

**Minutes of the North Carolina Charter School Review Board**

**Department of Public Instruction**

**June 9, 2025**

**9 AM**

Attendance – CSRБ Members	
Jeremy Wall- (nonvoting) Dr. Rita Haire Dr. John Eldridge Hilda Parlér Dr. Shelly Shope - Virtual	Eric Sanchez - Left at 11:15am Bruce Friend Lindalyn Kakadelis - Virtual Todd Godbey Dr. Bartley Danielsén Stephen Gay - Virtual, off at 1:50pm
Attendance – Other	
<i>Office of Charter Schools</i> Ashley Baquero, Director Nicky Niewinski, Asst. Director Joseph Letterio, Consultant (Virtual) Melanie Rackley, Consultant Jenna Cook, Consultant (Virtual) Dr. Natasha Norins, Consultant Dr. Brandi Gill, Consultant - Absent Julie Whetzel, Consultant Megan Carter, Consultant	<i>CSRБ Attorney</i> Steven Walker  <i>SBE Attorney</i> Allison Schafer - Absent  <i>Teacher/Principal of Year</i> Lee Haywood – TOY - Absent Sarena Fuller – POY - Absent

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**Call To Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance & NC Flag Salute:** Mr. Bruce Friend

**Mission and Ethics Statement:**

- Mission and Ethics Statement, Mr. Bruce Friend
- Ms. Hilda Parlér recused from North Oak.

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**

**Motion:** Mr. Stephen Gay motioned to approve agenda for June Meeting

Second: Ms. Hilda Parlér

Vote: Unanimous

☒ Passed

☐ Failed

**Motion: Dr. Rita Haire motioned to approve May 2025 minutes.**

Second: Mr. Stephen Gay

Vote: Unanimous

☒ Passed

☐ Failed

### **June Charter Schools Review Board Meeting**

**Office of Charter Schools' Annual Report:** Ms. Ashley Baquero, OCS Executive Director

- Ms. Baquero presented information contained in the annual report to be submitted to the General Assembly per statute.
- Dr. Danielson asked about who owns or is responsible for student records and transfers. Ms. Baquero explained the process and difficulties that occur. Dr. Danielson wondered if there would be a solution to making sure the records are transferred properly as the closing school may not be a reliable source for managing this well.
- Dr. Eldridge asked if Infinite Campus could provide a back up system to ensure records are kept to minimize this issue.
- Dr. Danielson asked questions related to the decline in the number (3 fewer) of charter schools since last year.
- Mr. Friend pointed out that although there were fewer schools, student enrollment continues to increase.
- A discussion occurred regarding potential reasons for this which included facility challenges, enrollment for more populated counties resulting in saturation of charter schools, and noting 40 counties which do not have charter schools available to families.
- Dr. Danielson shared data from previous research he did related to charter school report card grades. He noted that charter schools with high student populations are A or B schools. He emphasized that a majority of the charter enrollment is in A, B, or even C schools. He stated it would be helpful to track the number of students in each bucket to show the distribution of enrollment related to student report card grades.
- Dr. Haire complimented the report. She inquired about the legislation referenced on pg. 8 of the full report. She stated it directs us to report certain information such as the impact a charter school has on traditional public schools. Dr. Haire wondered what Ms. Baquero thought about some of the components in legislation. Ms. Baquero stated there is not an easy way to determine the impact a charter school has on LEAs because of how many counties a charter school pulls from.

She stated it does bring to light that some language in the legislation may need to be updated. In addition, she shared that her office doesn't have the staff or acumen to aggregate that data.

- Dr. Eldridge asked about actionable steps because of the report. For example, the 40 counties that don't have a charter school or funding challenges would require action from the General Assembly.
- Mr. Friend complimented OCS and Ashley for the report and the work that went into it.

**Motion: Mr. Bruce Friend motioned to approve the Annual Report as presented.**

Second: Dr. John Eldridge

Discussion:

- Mr. Gay expressed interest in seeing how many of the students in counties without a charter school are leaving the county to attend a charter school in another county.

☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Vote: Unanimous

**Charter Amendments:** Ms. Julie Whetzel, OCS Consultant

- Ms. Whetzel went over the amendments individually.

**Arapahoe Charter School: Mission Statement**

- Ms. Whetzel introduced the school and the amendment request.

**Motion: Dr. John Eldridge motioned to approve Arapahoe Charter School's request to amend their mission statement as presented.**

Second: Dr. Rita Haire

Vote: Unanimous

☒ Passed ☐ Failed

**Tillery Charter School: Grade Level Expansion**

- Ms. Whetzel introduced the school and amendment request.
- Ms. Barber approached the podium and introduced a board member who was on line as well as Goodall Consulting.
- Dr. Eldridge asked for a summary of the financial non-compliance designation. Ms. Barber attributed this to their new facility impacting finances. She stated the increased enrollment would

help with the facility cost. Mr. Rodriguez, a school representative, explained the school will still have over \$200,000 in surplus and enrollment projections for next year look good.

- Mr. Friend asked what enrollment would be for next year. Answer from school: 266. CSADM shows a possibility of about 280. Mr. Friend asked if this wasn't approved where enrollment would be. Answer from school: It would be around 213.
- Dr. Haire referenced a financial noncompliance letter that mentioned declining enrollment as a cause. School Answer: There was a decline in ADM attributed to an instance where a group of families left the school.
- Ms. Parlér asked how many students left because of the incident. School Answer: about 34.
- Mr. Friend asked what enrollment was in 22-23. School Answer: about 227.
- Mr. Friend asked what discussions were had related to this request. He noted that board minutes reflect that it wasn't discussed in length. Were there any concerns raised by board members? School Answer: The board was in favor and this was always the intention to expand.
- Mr. Friend clarified that the school was designated CLP.
- Dr. Danielson pointed out the school did show growth for 2 years.
- Dr. Haire asked when they would be up for renewal. Ms. Tillery stated the last renewal was 3 years and they will enter the renewal process next year.
- Dr. Eldridge mentioned that financial noncompliance may impact bond funding. School Answer: Clean audits, consistent surplus should help.
- Dr. Eldridge asked to clarify how this expansion and hiring staff would increase surplus. School Answer: Enrollment includes not only addition of 8th grade but also back filling other grade levels that have room.
- Dr. Eldridge asked for clarification related to the surplus for this year because the financial noncompliance letter showed a negative unassigned balance. School Answer: The negative unassigned in financial noncompliance was attributed to moving into a new building.
- Dr. Haire asked for clarification on retention of teachers. Ms. Tillery stated retention is high. Only 1 teacher is not returning due to a move.
- Mr. Friend asked why they wouldn't focus on capacity they have and filling those grade levels rather than adding on a new grade level. Ms. Tillery mentioned that families want their students to stay with them for 8th grade. Mr. Friend asked where their students would go if they didn't have 8th grade. School Answer: They would likely be home schooled or go to their home school. They also highlighted reading proficiency being higher than the LEA.
- Mr. Friend stated he was torn as having 8th grade would be good for parents but the CLP and financial noncompliance is a concern. School Answer: By adding a grade level it is helping the school financially because it would add enrollment with minimal staff having to be hired. It will help with marketing to have K-8 and the school has shown growth the last 2 years.
- Dr. Eldridge mentioned that because they are entering renewal, these changes and assurances will show itself during renewal. Stated it doesn't seem like adding 8th grade would be much of a detriment.
- Mr. Godbey clarified the school's reasoning for financial noncompliance was due to an unexpected decrease in ADM.

**Motion: Dr. John Eldridge motioned to approve Tillery Charter School's request for grade level expansion to 8th grade.**

Second: Mr. Todd Godbey

**Discussion:**

- Dr. Eldridge stated he intends to be on this board (CSRБ) 3 years from now. Expressed his hope that when the school comes back for renewal, he is proud of his decision to approve this amendment.
- Ms. Kakadelis agreed with Dr. Eldridge and the addition of 8th grade completes the school.
- Mr. Friend stated he will support but with hesitation and highlighted the CLP status.

Vote: 9:1 Ms. Parlér - nay

☒ Passed

☐ Failed

Monroe Charter School: Grade Level Expansion

- Ms. Whetzel introduced the school and amendment request.
- Ms. Parlér asked if the TCO had expired and the answer from the school was yes.
- Mr. Friend asked for clarification on expansion. School Answer: Stated they are asking for a K-12 school now but will only add one grade level at a time until they reach K-12.
- Mr. Friend asked why they didn't ask for 8th grade only and add a grade level each year. School Answer: State they believe it will add stability for families who want to stay through 12th grade.
- Dr. Eldridge asked for clarification on the TCO expiring. School Answer: Stated this is related to a well on the property and they need to complete the maintenance plan for the well.
- Ms. Kakadelis asked if they are staying in the current facility. School Answer: Correct. Ms. Kakadelis asked for the capacity of the current building. School Answer: They stated current capacity and they are discussing added space with the church on property.
- Dr. Eldridge asked what the board's ultimate goal is for the facility. School Answer: Currently looking for a property in the area which has been a challenge. The plan is to stay in the current building for the next 3 years.
- Mr. Friend asked for clarification regarding the current maximum student capacity. School Answer: They stated 158 as it stands right now. Mr. Friend noted the projection was 180 which is more than the facility can hold. School Answer: They shared they are in talks with the current church on property to use their facility to take on more students.
- Dr. Eldridge asked how many 8th graders they would have next year. School Answer: 18.
- Dr. Danielson stated the cost involved in operating a high school is higher than running a school that goes through the 8th grade. He expressed concern with having very small class sizes in high school knowing the cost.
- Dr. Eldridge added the need for clubs and sports which is also an added cost. School Answer: Stated there is a baseball field and large field for athletics.
- Ms. Parlér asked how many acres there are on site. School Answer: About 12 acres. They also mentioned a recent move that was further from their original site as a cause for losing enrollment.

- Ms. Baquero asked if they found a temporary facility for summer school. School Answer: Yes. They have rented a space in Monroe and verified with DPI they are in compliance for summer school.
- Dr. Haire asked for clarification on the well issue. School Answer: They stated the school and church are working together to resolve the well issue. Dr. Haire asked if they have been adding a grade level each year since opening. School Answer: Yes, except for one year.
- Mr. Wall mentioned that the board minutes show the current facility can only hold 8th grade and the plan is for high school to move into church. He then suggested building a solid K-8 and growing that program, building enrollment, then getting a facility without the pressure of adding high school.
- Dr. Eldridge mentioned the CSRБ fiduciary responsibility. He stated the TCO situation is a big deal and the board committee should continue working on facility and more permanence.
- Ms. Kakadelis agreed. She asked the school if they would be open to amending this amendment to only add 8th grade and not high school. School Answer: Yes.
- Dr. Danielson had additional concerns with academic performance. He stated they seem to be going in the wrong direction and they should focus efforts there. He mentioned all the issues of growing to high school that it seemed they would want to build a middle school they can be proud of.
- Mr. Friend asked for middle school enrollment. School Answer: 35. Rising 6th = 15. Rising 7th = 16. Rising 8th = 14. Mr. Friend expressed concern over asking for a high school which requires years of planning. He agreed that having K-8 was more attractive.
- Ms. Kakadelis stated that with really small numbers of students if a few students do poorly on their state testing it will affect the school's classification. She requested that when they come back for their renewal interview to bring data on how students performed that have stayed with the school. School Answer: They stated that this upcoming school year, 70% of families plan to stay. They shared the biggest enrollment turnover happened last year because of a move that was a large distance. Ms. Kakadelis stated she would feel comfortable approving a K-8, not a K-12.

**Motion: Ms. Lindalyn Kakadelis motioned to approve Monroe Charter School's request for grade level expansion to 8th grade.**

Second: Ms. Hilda Parlér

Vote: 8:1 Mr. Friend nay, Mr. Sanchez recused

☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Anderson Academy (RTO): Enrollment Under 80 Exemption

- Ms. Whetzel introduced the school and amendment request.
- Dr. Eldridge pointed out the difference between this school's request for the 80 exemption due to a specific population and a previous school's request for the 80 exemption after they opened and couldn't meet enrollment which was denied and ultimately closed.
- Mr. Godbey expressed that the school is not open yet and they serve a specific population.

- Dr. Eldridge asked the school to explain the financial partnership with Crossnore. School Answer: They shared information regarding their sister school, Marjorie Williams Academy, who runs the same model. They explained that Crossnore Communities for Children covers the facility and the school covers most of the expenses. Dr. Eldridge complemented the work of the school.

**Motion: Dr. John Eldridge motioned to approve Anderson Academy’s request for the enrollment under 80 exemption.**

Second: Ms. Lindalyn Kakadelis

Discussion:

- Ms. Kakadelis stated she has visited Marjorie Williams and thanked them for their work.
- Dr. Danielson states that when this legislation was written this is a perfect example of what it was for.

☒ Passed

☐ Failed

Vote: Unanimous

**Great Schools NC:** Ms. Madeline Hannigan, Executive Director, Great Schools NC

- Ms. Hannigan presented information regarding Great Schools NC.

**Comments from the CSRB**

- Dr. Eldridge thanked them for being here today. He asked for clarification regarding how Great Schools NC works with the Coalition and the Association in NC. Ms. Hannigan shared they meet with the Coalition monthly. She stated that each organization has a different focus but works on commonalities such as facility issues facing charter schools. Dr. Eldridge asked if they do legislative efforts. Ms. Hannigan stated that as a new organization they have had a light presence this legislative session. Dr. Eldridge asked if they have given thought to having grants for low performing school leaders. Ms. Hannigan stated they are open to the conversation.
- Ms. Parlér asked how many times a school can receive a grant. Ms. Hannigan explained their process for prior applicants who may reapply.
- Mr. Friend asked if once a charter school receives the grant can the school decide who they work with for their particular needs. Ms. Hannigan shares how they approach this with their vetting process and guidelines.

**Ready to Open Update: Dr. Natasha Norins, OCS Consultant**

- Dr. Norins gave an individual breakdown from each school in RTO highlighting the number of applications, their breakeven number, and any facility updates.

**Questions from the CSRB**

- Mr. Friend clarified that North Oak, Liberty, and Honor Prep have met the minimum guidelines to exit the Ready to Open process to open in Fall 2025.

**Motion: Mr. Bruce Friend motioned to approve the opening of Honor Preparatory School as ready to open Fall 2025.**

Second: Ms. Hilda Parler

Vote: Unanimous

☒ Passed ☐ Failed

**Motion: Mr. Bruce Friend motioned to approve the opening of North Oak Academy as ready to open Fall 2025.**

Second: Mr. Todd Godbey

Discussion:

- Dr. Eldridge asked for clarification about the contingency plan for North Oak Academy. School representatives stated they were on site yesterday and all seemed to be on track to open on time so they do not feel the contingency plan would be needed.

Vote: 8:1 Ms. Hilda Parler recused.

☒ Passed ☐ Failed

**Motion: Mr. Bruce Friend motioned to approve the opening of Liberty Charter School as ready to open Fall 2025.**

Second: Dr. John Eldridge

Vote: Unanimous

☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Agape Achievement Academy:

- Dr. Norins gave a breakdown of progress in RTO highlighting the number of applications, their breakeven number, and any facility updates.
- Mr. Friend asked about their hiring status. School Answer: 4 more to be hired. Mr. Friend also asked about class size and the school responded with 21 in each class, 42 per grade level.
- Dr. Haire noted discrepancies in year 1 and 2 enrollment on their budget among other inaccurate calculations. School Answer: Year 1 is the breakeven. We will need to go back and adjust.



- Dr. Eldridge stated Year 1 may be in a deficit. He asked if the school has someone who is helping with budgets. School Answer: They stated Prestige recently started working with them and they spoke with Prestige on Thursday. Dr. Eldridge noted it would be nice to see the Prestige budget when it is ready.
- Mr. Godbey stated this could be a \$200,000 difference.
- Mr. Friend asked for clarification around enrollment and what things are happening with student enrollment. School Answer: Stated they have 137 and are expecting to exceed 168 by August which is the cap for this year.
- Dr. Haire mentioned this may be where some of the discrepancies came from as some numbers reflect enrollment minimum and some areas of the budget seem to be from the projected maximum enrollment.
- Dr. Eldridge asked if a vote must occur today given the budget discrepancies. Ms. Baquero stated that charter agreements begin July 1 so there would need to be a special called meeting in June for approval if a vote does not occur at this meeting. Dr. Eldridge reviewed the enrollment chart presented and the school noted that since the chart was submitted there has been an increase in enrollment especially in kindergarten.
- Mr. Friend inquired about the ECO scheduled for mid-June. School Answer: They shared the most recent update from the contractor.
- Dr. Eldridge stated this will be a heavy lift for Prestige and a quick turnaround is needed. Expressed concern regarding the budget issues and a school who is getting ready to open. Advised their board to search for someone with experience in finance.
- Mr. Friend asked if school felt confident they would surpass 168 in enrollment. School Answer: They shared their confidence in reaching that goal.
- Mr. Godbey inquired further about enrollment.
- CSRБ decided to delay voting until an accurate budget could be developed.

Nalanda Academy:

- Dr. Norins gave a breakdown of progress in RTO highlighting the number of applications, their breakeven number, and any facility updates.
- Mr. Friend noted in the year 1 budget staffing numbers and asked for an update on hiring. School Answer: They answered that 5 of the 15 positions have been filled. They stated they are confident all positions will be filled. Mr. Friend asked when teachers were expected to report and the school representative stated they would report 2 weeks prior to the first day of school.
- Dr. Eldridge asked for an enrollment update. School Answer: They stated 77 and they felt confident they would make the enrollment target. They also outlined marketing they have executed.
- Dr. Eldridge reminded the school to expect about 20% of students enrolled will likely not come. The school representative continued to share the community contacts made and increased interest.
- Dr. Haire mentioned the breakeven number and the school representative stated they had revised the number. Dr. Haire shared previous enrollment projections and noted the budget is very tight.
- Mr. Friend expressed concern that the school year is weeks away and they are behind in hiring and enrollment. School Answer: They maintained that the new principal has staff she will bring with her. She stated they have 7 interviews scheduled. She also shared her experience in education.

- Dr. Haire referenced the budget and asked for confirmation of staffing and enrollment in the budget.
- Mr. Godbey expressed concern with staffing and low teacher pay in the budget.
- Ms. Parler expressed concern with enrollment.
- Mr. Friend asked why it has taken so long to hire a principal. School Answer: They stated they have been searching for a while. They offered position to several out of state candidates who pulled out for various reasons.
- Mr. Friend asked who was doing their SIS work. School Answer: They have contracted with Polaris and they will also train the teachers and staff.
- Dr. Eldridge stated there is hesitation regarding a demonstrated need for the school. He highlighted that the school has been working on enrollment for over a year. He stated pushing for students at the last minute even with the marketing efforts doesn't seem to demonstrate a need in the community. A school representative outlined the difficulties they have had with finding a facility. Stated the current facility wasn't their original target and resulted in families from the original location withdrawing interest.
- Mr. Friend expressed appreciation for outlining the changes in location. He then reiterated that those decisions were made by their board and there are consequences for those decisions.
- Dr. Danielson stated there seemed to be an expectation that things would move faster than they have and they are still not where they need to be even with increased efforts.
- Dr. Eldridge asked Ms. Baquero if there was any discussion with the school regarding delaying a year. Ms. Baquero stated they are currently in a delay which was due to facility issues. She stated there had not been a discussion regarding delay and it would be the school's third delay which would need CSRБ approval.
- Dr. Haire asked if the building had been secured in September. School Answer: They gained access to the building in January. The lease was signed in September but they didn't gain access until January.
- Mr. Friend mentioned that they have known about the location for 10 months and only have 77 students. A school representative stated they had a contract with a marketing firm to help with enrollment and they had relied on them to guide the process. They stated the marketing firm did not meet their expectations and they broke the contract with them.
- Mr. Friend expressed his concern with the low enrollment given the amount of time they have known about their location. He shared similarities between this school and a previous school which the CSRБ had to close due to low enrollment. He stated the desire for the interest seemed higher than the community interest.
- Dr. Eldridge asked regarding the possibility of a fast track process. Ms. Baquero stated that would still postpone the opening to Fall 2026. A school representative stated the lease was signed contingent upon approval and the landlord would not hold the building another year.
- Dr. Haire stated the numbers are what they are and it would not be wise to approve a school with 77 students.
- Mr. Friend agreed and noted the location of the school is in a large district.
- Dr. Eldridge made a motion and stated that if they believed in this school they should return with another application.

**Motion: Dr. John Eldridge motioned to not approve Nalanda Academy as ready to open Fall 2025.**

Second: Ms. Hilda Parlér

Vote: Unanimous

☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Carolina Achieve:

- Dr. Norins gave a breakdown of progress in RTO highlighting the number of applications, their breakeven number, and any facility updates.
- Mr. Friend inquired when the building would be ready. School Answer: Board Chair gave an update. Mentioned delays with county inspections. The modulares are scheduled to be ready July 15th. Clarified this is a temporary solution on their permanent property.
- Dr. Eldridge asked if they purchased the modulares. School Answer: They are renting until the building is complete.
- Mr. Godbey asked about the progress on the site work. School Answer: Stated there has been a lot of movement now that modulares are on site. Sewer, curb and gutter continues to be constructed. No sewer on site for modulares yet.
- Dr. Eldridge asked if they considered a September opening. School Answer: They stated families are aware of August 28 possible delay.
- Mr. Friend asked about today's enrollment. School Answer: School representative stated current enrollment is 158 and because of movement on site there has been an increase in interest from families. We have some decisions to make because kindergarten is almost full.
- Mr. Godbey asked if the contract with the site developer has any deadlines for completion? School Answer: Yes. The contract states the end of July for completion.
- Mr. Friend asked if the town is aware of pending inspections so there isn't any delays on the TCO. School Answer: School states Mebane officials are aware of what still needs to be permitted. They state the town wants the school to be there.
- Dr. Eldridge inquired about the status of furniture. School Answer: They stated they have furniture in 3 different storage areas.
- Dr. Haire clarified if they are planning for 30 in a classroom. School Answer: School representative stated they will have 25 per class including Instructional Assistant.

**Motion: Dr. John Eldridge motioned to approve Carolina Achieve as ready to open Fall 2025.**

Second: Mr. Todd Godbey

Vote: Unanimous

☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Sledge Institute:

- Dr. Norins gave a breakdown of progress in RTO highlighting the number of applications, their breakeven number, and any facility updates.
- Ms. Parler asked about the rationale for opening K-2 and 6th. School Answer: Representative stated they have heard from families that they wanted an option for middle school.
- Dr. Danielson asked how many of the enrolled is 6th grade. School Answer: 60

- Mr. Friend asked when the traffic study would be ready. School Answer: Stated they have a meeting with the DOT tomorrow. Mr. Friend asked if the DOT has raised any concerns and the school stated no.
- A school representative updated the staffing status. Stated student enrollment seems to show a high EC population so we have prioritized hiring an EC person who is reviewing IEPs and will hire the needed EC teachers. They stated they will be fully staffed by the end of the month.
- Dr. Haire stated the budget shows 115 and the school stated the breakeven is 100. A school representative stated they have a strong relationship with a local bank who has given them a line of credit. They stated the 100 breakeven budget was conservative.
- Dr. Eldridge stated it sounded like the budget was created with a cushion. School Answer: Correct.
- Dr. Haire noted there were no student devices in the budget. School representatives shared that they have received support from NSVF and Great Schools NC was used to purchase devices. Furniture was donated by Vance Charter School.
- Mr. Godbey inquired further regarding the traffic study. A school representative shares a diagram of what DOT proposed for traffic. Stated the DOT has done the traffic count as well.
- The school stated the ECO should be completed on June 30th. They shared the school was a former school and the Fire Marshall and Inspector have been involved with this project.

**Motion: Mr. Todd Godbey motioned to approve Sledge Institute as ready to open Fall 2025.**

Second: Ms. Hilda Parlér

Vote: Unanimous

☒ Passed ☐ Failed

TISA:

- Dr. Norins gave a breakdown of progress in RTO highlighting the number of applications, their breakeven number, and any facility updates.
- Ms. Parlér requested information regarding the modulars. A school representative stated they were purchased in April.
- A school representative stated enrollment was 103.
- Mr. Godbey asked about the progress on facility completion. School Answer: Stated they have 5 classrooms and 1 restroom for the 1st floor and the county has agreed to give ECO for the 1st floor only. They stated there is also space in the gym if needed.
- Ms. Parlér asked if the building was built before 1978. School Answer: School stated abatement work has been completed. Ms. Parler suggested they also complete a radon test.
- Dr. Haire asked if Kindergarten was full. School Answer: They stated that Kindergarten was over full.
- Dr. Eldridge clarified that the 1st floor will be done this month. School Answer: Yes. Stated they have 30 people currently working on site.
- School representatives shared they have been able to raise funds and have 2 playgrounds, a basketball court and garden.

- Dr. Haire asked for clarification on the purchase of the building. School Answer: They stated an Investment Company was established to help with finances. They are fully committed and support the international school.
- Dr. Eldridge asked which 2 languages will be offered? School Answer: Spanish and Mandarin. Dr. Eldridge described the location of the school.

**Motion: Mr. Bruce Friend motioned to approve Triad International Studies Academy as ready to open Fall 2025.**

Second: Dr. John Eldridge

Vote: Unanimous

☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Anderson Academy:

- Dr. Norins gave a breakdown of progress in RTO highlighting the number of applications, their breakeven number, and any facility updates.
- A school representative provided an update on the facility. Stated that July 3rd is the current date for ECO and currently work is being completed on powerlines. Final inspections are to be completed by July 3rd and furniture will be moved in the week of July 14th.
- Mr. Godbey asked when staff is scheduled to start. School Answer: They stated orientation is July 15th.
- Dr. Eldridge asked for an update on staffing. School Answer: 2 teachers, custodian, school nutrition for 4 open positions.

**Motion: Dr. John Eldridge motioned to approve Anderson Academy as ready to open Fall 2025.**

Second: Mr. Todd Godbey

Vote: Unanimous

☒ Passed ☐ Failed

**Director's Updates: Ms. Ashley Baquero; OCS Executive Director**

- Ms. Baquero stated OCS will keep CSRБ members updated on appointments and re-appointments over the summer.
- Ms. Kakadelis asked about a rule that came up during SBE regarding charter schools not having flexibility on transcripts. Stated legislation has been very clear that charters have that flexibility. She asked what is in statute regarding a rule to come up in SBE.
- Mr. Walker stated SBE has authority to establish rules but shall first be recommended by CSRБ. Stated there is still language going back and forth about it. Shared his legal opinion that CSRБ needs to look at it before SBE sets a rule.

- Ms. Baquero noted that SBE has requested different language and she is not sure it's going to the rules commission. She stated that nothing has been voted on and staff has been asked to return with different language.
- Ms. Kakadelis stated she was not sure charter high schools are aware of what is currently happening.
- Dr. Eldridge asked what would happen if SBE votes in July on something CSRБ didn't have input in?
- Mr. Walker stated he would address it when we get to it and there is no statute that says CSRБ needs to review policy and stated he can discuss with SBE attorneys.
- Mr. Friend reiterated that CSRБ would look at language on the policy when it is ready.
- Mr. Friend thanked Dr. Danielson for his service on CSRБ.
- Dr. Danielson stated he has learned so much and with the knowledge of the board and staff of OCS. Stated leadership is strongly committed to overseeing the charter school landscape.

**Motion to Adjourn at 2:30 pm by Bruce Friend:**

**Second: Dr. John Eldridge.**