

**Carolus Online Academy
Board of Directors Agenda Minutes
June 25, 2026**

I. Preliminary Items

Motion at 5:04 by Kristen, Eric first, Dan second, all in favor

Roll Call:

Sieger, Pamela
Carpentier, Betsy
Martin, Dan
Stack, Catherine
Travia, Tom
Polvinen, Annie
Stack, Catherine
Lee, Tracey
Finley, Craig
McGloin, Demi
Reed, Jacqueline
Gomersall, Katie
Mack, Eric
Candice Dennis
Dave Hanley
Kristen Bell
Long, Chad

Approval of Minutes from the May Meeting and Board Retreat Minutes by Kristen Bell. Dan first and seconded by Eric. All in favor.

II. Board Chair's Report

Summary: Pam shared that John may be in attendance for the July meeting. No summary today.

Voting on Academic Committee Members: More time was requested from the Board members based on updating the Bylaws for the July meeting. Voting on the Academic Committee will be moved to 7/30/2026 after the Bylaw update vote.

Voting on Attendance and Disenrollment Policy and EMO Grievance: Pam shared the Attendance and Disenrollment Policy with the Board. The Board reviewed the policy and agreed on the policy. Kristen called for a motion, Candice first, seconded by Eric, all in favor. Pam shared the EMO Grievance and Betsy outlined the importance of this for Act 123. Kristen motioned. Eric first, seconded by Dan. All in favor.

Voting on adding Eric Mack to the bank account. Voting to add Eric to the bank account as he was not added prior to the school opening. Kristen motioned. Annie first, Dan seconded. All in favor.

III. Agenda Items

Chad Long and Tom Travia - Finance Update. Chad updated the finances by sharing that we met with Eric and Betsy and there were no additional updates since the budget was recently approved. Chad shared that the 10/1 goal is 1943 students and that COA was on track to reach the goal. Chad shared that we hired interventionists and coaches to support the students to improve academics. Pam was asked about the new positions, and she shared that there will be 4 interventionists in elementary, 4 in middle school, and 3 in high school. She also shared that there will be 5 coaches: 2 in elementary, 2 in middle school, and 1 in special education. Catherine Stack attended the Board meeting, and Pam congratulated Catherine on being named the Special Education Coach. Pam also shared that Katie now has a Graduation Coach in high school. SC SB 454 Update: Pam shared the SC S 454 summary from Betsy to the Board prior to the Board meeting. Pam highlighted that teachers cannot expense more than \$250 on their personal cards per month and that managers will use their corporate purchasing cards to purchase hotels and car rentals. She mentioned that the bill also requires students who are not attending or completing work in class after RAP: reengagement attendance plan and ABIP: attendance behavioral intervention plan meetings, they will be required to go back to their local brick and mortar schools. Pam stated that COA will be in compliance with all required policies to post on the website, which include expenses. Pam asked the team if they had any initial questions about SC S 454. No questions were asked at this time.

IV. School Leadership Report

Alternative Education Campus Update for 6-12 Grades: Pam shared that a staffing plan was created for the alternative education campus and was approved by finance. Pam shared the plan with the Board. Pam also shared that the finance plan was created by Chad based on the hiring needs of the school and was approved. Pam reminded the Board that she would have further updates on 7/30 and that Elizabeth Nelson would be invited to the meeting to share any additional updates. Pam also shared the updated timeline.

SC Ready and EOC Preliminary Scores: Academic update: Pam shared that she is starting to receive data back from the state from the SC Ready and EOC: end of course exams. Pam shared that she would work on the simulator and would share updates that are not embargoed with the Board on 7/30.

Enrollment Update: Pam updated the Board that we have 1723 students. The goal is to reach 1943 by 10/1/2026 which is aligned to our finance plan shared by Chad.

School Improvement Plan Update: Pam shared that we have a new transformation coach at the school from the state: Ivy Gill. Amy Dellinger is still supporting us for high school, and we have a new lead at the state: Jeanette Reber.

Human Resource Updates: Pam shared that we are in need of 3 special education teachers, a Spanish teacher, and a high school social studies teacher. Pam shared that we are also hiring a truancy liaison to support Craig, and that we hired an attendance specialist.

Community Outreach: Pam shared that there is an upcoming in-person back to school event for all staff in Columbia on 6/27 to 6/29. She shared that there will be over 100 staff attending the event and that the state may attend and that two corporate CAMP team members will be attending as well. Pam also shared that there will be a 2-year Carolus Cares/Back to School event on 8/21/2026 from 10 until 1 at the COA office and that the Board is welcome to attend.

V. Public Comments

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

No public comments.

VI. Adjournment: Kristen motioned to adjourn at 6:04. Eric first, Annie seconded, and all in favor.