

AGENDA February 20, 2025 at 5:00 pm EST

Call to Order

5:03 pm motion by Kristen Bell and Eric Mack

Roll Call:

John Pallasch, Scott Sides, Chad Long, John Kramer, Eric Mack, Kristen Bell, Bassanya Bryant-Spann, Pam Sieger, Chris Webber, Kanisha Morman, Brad Scott, Dan Martin, Betsy Carpentier, Josie White, Angela Jones-Howze, Crystal Cumbee

Board Chair Report:

Discussion on board update led by John Pallasch with follow up from Pam Sieger. Pam directed everyone to the One Note for the board and read through the following under “board elections”:

Carolus Online Academy (COA) has contracted with the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina (PCSASC) to administer this year’s election, ensuring integrity and confidentiality.

The governing board consists of seven (7) total members: four (4) elected and three (3) appointed members. In this cycle, two (2) elected and two (2) appointed seats are up for a two-year term. The term for each Director shall commence on July 1, 2025.

March 14, 2025: The school will distribute a call for Board Candidates. Each prospective candidate must complete the filing form.

Filing Form Link: <https://forms.gle/1fQpcjmJmo2d5WS79>

March 24, 2025: The filing period ends. Acceptance of candidate filings will close at noon.

March 31, 2025: Election candidate information shared with the school to share with stakeholders.

April 8-10, 2025: Voting open with e-ballot links emailed to each parent/guardian and employee of Carolus Online Academy. Voting will open on April 8 at 8:00 am and close on April 10 at 4:00 pm. There is one vote per child enrolled in the school and one vote per employee. Each ballot will have a unique PIN to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of the process.

April 11, 2025: Election results will be certified and announced publicly no later than this date.

July 2025: Newly elected board members will take office and be formally sworn in at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. This will complete the election process.

Action Agenda Items to Vote on:

John asked everyone to review the minutes from January and asked if there were any questions. Everyone read through the minutes and there were no questions. Vote to approve the minutes was made with a motion by Kristen Bell second by Dan Martin.

School Leadership Report

Corrective action update with report card DCAP and SC audit DCAP: Pam led everyone to the One Note under “corrective actions” and updated the board on the open DCAPS. The open DCAPS are the testing to 95% or higher for NWEA/MAP and the SE Audit request from the District. Pam informed everyone that the audit was still underway with a date to have the audit workbook completed and updated prior to 2/28/2025. Pam shared that the DCAP-R (response) would be written and emailed back to the District on 2/28/2025 prior to the due date of 3/1/2025. Pam would update the board during the next board meeting on the SE audit update from the District.

The other open DCAP from 1/8/2025 on “assessment/PS data” is in review from the District. Pam will update the District once the audit has been completed and COA has met the terms.

The 3rd open DCAP is for receiving an unsatisfactory score on the state report card. Pam shared that she has been working with her team, Scott, and Betsy on a comprehensive framework for improvement. Pam shared that Scott met with the team in person to discuss the framework for improvement and improvements including: teacher accountability, teachers teaching hours and TSA are being tracked, student attendance and course completion is being tracked, expectations for accountability from Pam to the admin team, from the admin team to the teachers, and from the teachers to the students and families are happening. Pam will update the board on the framework progression during the March board meeting.

Community outreach: Pam shared outreach for the community. Carolus Cares next event will be 4/12/2025 in Myrtle Beach.

New location update: Pam shared that as of 2/28/2025, Pam will be doing a walk through at 1812 Barnwell and will be moving to the 101 Westpark Blvd location. All is going well with closing 1812 and ensuring the new location is up and running. Pam will update progress in March.

Introducing Brad Scott: Pam introduced Brad Scott to the team as the k-8 AA. Brad introduced himself and the board welcomed him in the new position.

Internal promotion at the school with Kaneshia Morman: Pam introduced Kaneshia as being promoted from the Reading Manager to the AAA for k-8 working with Brad. Kaneshia shared her excitement with the board and the board welcomed her promotion.

Public 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.

Motion to adjourn by Kristen Bell and Eric Mack