

Board of Directors Election Meeting – via Conference Call

Board of Directors
Carolus Online Academy
5:00 p.m.

- **Preliminary Items**

- Call to Order by John Pallasch at 5:03
- Roll Call

- Dan Martin
- Dave Hanley
- Kristen Bell
- Annie Polvinen
- Eric Mack
- Kristen Bell
- John Pallasch
- Pam Sieger
- Betsy Carpentier
- Elizabeth Nelson
- Jason Pullasky
- Tom Travia
- Chad Long
- John Payne
- Brad Scott
- Katie Gomersall

- **Action Agenda Items to Vote on:**

- Approval of November minutes motioned by Kristen Bell and seconded by Dan Martin.
- Approval of December minutes motioned by Kristen Bell and seconded by Eric Mack.
- Approval of Bylaw corrections and updates motioned by Dan Martin and seconded by Kristen Bell.
- Approval of 2627SY Calendar motioned by Eric Mack and seconded by Annie Polvinen.

- **Regular Agenda Items:**

- Jason Pullasky gave an update to the Board on current legislation for charters and in particular virtual charter schools. Funding should not change for the upcoming school year.
- Elizabeth Nelson gave an update to the Board on the Alternative Education campus with the intent to have our LOI: letter of intent to the District by 10/31/2026. She shared the process of the plan with the Board explaining the dates and timelines for writing the plan. The goal is to have 90% of the plan written by 10/31/2026 and complete the final 10% of the plan by 1/28/2027 for the plan to open the proposed school, pending approval, during the 27/28SY.
- Finance Update: Chad stated he will be updating the Board in February for the financial update at COA. No questions were asked.
- PreK: We will not be opening PreK during the 26/27SY. We will maintain our focus on school improvement to avoid an unsatisfactory in elementary, middle school, and high school. We will revisit PreK during the November board meeting to present back to

Chris Neeley. We will continue to work through dual enrollment in high school to partner with two year colleges for this fall to support students who are college bound. We will continue with our plan to have credit recovery schools within schools for 4-12 grade.

- Hiring update: We have two high school positions open, one middle school position open, and a grants coordinator position open; however, offers were extended.
- We are at 1803 in k-12 grade; however, are working through the chronically and habitually truant students at the school. We will continue our outreach to reengage the unengaged and hold AIP required: attendance improvement plan meetings prior to family court for truancy.
- School improvement plan update: MOY for k-12 is underway. We are seeing small growth in Math across 3-8 grade and higher growth results for 3-8 in English. Students are continuing to struggle in Math skills and work completion on grade level. Sylvan Learning Center tutoring support will continue until June for 2026. We are also using Stride tutoring for support with EOCs, early reading, and ELA for 3-8 grade.
- School Choice week: we will be attending the school choice week in Columbia. Pam will be interviewed while there. Families and staff will be attending as well.
- DCAP: There was a DCAP presented 12/30/2025 on 2nd grade CogAT/IOWA results based on students

Public comments

No public comments.

- Adjournment: John motioned to approve ending the meeting at 5:52. Kristen moved and Annie seconded. All in favor.