) coverages were increased since last year. Additional coverages for D&O are to be considered.

8. Recruiting. There was no report.

9. Facility Report. Discussed in Executive Session. Hether Benjamin-Brown moved that the Executive Director be authorized to increase the project budget by \$65,000 to finish construction of The Lawson Academy. Terry Frederick second the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Conston, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos and Y. Smith.

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Hether Benjamin-Brown moved that the Executive Director be authorized to engage an attorney to write a demand letter to Aries Building Systems requesting their warranty repair(s) for The Lawson Academy. Terry Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Conston, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos and Y. Smith.

10. Academy Report. There was no report, since the Principal had left the building during the Executive Session.

11. Executive Director's Report. Training dates were discussed for Board Training. Instead of having an additional Saturday, the Board agreed to use the January Board meeting (January 27, 2018) as the day for Board training.

13. Adjournment. Terry Frederick moved adjournment at 11:28 a.m. Hether Benjamin-Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Conston, T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, M. Ramos and Y. Smith.