

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

October 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Toya Roberts Conston
Imogen Papadopoulos
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal
Annette Simmons, Business Manager
Terrell Hutchinson, Special Education Director
Becky Smith, Melton & Melton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Hether Benjamin Brown
Terence Frederick
Catherine Mosbacher
Morris Smith
Kimberly Wilkinson
Gerald Womack

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Toya Conston at 9:52 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** The quorum was never established.
- 3. Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2018.** There was no quorum to review the minutes.

The Lawson Academy Agenda

A. Academy Report. Director's report from the Academy was reviewed. Instructional Rounds process was described as a strategy to increase teacher effectiveness using peer faculty. Planned professional development for all faculty was reviewed, and Principal Raney indicated that team planning and improved instruction is visible as a result of Region IV class attendance. Special Education Policies were introduced by Special Education Director Terrell Hutchinson. The policy binder was reviewed by board members. Question was raised about teachers being able to 'advance' within the campus structure.

B. Recruiting. Apply Houston flyer was reviewed. The Lawson Academy is one of only 10 school districts to participate in this electronic enrollment solution. Student attendance is above 98% year-to-date.

C. Facility Report. Plans are being reviewed by City of Houston for SPARK Park, and left-turn lane on Scott Street.

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cont'd.**

6. Governance and Nominating Committee Report. The 5 Bold Steps graphic was reviewed and discussed. TEA Governance forms were signed by board members in attendance.

7. Finance and Audit Committee Report. Annette Simmons reported on the September financial reports. Becky Smith of Melton & Melton described their work on the FY18 audit. The audit letter indicating the cost of the audit was discussed. Mary Ramos signed the letter.

8. Executive Director's Report. Executive Director Cheryl Lawson presented an update on fund raising.

D. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

E. Adjournment. Meeting ended at 11:25 a.m.