

South Carolina Education Futures
Carolus Online Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
July 6, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Agenda was posted publicly at <https://coa.k12.com/board-meetings-and-members.html> more than 24 hours before the meeting.

Board Members:

Present

John Pallasch, Board Chair

Dan Martin, Vice Chair

Dr. Eric Mack, Treasurer

Kristen Bell, Secretary

Rachel Migli, Board Member

Charles Brooks, Board Member

Others Present:

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

Called to Order at 5:01 p.m.

Called Roll

1. Approval of Minutes from the prior meeting.

Motion Discussion to clarify Motion #4 from minutes to read “to allow board chair to authorize and finalize agreement”.

Motion to approve revised language of meeting minutes made by Dan Martin. Charles Brooks seconded.

Unanimously approved.

2. Board Member Candidate discussion

John Pallasch gave an overview of candidate Gretchen Dobbs Ossner. Upon advice from counsel regarding next steps, motion to approve new board member was made by Kristen Bell. Rachel Migli seconded.

Unanimously approved.

3. LOGO

Two logo options were included in the agenda packet. John Pallasch made a motion to add logo selection to the agenda for the next meeting.

4. 2023-2024 School Calendar

Review - August 21, 2023 start date. Confirmed we have 180 instructional days, added testing dates in compliance with testing taking place last 20 days). Confirmed spring break as April 1 – 5, 2024.

Motion to approve academic calendar made by John Pallasch. Charles Brooks seconded. Unanimously approved.

5. 2023-2024 Budget

Chad Long presented the budget in detail. Reviewed key enrollment assumptions, funding assumptions and staffing profile, profit and loss and expense breakdown for year one. Pamela Sieger clarified K-5 and first grade would be combined for the first year, making student ratio higher for K-5. Budget approval will take place at the next meeting.

6. Executed Services Agreement – Unanimously voted to table until our next meeting.

7. K12's Related Services Contract

Example included in Board packet. Agreed to vote on the Therapy Services Agreement at the next meeting.

8. Course Offerings for 2023-2024

Included in packet. Courses align with SC course offerings. Questions about high school bearing courses for middle school students. Betsy Carpentier stated that any student may enroll in virtualsc. Per Betsy Carpentier, no vote is needed for this action item.

9. Board Meeting Calendar

Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Thursday of every month, with the exception of the third Thursday in December. Motion to approve the calendar made by Eric Mack. Seconded by Kristen Bell and Rachel Migli simultaneously. Unanimously approved.

School Leadership Report

Lease Update –Scott Sides, John Pallasch and Kristen Bell toured office space at SCPCSD. Will possibly have a lease to vote on during the next meeting.

Staffing Update – Pamela Sieger reported elementary and middle school teacher hires, most of whom are nationally certified. Most teachers, school leadership and administrative positions start on July 17, 2023. Aside from the executive director, K12 expects Carolus to be fully staffed by July 7, 2023.

Executive Director Search - Scott indicated that candidates will participate in a panel interview, which will narrow the field to 3 candidates. Upon conferring with Betsy Carpentier, it was agreed upon to go into executive session on July 20, following our public board meeting.

Adjournment at 6:16 p.m.