

Regular Meeting – via Conference Call
Board of Directors
Carolus Online Academy
10/16/2025

Instructions for Presentations
to the Board of Parents and Citizens

The Carolus Online Academy (School) welcomes your participation at the School Board meetings. The purpose of the public meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will attend these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our school. To assist you with the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. Agendas are available to all audience members via COA.k12.com
2. “Requests to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Communications.”
3. The “Communications” portion is set-aside for members of the audience to address items on the published agenda. Audience members may offer objective criticisms of school operations and programs, but the Board will not hear complaints about school personnel or other people during a public session. The process for complaints involving school personnel or other people is provided through other channels. The Board will not respond to remarks made in this manner during the meeting but may issue a written response after the meeting. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes. Extensions of time will be at the sole discretion of the Board Chair.
4. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
5. Individuals may request that a topic related to school business be placed on future agenda by submitting a written request at least two (2) weeks or ten (10) working days before the scheduled board meeting. Once such an item is properly placed on the agenda and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.

Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2025

Preliminary Items

Call to Order made by John at 5:03 pm.
Roll Call at 5:04 pm by John:

Present: John, Dan, Eric, Kristen, Dave, Annie, Pam, Brad, Brandi, Katie, Jackie, John Kramer, Chad.

Board Chair's Report

Summary from John: John discussed that we will not be moving forward with an alternative education school per the District. The District does not agree with a failed school by design. John said that the meeting with the District in-person went well and that we are on track with our improvement plan.

Action Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes from September's board meeting and board retreat: Kristen moved to approve the motion by John's request. Dan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Voting on PreK for the Fall of 2526SY with college prep and credit recovery schools within schools. Kristen moved to approve the motion at John's request. Eric seconded the motion. All in favor.

Voting on Carolus Academy and Zero-Cost School-Based Mental Health Services. Policy created by Betsy was shared and the Board reviewed the policy. Kristen moved to approve the motion by John and Annie seconded the motion. All in favor.

School Leadership Report

Finance updates: Chad discussed the finance update for the month of September. He discussed that COA is in an advantageous position financially. There are two open positions at the school. Enrollment projections are down due to the self-imposed cap by Stride.

Enrollment update: Pam shared the enrollment update. Enrollment is down due to not backfilling in high school after students WD or are WD due to the 10-day no-show or truancy.

Approximately three hundred students have been WD to date. Attendance is completed daily in PS. COA is an exemplary for updating attendance, incidents, and truancy in PS. COA is at 1657 students.

School improvement plan update: Pam shared the LALI updates with students passing all, students passing ELA, Math, SS, and Science, attendance updates, and reading tool usage with I-Ready.

Hiring updates: Pam shared that there are two open positions at the school. One open position is in special education, and another open position is in high school science. COA is currently recruiting and has plans to have the backfills replaced by the November board meeting.

Community outreach: Pam shared the upcoming events for 10/17 across the state. Carolus Cares will hold the event at Myrtle beach on 10/17. Pictures will be shared to put out on social media and on the website.

Reminder for the upcoming Board summit in December in Virginia: Pam reminded everyone of the upcoming board meeting. Pam shared the hotel arrangements with the Board members.

Additional information will be sent by Freddie Gonzales from Stride during the week of 11/17/2025.

Public comments

No public comments.

Adjournment

John motioned to adjourn at 5:46pm. Eric moved to approve and Dan seconded. All in favor.