

Carolus Online Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Pallasch.

Attendance

The following members were present:

1. Pam Sieger
2. Betsy Carpentier
3. John Pallasch
4. Eric Mack
5. Jackie Reed
6. Katie Gomersall
7. Kristen Bell
8. Brad Scott
9. Scott Sides
10. Brandi Beavers
11. Demi McGloin
12. Annie Polvinen
13. John Kramer
14. Tom Travia
15. Candice Dennis

Quorum

Called at 5:03 by John Pallasch. Roll call was made and Pam took note of those present. Kristen motioned and Annie second the motion. All in favor.

Action items

The minutes from August were reviewed. John made a motion to approve. Kristen motioned and Dave second the motion. All in favor.

Board Chair's summary from John:

John reminded everyone of the Board retreat at 101 Westpark Blvd. on 9/21 and 9/22. Pam shared the agenda and forwarded the hotel reservation emails for each individual Board member to their email address. Pam stated that the expenses will be put on the Pcard and that they would meet on 9/21 for dinner prior to the Board retreat. John thanked everyone for their work and volunteering their time to attend the retreat. John shared that the

Board's presence is important considering the state accountability work that must be done this year.

Agenda Items/School Leadership Report:

Board retreat: Pam shared the Board retreat agenda and asked the Board to make any updates to the agenda they wanted to see. Pam guided the Board to the One Note where the Board updates were for the month for academics. Pam shared that students were at 67% passing with 52% passing all. Pam shared that all required work in EpiCenter was up to date and that all Power School attendance was up to date and accounted for. Pam shared LALI data with demographics of the students attending the school.

Pam shared that Reverend Dr. Eric J. Mack, Sr. was celebrated for 21 years of Pastoral Service on 9/18, 9/19, and 9/21. The Board and all present congratulated and thanked Eric for his service and work.

Math Interventionist: Pam shared that Brad Scott was actively interviewing to find a Math Interventionist and that he should have an offer written within a week. The Board shared excitement about the position and asked for an update once the candidate was working in the position.

Pam shared the enrollment at the school which was at 1662 students. She explained that the school withdrew almost 300 students due to the 10-day no-show policy, truancy, and parent request mostly due to students wanting to be back in the classroom.

Pam shared the improvement plan update with the Board. Exit tickets are being used at the end of each class that align with state blueprints to prepare students for their state test. Cameras must be on in class with live engagement. If cameras are not on, calls are made home by the teacher. If cameras continue not to be on, principals call home to discuss active participation in the classroom. iReady is being used for students in k-8 for the remediation tool for Reading and Math. IXL is being used with 9-12 grade students for Math and Reading.

Hiring updates: Pam shared that there is one open position in high school for a science teacher and the open position for the Math interventionist.

Community outreach: Pam shared the COA website and guided the Board to the Blog page as well as to the Carolus Cares site. She shared that the next Carolus Cares event will be in Myrtle Beach on 10/17 along with three other outings across the state on 10/17.

Adjournment

John asked if there were any additional comments or public comments. No other comments were made. John asked to motion to adjourn the meeting. Kristen motioned and Eric second the motion. All in favor. Adjourned at 4:58.