

## The Lawson Academy

April 27, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

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

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Hether Benjamin Brown  
Catherine Mosbacher  
Imogen Papadopoulos  
Morris Smith  
Yolanda Smith  
Kimberly Wilkinson

#### STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director  
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal  
Dr. Delic Loyde, LSG Facilitator  
Paula Sutton, Advisory Board Co-Chair

#### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Terence Frederick  
Mary Ramos

### The Lawson Academy Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Catherine Mosbacher at 9:36 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** The quorum was established at 9:36 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (9:38 a.m. – 9:39 a.m.).** Mary Ramos read the Vision to the Board.
- 6. Approval of Consent Agenda (9:39 – 9:40 a.m.).** Imogen Papadopoulos made a motion to approve Minutes of the March 23 meeting. Morris Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, I. Papadopoulos, M. Smith, Y. Smith, and K. Wilkinson.
- 7. Academy Report (9:40 – 10:01 a.m.).** Principal Marthea Raney discussed the Principal's Report, listing scheduled activities and activities underway. Review of student scores for Quick Check indicated students are doing increasing well by grade level. A summer camp (six weeks for boys beginning June 10 and six weeks for girls beginning July 8) has been funded by the Dream Academy and will take place on the Lawson Academy campus. Students from The Lawson Academy will participate. Board review of newsletter raised the question of when SPARK Park dedication would occur.
- 8. Superintendent's Report (10:03 – 10:05 a.m.).** Review of Attendance and Enrollment statistics, AEA and Recruiting flyer. Showed the pictures provided from a Lawson family friend.
- 9. Lone Star Governance Goal-Setting (10:05 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.).** Dr. Delic Loyde facilitated the review of the Student Outcome Goals proposed by Superintendent Lawson, Principal Raney and Dr. Loyde. There was a request to provide analysis of multiple prior years of STAAR results to determine whether the improvement rates proposed by Superintendent Lawson, Principal Raney and Dr. Loyde were appropriate and realistic. Cheryl Lawson will send the information out to the

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Board for their review. Board members will then have the ability to review the goals in light of the historical analysis and ne prepared to make a decision in the June meeting. There will be no May meeting because of the Memorial Day holiday. The proposed Student Outcome Goals and Goal Progress Measures will be presented at the next meeting. Kimberly Wilkinson moved the that the Board would table adoption and further discussion on the Lone Star Governance goals until the June meeting with board members asked to submit their questions to Cheryl Lawson by Tuesday, June 18 and that the questions be answered electronically by Thursday, June 20 in advance of the Board meeting to be held on June 22. The June board meeting will be a mandatory meeting so that the entire Board can review and finalize the Lone Star Goals. Morris Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, I. Papadopoulos, M. Smith, Y. Smith, and K. Wilkinson. Executive Director Cheryl Lawson will prepare and send a notice to the Board of Directors of the cancellation of May's meeting and the relevant dates for Lone Star Goals review.

**11. Executive Session.** There was no executive session.

**12. Adjourn Meeting.** Imogen Papadopoulos made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, I. Papadopoulos, M. Smith, Y. Smith, and K. Wilkinson.

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Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director  
Annette Simmons, Business Manager

### The WALIPP Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Catherine Mosbacher at 11:05 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** The quorum was established at 11:05 a.m.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2019.** Yolanda Smith move the approval of the minutes. Imogen Papadopoulos seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, I. Papadopoulos, M. Smith, Y. Smith, and K. Wilkinson.
- 4. Finance and Audit Committee Report.** The March, 2019 financials were reviewed. Terence Frederick was not present at the meeting and outstanding questions with the auditor have not been resolved. Cheryl Lawson indicated that the Board will be asked to consider changing our fiscal year from 9/1 to 8/1 to reduce the accounting burden. Catherine Mosbacher restated the importance of hiring a Development Director, and that the topic will be scheduled for the June meeting. Morris Smith moved the approval of the March, 2019 financials. Kimberly Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, I. Papadopoulos, M. Smith, Y. Smith, and K. Wilkinson.
- 5. Governance Committee.** Bio and resume of Chavon Carr to be added to the Board o Directors, returning the WALIPP Board size to 9 and enabling the Lawson Academy Real Estate Board to properly reflect 3 WALIPP Board members and 2 community members. This reconfiguration of the Lawson Academy Real Estate Co Board resulted from the removal of Gerald Womack from the WALIPP Board in 1Q19. Imogen Papadopoulos moved that Chavon Carr be approved to serve on the WALIPP Board. Kimberly Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, I. Papadopoulos, M. Smith, Y. Smith, and K. Wilkinson.
- 6. Executive Director's Report.** Executive Director Cheryl Lawson provided insight into the final construction of the Capital Campaign and the ongoing access to \$18,133 quarterly as part of the New Market Tax Credit promissory note. Before discussion of the Adjacency Program could be raised, Catherine Mosbacher asked that this topic be saved for a future meeting.
- 7. Executive Session.** Executive Session began at 11:38 a.m. and ended at 12:00 noon. It was reported to Cheryl Lawson that Morris Smith would provide Coca Cola products to the school and

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that the Board would provide pizza to the school. The date for these donations is to be provided by Cheryl Lawson to the Board. Kimberly Wilkinson will provide gifts to the teaching team, with Cheryl Lawson expected to provide the number and gender of teachers for the preparation of these gifts.

### **8. Adjournment.**