

AGENDA
Regular Meeting – via Conference Call
Live Stream

Board of Directors
Carolus Online Academy
5/21/2026
5:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

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Preliminary Items

Call to Order: at 5:05

Roll Call

Katie Gomersall
Pam Sieger
Eric Mack
Kristen Bell
Annie Polvinen
Dave Hanley
Tom Travia
Chad Long
Candice Dennis
Elizabeth Carpentier
Brad Scott
Jackie Reed
Brandy Yates
Catherine Stack

Approval of Minutes from April 2026.

Kristen Bell motioned to approve, Eric approved, and Candice seconded.

Board Chair's Report

Summary from John through Pam: John thanks the Board for their time and work. He is unable to attend the June 1 and June 2 Board retreat in Columbia; however, knows that the time will be productive. He thanked the Board for volunteering their time.

Action Agenda Items

Voting on the Finance Board Committee with Eric, Candice, and Kristen. Pam explained that the committee would meet once a month with Pam, Chad, and Tom beginning in July of 2026 to discuss finance. Kristen moved to approve, and Candice approved while Dave seconded the motion. All in favor- passed.

Update on Board reelections by Pam: Pam shared that Kristen Bell and Dan Marin will continue to serve on the Board and that the results came back and were emailed and are in the Board's One Note.

The Board voted to have Dave Hanley continue to serve on the Board. Kristen motioned and Eric approved and Annie seconded.

Chad and Tom's second budget reading and the audit engagement letter. Chad updated the Board on the second reading of the Board's budget. There were no additional questions asked by the Board due to Eric attending the meeting with Tom and Chad. Chad shared that an audit

engagement letter was created and signed by John Pallasch. Pam shared the document with the Board prior to the meeting and put the letter in the One Note.

Kristen moved to vote to approve the budget, and Dave approved with Candice seconding. All in favor.

Pam stated that they needed to vote on the audit engagement letter. Kristen moved to vote to approve the letter, and Candice approved with Eric seconding. All in favor.

Pam updated the Board for the upcoming June 1 and June 2 Board retreat. Pam shared that the event would be at the office and sent the agenda to the Board. Everyone would be able to attend except for Dave and John. Pam shared that they can meet for dinner Sunday night and that she would send the hotel confirmations to the Board members.

Pam reminded the Board that prom was May 22 and graduation was May 23. Pam shared the Prom Smore and the location of the graduation. Betsy is able to attend the graduation. Pam updated the Board that Niyoka McCoy and Chris Neeley would be speaking at the event.

School Leadership Report

Alternative Education Campus: Pam updated the Board that they would resume writing the application after SC Ready and EOCs closed in May. She said the focus is to ensure we have 95% or higher students testing in person. She said she would have Elizabeth Nelson attend the June Board meeting to update the Board on the campus.

Special education update with Jackie Reed. Jackie shared a power point with the Board and that her department earned an A score: exceptional in 5/7 of the compliance categories from Stride. Jackie shared where they were last year with the 9 point score at an F rating and that they are top of the scoring across Stride. Jackie said her focus is on academics for the Fall and she is excited and thankful to her team. The Board congratulated Jackie and shared in the celebration.

SC Ready and EOC testing: Brad updated the Board that they were at 95% tested in each campus for SC Ready. Pam shared the results to date for EOCs at 95%.

Enrollment: 1703

School improvement plans: Pam shared that there have been changes due to resignations and FMLA from the state. She shared that Amy Dellinger from the state has been meeting to ensure we receive at least a 70% on our graduation rate. Pam shared that she and Katie will continue to work to find the drop out students to ensure we reach at least 70% for our graduation rate.

Community engagement updates: Prom on May 22 and graduation on May 23.

Public comments: no comments

Comments from individual(s) who have completed a request to speak form and wish to make comments to the Board. Limited to 3 minutes per person unless otherwise extended by the Board Chair.

Adjournment: 5:50 pm. Kristen motioned and Candice approved- Annie seconded the motion- All in favor.