

Board Meeting Notes

April 17, 2025

Meeting Attendees

John Pallasch

Pam Sieger

Scott Sides

Brad Scott

Erick Mack

Bassanya Bryant-Spann

Josie White

Angela Jones-Howze

Dan Martin

Thom Travia

Christ Webber

Chad Long

Danielle Bowen

Katie Beck

Kristen Bell

Kanesha Morman

Betsy Carpetier

Call to Order: 5:02PM (John Pallasch)

- No official minutes from the March meeting to approve.
- Pam confirmed that all board members are complaint, with all required trainings completed.
- Graduation for high school seniors will be May 17th, 11:00am, located at 1824 Barnwell Street. John Pallasch will be the keynote speaker.
- February minutes were voted on and approved.
- Pam included voting items in the Board One Note folder.
- The 2025-2026 school calendar was voted on and approved.
- Pam introduced Thom Travia as a part of Chad Long's finance team at Stride.

- Chad Long presented the approval of the audit engagement, there were no approved auditors from the state at that time; John Pallasch's signature would be needed for the audit for fiscal year 25.
- It was voted on and approved for the engagement letter to be signed by John Pallasch.
- Chad Long shared the Executive Summary
 - School Enrollment lowered costs and increased funding surplus
 - Growth for the next school year may be impacted.
 - 76 FTE (Projection)
 - Surplus - \$2.2 million (projection)
- Enrollment Update – enrollment still paused, but will re-open for the 25-26 school year.
- Pam mentioned that we are losing some students to brick and mortar settings.
- DCAP – school on task for everything that needs to be corrected.
 - 100% ALT testing completed
 - WIN for career – update on 4/18
 - Discussions and improvements made with Accountability framework
 - Climate Survey – all 15 points should be received
 - The goal is for us to have growth for and F to at least a D school for the school report card.
- Board Elections (Part 1) – Pam announced that John Pallasch and Erick Mack were re-elected.
- Board Elections (Part 2) - Pam will be going through the process.
- Early hiring on track for teachers in the fall.
- COA will hire for the following positions for this school year:
 - Registrar
 - Social Worker
 - Truancy Officer
- Community Outreach – April 30th – will meet with the Stewart Group to chat with representatives about school choice.
- Carolus Cares event in Myrtle Beach – MKV students attended and were able to receive resources and items that were available.
- Next Carolus Cares Events located in Columbia and Greenville on May 25th.
- CTE pilot for the fall – 30 students in high school; helping with durable life skills
- Grants - \$336,000 approved
- Habits of Mind – COA only cyber charter school to attend conference in NY. COA is working towards becoming Habits of Mind certifies.
- John Pallasch commented on the positive things happening at COA. Dr. Bryant-Spann also commented on how happy she was of the progress being made at COA.
- The meeting was voted on and approved.
- Adjournment – 5:54pm