

Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio
Essex Place – 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, OH 44131

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, December 12, 2024

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Roll Call –

Present – Christine Krol, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, William L. Morrison Jr.
 Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2024-12-01 - Approve Agenda

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by William L. Morrison Jr.

Ayes: George Klepacz, William L. Morrison Jr., Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-12-02 - Accept the October 2024 Financial Statements

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Treasurer's Financial Statements as of October 31, 2024 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: William L. Morrison Jr.; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: William L. Morrison Jr., Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-12-03 - Acceptance of the November 2024 Check Register

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Check Register for the period of November 1 to November 30, 2024.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by William L. Morrison Jr.

Ayes: George Klepacz, William L. Morrison Jr., Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2024-12-04 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Christine Krol (\$338.02) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, William L. Morrison Jr.

Abstention: Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2024-12-05 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse George Klepacz (\$309.08) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William L. Morrison Jr.

Abstention: George Klepacz

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2024-12-06 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Carol Fortlage (\$1,241.92) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by William L. Morrison Jr.

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, William L. Morrison Jr., George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Abstention: Carol Fortlage

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2024-12-07 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Anthony Miceli (\$169.59) for expenses incurred.

Motion: William L. Morrison Jr.; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: William L. Morrison Jr., Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Abstention: Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 4-0

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Resolution #2024-12-08 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse William Morrison Jr. (\$1,153.74) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Abstention: William L. Morrison Jr.

Motion approved 4-0

The Treasurer explained to the group how the recent travel reimbursements were calculated. Next, he informed the group that we have 9 ½ days of operating cash on hand. The Treasurer then gave an update on the audit and indicated there were no issues thus far and does not expect there to be any problems moving forward. Lastly, he provided a detailed explanation of this month's personnel changes.

The Superintendent informed board members that the next Board Work Session meeting would be immediately following the upcoming Organizational meeting on January 9.

Resolution #2024-12-09 - Approve Consent Agenda

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- a. Minutes of November 14, 2024 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of OSTs New Substitute Teachers
- d. List of OSTs Substitute Teacher Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by William L. Morrison Jr.

Ayes: George Klepacz, William L. Morrison Jr., Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Other Board Business

a. Resolution #2024-12-10 - Appoint President Pro-Tempore for Organizational Meeting

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio appoint **Dr. Christine Krol** President Pro-Tempore for the organizational meeting.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, William L. Morrison Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage discussed attending the AESA conference, which focused on student engagement and AI.

Mr. Klepacz informed the group that he attended the AI Board Leadership session here at the ESC. He also attended the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting.

Dr. Krol reported that she also attended the AI session here at the ESC.

Mr. Miceli informed the group that the Finance Committee meeting had been rescheduled to take place in January 2025. He also mentioned that the Richmond Heights tax levy failed so the district will have to cut \$1.2M from their FY26 budget.

Mr. Morrison Jr. discussed attending the AESA conference and how much he enjoyed meeting other board members.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment - Resolution #2024-12-11 Time: 11:06 a.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William L. Morrison Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

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Upcoming Meetings
Organizational Board Meeting
January 9, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.
January 30, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Conference
NSBA Annual Conference: April 4 – April 6, 2025 (Atlanta, GA)

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 02/27/2025

Christine A. Grol

President



Treasurer