

## Board of Directors Election Meeting – via Conference Call

Board of Directors  
Carolus Online Academy  
October 17, 2024  
5:00 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.

Location: Zoom

<https://k12.zoom.us/j/99014694443?pwd=LKMaDeeLa3dtbQzHWZMSGaCWCCyW20.1&from=addon>

- **Preliminary Items**

- Call to Order by John Pallasch
- Roll Call
  - Dan Martin
  - Dr. Bassanya Bryant-Spann
  - Crystal Cumbee
  - Eric Mack
  - Kristen Bell
  - Mr. Pallasch, President
  - Pam Sieger
  - Betsy Carpentier
  - Dr. Reddish
  - Emily Baker
  - Emily Paul
  - Luke Vickery

- **Action Agenda Items to Vote on:**

- Minutes for August approval
  - Approved unanimously by board
- Minutes for September approval
  - Approved unanimously by board
- Excusing 3 days of school from the storm
  - Discussed the potential to excuse 3 days of school due to the Hurricane.
  - John made a case that students benefit from being in the classroom.
  - John stated that students would do well year round.
  - John discussed excusing 1 day rather than 3.
  - Discussion was had about which days were used for make up days. Make up days shared. Discussion to excuse 1, 2 or days. John made a case for one excused day on January 2. All agreed and voted on excusing January 2. Students and staff will return on January 3.

- **Regular Agenda Items:**

Financial Update/audit with Luke Vickery

Luke shared the audit from his findings for COA.

Discussed the audit for the school and findings. Audit passed and school is up to date with all requirements in finance.

#### Board summit update

Pam shared updates about the board summit and what to expect at the board summit. Board members will need to expense their flight and food/beverage. Reminder that an email was sent with how to submit the reimbursement.

#### Update on concerns from SCPCSD

Shared that a second letter was sent about SE/SP and record issues. Letter was put into the one drive for the board to read. Board asked what we were doing to address the issues. Pam shared that National SE/SP help was present and that the team was working on bringing compliance to SE/SP. Pam shared that additional SE teachers were hired to support the team. SE FTEs needed to be brought on (interview process) to hire to capacity. Pam shared that she attended the 10/17 meeting with the district at the office discussing that we needed to get do to bring the school to compliance. Emily and Emalee were present at the board meeting. Pam shared that the district wants us to be successful; however, we needed to discuss bringing on additional SE FTEs times 4. Registrars shared during the district meeting that they were overwhelmed and needed support and help and additional registrars. We need to discuss adding additional locations for in-person testing. We completed 1 out of the 3 violation requirements. The other 2 were updating our records policy and completing a google doc on or before 11/1/2024 for the district to review.

#### Hiring update

SE FTEs needed, 1 AASP, 1 AS for ES, 1 kinder, 1 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher, 1 SPC: special program coordinator needed

#### School community outreach update

Pam shared that Carolus Cares would work on their 3<sup>rd</sup> event in Orangeburg and would share updates during the next board meeting.

#### Engagement/student success update

Pam shared that there was a 7% increase in the GO Box for student engagement and work completion.

- **Public comments**

No public comments.

- Adjournment: Kristen moved; Bassanya seconded. Unanimous.