

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING –Thursday, October 24, 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 #2024-10-01 - Approve Agenda

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-10-02 - Acceptance of the September 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 September 30, 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 #2024-10-03 - Acceptance of the September 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 September 1 to September 30, 2024.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

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The Treasurer reported having a successful audit of SERS & STRS (a handout was provided). He then informed the group that the fraud reporting forms would be coming soon and that board members would be viewing a fraud prevention video at the upcoming board work session. Lastly, the Treasurer gave an update on NCSSA’s revenue and expenditures.

Resolution #2024-10-04 - Approve the 2025 Board Meeting Dates

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the following 2025 Board Meeting dates:

Organizational Meeting	Thursday, January 9, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting	Thursday, January 30, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting	Thursday, February 27, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting	Thursday, March 20, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting	Thursday, April 24, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting	Thursday, May 29, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting	Thursday, June 26, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting	Thursday, July 31, 2025	9:30 a.m.

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-10-05 – Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Certified Employee

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall reduce in force within the ranks of teaching (certified) staff, through the suspension of their 2024-2025 employment contract(s) for financial conditions pursuant to Section 3319.17 of the Ohio Revised Code as determined by the Superintendent. The Treasurer is directed to give written notice of this action no later than October 31, 2024.

- Kalina Spencer, Behavior & Transition Specialist, United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2024-10-06 – Approve Alternative Administrator License

Be It Resolved, having satisfied the requirements for an Alternative Principal License set forth in O.R.C. 3301-24-11, the Governing Board hereby employs Heather Rebeck effective November 1, 2024 as a Principal for grades K-12 assigned to Education Alternatives. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, pursuant to O.R.C. 3301-24-11(A), to request that Heather Rebeck be issued a one-year alternative principal license for grades K-12.

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

The Superintendent invited board members to join him at the upcoming State of the Region Luncheon hosted by the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce on November 20th. He then gave a progress report on his objectives and provided a handout.

Resolution #2024-10-07 - 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 September 26, 2024 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- d. List of OSTs Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion approved 5-0

Other Board Business**Resolution #2024-10-08 – Approve Professional Development for Board Members**

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the 2024-25 School Board Leadership Professional Learning Opportunities for board members as approved training programs for board compensation.

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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Board Member Reports and Comments

Ms. Fortlage reported that she would be attending the Policy Committee meeting immediately following the board meeting. She also discussed attending this month’s Board Leadership Session featuring Chuck Underwood.

Mr. Klepacz also reported attending the Board Leadership Session featuring Chuck Underwood.

Dr. Krol reported that she plans to watch a webinar regarding vouchers.

Mr. Miceli reported seeing Dave Laurenzi in Richmond Heights, working with the superintendent of that district. He also mentioned that he is involved with the levy campaign for Richmond Heights.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment - Resolution #2024-10-09 Time: 11:06 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

Policy Committee Meeting Immediately Following Today’s Board Meeting.

Next Board Meeting

November 14, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Facilities Committee - November 14, 2024, immediately following the board meeting

Technology Committee - November 19, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

*Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce State of the Region – November 20, 2024 @ Holiday Inn
Rockside (Independence) at 11:30 a.m.*

Teaching & Learning Committee – November 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Upcoming Conferences

OSBA Capital Conference: November 10 – November 12, 2024 (Columbus, OH)

AESA Annual Conference: December 4 – December 6, 2024 (Orlando, FL)

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

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Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 11/14/2024

Christine A. Grod

President

B. Basalla

Treasurer