

Board of Directors
Carolus Online Academy
August 3, 2023
5:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom
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Preliminary Items

Called to Order at 5:04 pm
Roll Call

Board Members:

Present

John Pallasch, Board Chair

Dr. Eric Mack, Treasurer

Rachel Migli, Board Member

Gretchen Dobbs, Board Member

Others Present:

- Betsy Carpentier
- John Kramer, K-12
- Scott Sides, K-12
- Chad Long, K-12
- Pamela Sieger, K-12
- Laura Whittle, K-12
- Elizabeth Nelson, K-12

Approval of Minutes from prior meeting. Eric Mack made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2023 meeting. Gretchen Dobbs seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Board Chair:

1. John Pallasch provided the update that Mike Ames was excited to accept the position as Executive Director after the period of interviews that had taken place. Eric Mack made a motion to employ Mike Ames as Executive Director of Carolus Online Academy. Rachel Migli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Agenda Items

1. The contract with South Carolina Public Charter School District was reviewed by Betsy Carpenter and John Pallasch. Eric Mack made a motion to approve the contract. Rachel Migli seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

2. Parent and Student Handbook changes, including the addition of the approved logo and testing dates included were presented for approval and addition. Eric Mack made a motion to approve the Handbook changes. Gretchen Dobbs seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
3. The Safety and Emergency Plan was presented. Eric Mack made a motion to approve the Safety and Emergency Plan and stipulated that the plan would continue to be monitored for ongoing care in plan execution. Rachel Migli seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
4. The proposed lease for 1812 Barnwell Street, Columbia, SC was reviewed. The process and rigor of review was described. Location and associated detail were discussed. Eric Mack made a motion to approve the lease with any final adjustments required. Rachel Migli seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
5. A contract for translation services to be used when translation services are needed was presented. The contract was noted as a standard contract that has been used in numerous states effectively. Eric Mack made a motion to approve. Rachel Migli seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
6. A contract for internet phones to be deployed was reviewed. The benefits of having internet phones and associated data made available was described. Detail of the logistics of how these phones would be handled was discussed. Erick Mack made a motion to approve the contract. Gretchen Dobbs seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
7. NWEA was described as the interim testing solution that would be deployed for student growth. No action was taken at this time in terms of a contract.

School Leadership Report

Insurance Update – John Kramer described progress for ensuring that all insurance requirements are being met.

Staffing Update – Pam Sieger and Laura Whittle described the progress made to being fully staffed and described the training that had just taken place, noting the enthusiasm expressed to begin the school year.

Enrollment Update – Scott Sides described current progress in enrolling students – both approved students and those in process for approval.

Adjournment 5:56 pm