

CSRB Meeting: May 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: **Carolina Collegiate High School's Request to Revise Its Initial Enrollment Projection**

Detailed Item Description

Carolina Collegiate High School ("Carolina Collegiate") is a 9-12 public charter school approved to open in Durham County and currently in the Ready to Open (RTO) process. Originally authorized as West Triangle High School with a planned opening in August 2023, the school received approval for a name change in September 2025. The Office of Charter Schools (OCS) granted a one-year delay in January 2023 to Fall 2024, followed by a two-year delay approval by the Charter Schools Review Board (CSRB) in January 2024 for a 2025 opening. A subsequent delay was approved in February 2025, extending the opening to August 2026.

Carolina Collegiate now seeks CSRB approval to revise its Year 1 9th-grade enrollment projection from 200 to 165 students. This revision is based on the school's location at 100 Capitola Drive in Research Triangle Park, along with an understanding of facility capacity, construction timelines, regulatory requirements, and family demand.

Rationale

Current enrollment data support this revision, as the school has received 262 applications, with 159 accepted offers (plus 9 pending) and 147 families already engaged in registration. Application flow remains steady, and the school expects to reach full enrollment by August. The school has developed a revised budget to align with the lower enrollment while maintaining financial health and compliance with facility requirements.

The school remains on track to open in August 2026. It has secured and is renovating a 65,000-square-foot facility, expects a certificate of occupancy by July 10, has fully staffed its team, and has secured philanthropic support to ensure adequate cash reserves.

Revised Enrollment Chart

Revised Enrollment Projections

School Year	Grades	Original Charter	2025 Revision	2026 Revision
2026	9	150	200	165
2027	9-10	300	360	325
2028	9-11	450	510	475

***Note:** the original charter application did not account for attrition or backfilling.

Documents

Carolina Collegiate High Schools has submitted all required documents to the Office of Charter Schools and requests approval to revise its Year 1 9th-grade enrollment projection.