

# Carolina Voyager Charter School Board of Directors Meeting

October 15, 2024 5:30 p.m.

The mission of the Carolina Voyager Charter School is to create resilient learners and empathetic citizens by fostering, supporting, and promoting excellence in learning in an engaging, technology rich environment balanced with the social and emotional development of the 21st century student.

Meeting will be streamed via Zoom link **HERE** 

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Voting Board Members					
Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived late	Departed early
Ashleigh Parr	Chair	Х			
Craig Thompson	Vice Chair		х		
Neil Oliver	Treasurer	X Zoom			
Harry Walker	Secretary	Х			
Shanecqua Frost	Director at Large	X Zoom			
Whitney Quick	Director at Large		х		
Shannon Blake	Director at Large	X Zoom			
Chris Gilbert	Director at Large	Х			
Danielle Athans	Director at Large	Х			

School Staff present: John Kabel, Leslie Adkins Invited Guests: Alan Linkous, Margaret Dullany

#### 1. Call to Order (Parr)

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Board Chair Parr called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

- 2. Opening ceremonies: Mission Statement / Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance (Parr)
- 3. Review and approval of October 15, 2024 Board Meeting agenda\*

Harry Walker made a motion to modify the agenda, moving the new business item **Board Resolution-Series 2024 Bonds\*** to the first agenda item following the review of the

September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Chris Gilbert and was passed unanimously.

## 4. Review and approval of September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes\*

After calling for corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on September 17, 2024, and hearing none, Board Chair Parr declared the minutes approved as submitted.

#### 5. Board Resolution-Series 2024 Bonds\*

Neil Oliver recused himself and left the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Margaret Dullanty, Counsel for the Board, and Alan Linkous, Bond Counsel, reviewed the process of securing a bond to refinance the bank loan on the new school building. The purpose of the resolution is to officially authorize the school to secure a bond up to the amount of \$15,750,000.00. It also approves the personnel that have been working to secure the bond for the school. The resolution also empowers the Board Chair and Vice Chair to approve any non substantial changes to the bond document. Ms. Dullanty and Mr. Linkous walked through each aspect of the Board resolution, pausing for questions from the Board of Directors.

Ashleigh Parr made a motion to amend the Board Resolution to remove HLA, Inc. as the surveyor. Danielle Athans seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Chris Gilbert abstained from voting.

Ashleigh Parr made a motion to approve the Series 2024 Bonds Board Resolution with an amendment removing HLA, Inc. as the surveyor. Danielle Athans seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chris Gilbert exited the room at 6:22 p.m.

Shannon Blake made a motion to approve and ratify the hiring of HLA as the surveyor in the above mentioned approved Series 2024 Bonds Board Resolution. Harry Walker second the motion which passed unanimously. Due to a conflict of interest, Chris Gilbert recused himself from the vote. Chris Gilbert rejoined the meeting following the vote at 6:24 p.m.

Neil Oilver rejoined the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

#### 6. Public Comment

There was no public comment at tonight's meeting.

## 7. Guest Discourse

There was no guest discourse at tonight's meeting.

#### 8. Financial Report for the period ending September 31, 2024 (Prestige, Oliver)

The board received the financial report from Prestige School Solutions, consisting of an income statement and a balance sheet as of September 31, 2024. Bank Statements have been reviewed by Treasurer Neil Oliver.

# 9. School Leader Report (Kabel)

Mr. Kabel presented his monthly School Leader Report which included the following highlights: Enrollment is currently at 403 students, the 403b is being updated for staff with VALIC, a School Security proposal from Walden Security was reviewed, upcoming events include the Book Fair, Boo Bash, Movie on the Lawn and other PTO events, GT testing has been completed, all K-5 staff have completed LETRS training, Carolina Voyager hosted a Charter School Roundtable, Leadership has been invited to present at the Annual State Charter School Conference, staff is working on a House System for elementary grades, updates on Teacher Committees were provided.

#### 10. New Business

#### a. Facility Use Agreement\*

Ashleigh Parr updated the progress on the facility use agreement. Harry Walker made a motion to table the Board's consideration of the agreement until it is updated by the Board's Counsel. Danielle Athans seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## b. 2024 Audit Report\*

Harry Walker made a motion to accept the 2024 Audit Report from Veris. The motion was seconded by Chris Gilbert and passed unanimously.

# c. School Security Considerations

An RFP for a school security officer for our new campus will be drafted and followed up in executive session at next month's Board Meeting.

## **11. Board Committee Reports**

- a. Policy Committee
  - i. Bylaw Amendments\*

Ashleigh Parr made a motion to approve the Board's Bylaw Amendments. Harry Walker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## b. Risk Management Oversight Committee (Oliver, Quick)

No report from the committee at this meeting.

- c. Auxiliary Committee (Gilbert, Blake, Quick)
  - i. Fundraising Update

The Committee is investigating possible venues for a fundraising event.

## d. Budget Oversight Committee (Oliver, Walker)

#### i. Bond Issuance

# 1. Moody's visit

The Moody's zoom meeting went very well. John Kabel, Leslie Adkins, and Carrie McDonald represented the school and Ashleigh Parr, Neil Oliver and Harry Walker represented the Board. We are expecting to receive an Indicative rate From Moody's this week. We are anticipating a rating that would make us eligible for investment grade bonds. The Board Committee and Leadership Team will be meeting with our bond team on Thursday.

#### 2. Timeline

We are anticipating a closing on our bonds sometime in the month of November.

## 12. Adjourn

Having completed the agenda, Ashleigh Parr declared the meeting concluded at 7:24 p.m

\*indicates action item

# Public Comment \*In person only\*

Please fill out the form below if you would like to make a public comment during the next Carolina Voyager Board meeting. Public comments must be kept to three minutes in length. Please refer to the "CVCS 23-24 Board Meeting Calendar" for further rules and procedures regarding public comment.

Link for Public Comment: HERE or email: Board@carolinavoyager.org,

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