MEMORANDUM

TO: Charter Schools Review Board (CSRB)
RE: 2026 Application Updates - For CSRB Review

Application Review Calendar

Application Sections	CSRB Discussion Date
Sections 1-6	Monday, March 10, 2025
Sections 7-9	Monday, April 7, 2025
Sections 10-17	Monday, May 5, 2025

CSRB Pre-work: Please review the proposed schedule below in order to make suggestions for revisions to the 2026 charter application. Please review and provide feedback of the specified sections on or before the proposed CSRB review due dates. Please review this document in tandem with the current charter application (2025) which is provided online with this document.

CSRB Action: CSRB should discuss and approve any proposed revisions to the charter application in a public meeting. OCS must have an approved application to get to the platform developers in Fall 2026. The 2026 application window will open on Friday, January 30, 2026.

Public Comment: The public is welcome to provide comment on these proposed changes and/or the application in general. Please send comment to the Office of Charter Schools Executive Director ashley.baquero@dpi.nc.gov. They will be provided to the CSRB prior to its discussion each month per the schedule above.

- Notes on each section's proposed revisions are below. Deletions (-) are in Black font. Blue font indicates additional questions (+) or revisions (+) to existing questions.

- These revisions are brought to CSRB by OCS after a full review of the existing application and internal discussions regarding areas we often see cause confusion and/or areas that routinely come up in interviews, but are not asked or need clarification in the existing

application. OCS's goal in CSRB authorizing support is to facilitate a transparent, understandable, and rigorous process that holds charter boards to high expectations resulting in quality charter schools.

Section 7 (EMO/CMO)

Question	Suggested Addition, Revision or Deletion
Q70	
Q71	
Q72	
Q73	
Q74	
Q75	
Q76	
Q77	
Q78	
Q79	Split original Question 79 into two separate questions.*"Explain how the EMO/CMO contract includes measurable objectives whereby the charter school board can evaluate annually the performance of the EMO/CMO, and if necessary, terminate the contract without significant obstacles."* *+ Explain how the EMO/CMO contract includes measurable objectives whereby the charter school board can evaluate annually the performance of the EMO/CMO.* *+ Explain how, if necessary, the prospective charter school board can terminate the contract without significant obstacles.* ***This is not a new question. Both of these questions were previously one question, Q79.***
Q80	
Q81	
Q82	
Q83	OCS suggests - adding additional language *"Please note: a letter of good standing from your banking institution will not suffice."* **Rationale: Previous years' applicants have submitted a wide variety of*

	financial history documentation ranging from dozens of pages of financial data to one page from a bank stating the corporation is in good standing. OCS is attempting to make this question clearer and more consistent among applicants to ensure the financial stability of a management company seeking to partner with a charter board.
Q84	
+	Add new Qs here
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Section 8 (Remote Academies)

Rationale: These questions are added or clarified based on lack of understanding evident in previous remote applications especially regarding state testing requirements.

Question	Suggested Addition, Revision or Deletion
Q85	
Q86	
Q87	
Q88	
Q89	
Q90	
Q91	
Q92	
Q93	OCS suggests - adding an additional check box that includes the following, *"State testing security procedures and in-person testing plans."*
Q94	
Q95	
Q96	
Q97	
Q98	
Q99	OCS suggests - Adding additional language, "*including the devices being used or rented for required state testing windows*."
Q100	

Q101	
Q102	
Q103	
Q104	
Q105	
Q106	
Q107	
Q108	
Q109	OCS suggests - Adding additional language, "*and state testing requirements*"
Q110	
Q111	
+	OCS suggests - Adding new question "*What is the proposed remote charter academy's plans for a facility to house testing materials, student records, and technology?*"
+	Add new Qs here
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Section 9 (Mission, Purposes and Goals)

Question	Suggested Addition, Revision or Deletion
Q112	
Q113	
Q114	
Q115	
Q116	
Q117	
Q118	
Q119	
Q120	

Q121	
Q122	
Q123	
+	Add new Qs here
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