

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

***MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – Thursday, January 4, 2024***

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

The Oath of Office was administered by Garfield Heights Municipal Court Judge Deborah Nicastro to newly elected board member William L. Morrison, Jr. Treasurer, Bruce Basalla, administered the Oath of Office for Mrs. Fortlage.

**Roll Call –**

Present – Christine Krol, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr.

Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski

**Public Participation** – There was none.

**Resolution #2024-01-01 - Approve Agenda**

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

Mrs. Fortlage nominated Dr. Christine Krol for President of the Governing Board, seconded by Mr. Klepacz. There were no other nominations. President Pro-tempore, Dr. Krol, closed the nominations.

**Resolution #2024-01-02 - Election of Board President – Dr. Christine Krol**

Vote:

Mrs. Fortlage	“Krol”
Mr. Klepacz	“Krol”
Mr. Miceli	“Krol”
Mr. Morrison	“Krol”

Dr. Christine Krol was elected President of the Governing Board and the Oath of Office was administered by Treasurer, Bruce Basalla.

2024 Governing Board President, Dr. Krol, takes over the board meeting.

Dr. Krol nominated Mr. George Klepacz for Vice-President of the Governing Board, seconded by Mrs. Fortlage. There were no other nominations. President, Dr. Krol, closed the nominations.

**Resolution #2024-01-03 - Election of Board Vice President – Mr. George Klepacz**

Vote:

Mrs. Fortlage	“Klepacz”
Dr. Krol	“Klepacz”
Mr. Miceli	“Klepacz”
Mr. Morrison	“Klepacz”

Mr. Klepacz was elected Vice-President of the Governing Board and the Oath of Office was administered by Treasurer, Bruce Basalla.

**Resolution #2024-01-04 - Approve Board Memberships**

- Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding \$3,000
- Ohio Educational Service Center Association \$19,568.46
- Ohio School Boards Association \$7,519
- National School Boards Association \$2,700
- Association of Educational Service Agencies \$1,315
- Alliance for High Quality Education \$4,000
- Ohio Education Policy Institute \$500
- Chamber of Commerce - Cuyahoga Valley \$325

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2024-01-05 - Approve 2024 Meeting Schedule**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thurs.	January 4, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	July 25, 2024	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	January 25, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	August 29, 2024	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	February 22, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	September 26, 2024	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	March 21, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	October 24, 2024	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	April 25, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	November 14, 2024	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	May 30, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	December 12, 2024	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	June 27, 2024	9:30 a.m.			

**Work Session Meeting Schedule**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tues.	January 16, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Tues.	July 9, 2024	9:30 a.m.
Tues.	February 6, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Tues.	August 13, 2024	9:30 a.m.
Tues.	March 5, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Tues.	September 10, 2024	9:30 a.m.
Tues.	April 9, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Tues.	October 8, 2024	9:30 a.m.
Tues.	May 14, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Tues.	November 5, 2024	9:30 a.m.
Tues.	June 11, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Mon.	December 2, 2024	9:30 a.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2024-01-06 - Approve appointment of Anthony Miceli as OSBA Legislative Liaison and Delegate**

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

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2024-01-07 - Appoint Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski and Jennifer Dodd as Governing Board's designees for Public Records Training**

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Board Member Comments**

Mrs. Fortlage mentioned that she pays 100% of her dental plan.

Mr. Miceli mentioned that there will be an issue on the ballot in March for the Richmond Heights Elementary School.

**Resolution #2024-01-08 – Approve Waiver of Reading Meeting Minutes**

**Be It Resolved**, pursuant to O.R.C. 3313.26, the ESCNEO Governing Board hereby waives the reading of the record of its meetings so long as the proposed minutes have been distributed to the members of the Governing Board at least two days prior to the next succeeding meeting of the Governing Board and copies of the minutes are made available upon request to the public and/or news media prior to the meeting. This waiver shall remain in full force and effect until such time as amended or rescinded by the Governing Board.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2024-01-09 - Meeting Adjournment**

**Time: 9:54 a.m.**

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

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Upcoming Meetings**

*Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, January 25, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.*

*Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer*

Minutes approved 01/30/2024



President



Treasurer