

Carolus Online Academy

Board of Directors Agenda

August 20, 2026

I. Preliminary Items

Call to Order at 5:04

Roll Call by John:

Pam Sieger

John Pallasch

Kristen Bell

Scott Sides

Jenn Moore

Chad Long

Kanesha Morman

Katie Gomersall

Keoni Fason

Sophia Stephenson

Eric Mack

Candice Dennis

Betsy Carpentier

Teondra Aycox

Dave Hanley

Shanquel Young

Annie Polvinen

Tracey Lee

Catherine Stack

Christian Glass

Brandy Yates

Approval of Minutes from the July Board Meeting. Kristen moved, Eric seconded. All in favor.

II. Board Chair's Report

Summary: no summary.

Update on Act 123 by Pam

Voting on Student Handbook with Gender ID Policy: Pam discussed that there are additions to the handbook due to Act 123 to be voted on and posted to the website. John asked if the Board reviewed. Candice moved. Eric seconded. All in favor. John said COA can publish the handbook to the website.

III. Agenda Items

Chad Long and Tom Travia - Finance Update: 200 enrollments above our plan. Working on the 2026 audit which will be completed in October. John asked about the enrollment count and that we grew too fast without procedures and that we received DCAPS from the District. We have well over 4000 families who want to attend COA; however, John stated we would be wise to be patient and diligent to allow Pam to build out the team and the structures. John encouraged COA to grow slowly. As a Board, John shared that we need to establish and stabilize the school and to be responsible for the growth. Pam agreed and said that 96 students were withdrawn due to the 10 day no show law.

Academic update: Pam shared that the first Academic Board Committee meeting was held; however, there was no data that was shared due to only being at day 9 at the school and the first 3 days were orientation. Pam shared that today was the first day for the benchmark for BOY: beginning of year data. Pam stated that during the September meeting she would share the i-Ready data with the team.

Pam introduced Keoni Fason (ML), Teondra Aycox, Christian Glass, and Sophia Stephenson (AAA for 6-12) to the Board. Keoni introduced herself as did Sophia in their roles.

K12 Tutoring: Jenn Moore discussed Stride Tutoring with the Board. Jenn shared that the partnership with Stride tutoring and COA is concentrating on early reading intervention. She shared that research shows tutoring is the best intervention for students to improve in their academics using the high impact tutoring framework. Science of Reading will be used 3 times a week at 30 minutes a week virtually from Stride tutoring to COA. Jenn will share progress

monitoring data with COA leadership. The two programs for COA is 1. Tutoring for Fall and 2. Reading Guarantee. There is no cost of the school for the 4th grade students in Reading Guarantee. Jenn shared that they will track attendance and programming for the programs. Jenn shared that all the tutors are certified teachers working with students. Eric asked how often Jenn will share results with the Board. Pam shared that results will be shared during the Academic Board Committee meetings that Pam will invite Jenn to. Jenn shared that operational data will be shared every six weeks using SC Ready data and how that can be matched to norms to track growth. John asked how we identify need for new students. Jenn shared that data from the school will be shared with her team to identify need.

IV. School Leadership Report

Alternative Education Campus Update for 6-12 Grades: Pam forwarded the email from Elizabeth outlining where COA is with the Alt Ed application. Pam shared that a survey for 6-12 grade to students at the school for the 12 qualifiers for Alt Ed was sent out and 73% of the students who responded chose 1 or 2 qualifiers. We are still on Board with the LOI: letter of intent, to submit by November 1. Pam outlined where we are with the draft, what needs to be completed, and where we are with what remains. Pam and Elizabeth will meet in person at the office in September to spend the day writing the draft together and updating the Board in September. Pam shared the vision and mission statement again with the Board asking if they have any considerations. John updated the vision statement which COA accepted.

SC Ready and EOC Preliminary Scores: Pam shared that the climate survey came back and all schools earned an A: excellent and that now that the culture is good at the school, we need to focus on academics for students. Pam also shared where the schools are projected at in their report cards which is a unsatisfactory but with growth in Elementary, a below basic in Middle School, and depending on exemptions for students transferring in who took their EOC; end of course in Algebra, English II, US History, and Biology, but did not take their exam approval from the state, we could be at a below basic for High School. If they are not excused, we will have an unsatisfactory.

Enrollment Update

School Improvement Plan Update: Pam shared the progress of the SIP: school improvement plan. Amy Dellinger is continuing to work with Katie and her team for high school. Ivy Gill is continuing to work with Kanesha and her team for

Human Resource Updates: Pam shared that we have 117 students with speech needs at the school and a position was posted for a Speech and Language Pathologists. Pam shared that we need two Math interventionists. She also shared that we need two math teachers and one high school special education teacher. Kristen has someone who may be interested in the math position.

Community Outreach Updates: Pam shared that Carolus Cares will be in Myrtle Beach on October 2 for a special event in Horry County. She updated the Board that NJHS, NHS, and the Beta Club will continue. Pam shared that clubs across all three campuses will be starting no later than the end of September. She shared the Shanquel Young is starting a club for girls, and the cooking club, chess club, and science clubs will continue from last year.

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.

VI. Adjournment