

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

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, August 29, 2024***

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

**Public Participation** – There was none.

**Resolution #2024-08-01 - 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*

**Resolution #2024-08-02 - Accept the July 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 July 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 Morrison, Jr; seconded by George Klepacz  
Ayes: William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2024-08-03 - Accept the July 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 July 1 to July 31, 2024.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.  
Ayes: Carol Fortlage, William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

*Motion approved 5-0*

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The Treasurer informed the group that the Finance Committee meeting date had been changed to September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. He also stated that the audit for FY24 will be starting soon. Lastly, he mentioned that we have 31 days cash-on-hand, minus subsidy funds; 58 days including subsidy.

**Resolution #2024-08-04 – Approve Agreement with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the 2024-2025 agreement between the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the ESC of Northeast Ohio.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.  
Ayes: George Klepacz, William Morrison, Jr., Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli  
Abstention: Carol Fortlage

*Motion approved 4-0*

The Superintendent provided a handout of his simplified goals and objectives. He gave an update on the Work the ESC is doing with the City of Cleveland. He then announced that we were awarded a \$3.6M grant from the U.S. Congress Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program Partnership. Lastly, he commented on working with Cleveland Mayor Bibb on the Literacy Summit.

**Resolution #2024-08-05 - 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 July 25, 2024 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. OSTS New Teacher Substitutes
- d. OSTS Substitute Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wage List
- f. List of 2024-2025 Credentialed Evaluators
- g. 2024-2025 Carrington Youth Academy Agreement

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz  
Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

*Motion approved 5-0*

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## Other Board Business

### Resolution #2024-08-06 – Approve Professional Development for Board Members

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

- Pepple & Waggoner School Law Update Seminars:
  - September 12, 2024 - Westerville, OH - Quest Conference Center
  - September 19, 2024 - Canton, OH – Glenmoor Country Club
  - September 26, 2024 - Independence, OH – Holiday Inn Cleveland South

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

### Resolution #2024-08-07 - 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:**10:41 a.m.

**Time Exit:**12:20 p.m.

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

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

## Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage commented that scheduling information needs clarity.

Mr. Klepacz discussed attending the recent Teaching & Learning Committee meeting and mentioned the DEW was very complimentary of Kelly Stukus and Jennifer Dodd.

Dr. Krol commented on Ohio Medicaid and mentioned that schools use our staff to handle Medicaid billing. She also discussed attending the City Club Forum and stated that the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights policy changes for Title IX are still on hold.

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**Future Agenda Items**

**Adjournment - Resolution #2024-08-08      Time: 12: 35 p.m.**

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

***Next Regular Board Meeting***

*Thursday, September 26, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m., Superintendent's Conference Room*

*Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer*

Minutes approved 09/26/2024

*Christine A. Krol*

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President

*B. Basalla*

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Treasurer

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