

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

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.***

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:31 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

**Public Participation – There was none.**

**Resolution #2025-02-01 - Approve Agenda**

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

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2025-02-02 - Acceptance of November 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 November 30, 2024 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2025-02-03 – Acceptance of December 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 December 31, 2024 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

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

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

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**Resolution #2025-02-04 - Acceptance of December 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 December 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2025-02-05 – Acceptance of January 2025 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 January 31, 2025 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial 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 #2025-02-06 – Acceptance of January 2025 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 January 1, 2025 to January 31, 2025.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2025-02-07 – Accept Donation from the Buser Family Foundation**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio acknowledges and accepts the donation from the Buser Family Foundation in the amount of \$600.

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

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

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The Treasurer gave an update on the Board Service Fund (handout provided). He also gave updates on the following items and distributed handouts:

- Shared Services Alliance
- Programs
- Ohio Substitute Teachers Services

He concluded his report with a review of the 5-year financial forecast and adjustments to the projected deficit for FY26.

#### **Resolution #2025-02-08 – Approve Alternative Administrator License**

**Be It Resolved**, having satisfied the requirements for an Alternative Principal License set forth in O.A.C. 3301-24-11, the Governing Board hereby employs Richard Angell effective February 1, 2025, as a Principal for grades K-12 assigned to the Education Alternative Program. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, pursuant to O.A.C. 3301-24-11(A), to request that Richard Angell be issued a one-year alternative principal license for grades K-12.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

#### **Resolution #2025-02-09 – Approve ESC of Northeast Ohio Central Office Position**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall approve the following Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Central Office position, as recommended by the Superintendent.

- Transportation Consultant

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

The Superintendent discussed the CEO candidate search for PEP (Positive Education Program).

**Meeting Break: 11:03 a.m.**

**Session Resumed: 11:13 a.m.**

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**Resolution #2025-02-10 - 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 December 12, 2024 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes of January 9, 2025 Organizational Meeting
- c. List of Personnel Changes
- d. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- e. List of OSTs Substitute Renewals
- f. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2025-02-11 - Approve Professional Development for Board Members**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approve the following professional development events for board members as an approved training program for board compensation:

- Network for Public Education 2025 National Conference – April 5-6, 2025 in Columbus, OH

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 #2025-02-12 – Executive Session**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio enters into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing: 1) employment and 2) compensation of employees of the board per ORC 121.22 (G).

**Time Enter: 11:21 a.m.      Time Exit: 11:56 a.m.**

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

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**Resolution #2025-02-12.01 Approve Employment Contract for Shared Services Alliance Employee**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the employment contract for Jason Heilman, Transportation Consultant for Shared Services Alliance for the period 8/1/2025 – 7/31/2026.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Other**

- OSBA Board Member Award Discussion

**Board Member Reports and Comments**

Ms. Fortlage discussed attending the recent Technology Committee meeting and talked about the decision to halt the purchase of new equipment in the coming fiscal year. She also mentioned that she completed cyber training. Lastly, Ms. Fortlage talked about the recent federal changes.

Mr. Klepacz discussed attending the recent Teaching and Learning Committee meeting and commented that so much is happening in that department. He talked about T&L moving more into Early Childhood and helping districts learn how to write grants. Mr. Klepacz also mentioned that he attended the latest Leadership Work Session.

Dr. Krol discussed attending the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting and commented on how busy that department is. She also attended and summarized the Fair School Funding vs Vouchers zoom meeting and the ESCNEO's executive order and activity webinar.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. thanked Dr. Dodd for arranging webinar and thanked everyone for their reports.

**Future Agenda Items****Adjournment - Resolution #2025-02-13      Time: 12:25 p.m.**

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

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

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**Upcoming Meetings**

*Special Meeting - Board Work Session – March 4, 2025 @ 2:30 p.m.*

*Regular Board Meeting – March 20, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.*

*Facilities Committee Meeting – March 20, 2025, immediately following the board meeting*

*Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer*

Minutes approved 03/20/2025



President



Treasurer