

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

***MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - Thursday, January 9, 2025***

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:33 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 #2025-01-01 - Approve Agenda**

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

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

**Resolution #2025-01-02 - Election of Board President**

Vote:

Mr. Klepacz “Krol”

Ms. Fortlage “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.

2025 Governing Board President, Dr. Krol, takes over the board meeting.



Mr. William L. Morrison, Jr. nominated Mr. George Klepacz for Vice President of the Governing Board. There were no other nominations. President, Dr. Krol, closed the nominations.

**Resolution #2025-01-03 – Election of Board Vice President**

Vote:

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

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

**Resolution #2025-01-04 – Approve Board Memberships**

- a. Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding \$3,000
- b. Ohio Educational Service Center Association \$19,568.46
- c. Ohio School Boards Association \$8,494 (\$7,519 past year)
- d. National School Boards Association \$2,700
- e. Association of Educational Service Agencies \$1,500 (\$1,315 past year)
- f. Alliance for High Quality Education \$4,000
- g. Ohio Education Policy Institute \$500
- h. Chamber of Commerce – Cuyahoga Valley \$325

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

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2025-01-05 – Approve 2025 Meeting Schedule**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thurs.	January 9, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	July 31, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	January 30, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	<del>August 28, 2025</del>	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	February 27, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	September 25, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	March 20, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	October 30, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	April 24, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	November 20, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	May 29, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	December 18, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	June 26, 2025	9:30 a.m.			

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 #2025-01-05.01 – Approve Revised August 2025 Meeting Date**

The Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the following date change to the 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule

- Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2025-01-06 Approve Special Meetings - Work Session Schedule**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tues.	January 9, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Tues.	July 15, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Tues.	February 11, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Tues.	August 12, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Tues.	March 4, 2025	<del>9:30 a.m.</del>	Weds.	September 10, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Tues.	April 8, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Tues.	<del>October 14, 2025</del>	9:30 a.m.
Weds.	May 14, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Weds.	November 5, 2025	9:30 a.m.
Tues.	June 10, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Tues.	December 2, 2025	9:30 a.m.

**Resolution #2025-01-06.01 Approve Special Meetings - Work Session Schedule Revision**

The Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the following dates and times for the Special Meeting Work Session Schedule:

- Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 10, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion: Christine Krol; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2025-01-07 - Approve the appointment of Anthony Miceli as OSBA Legislative Liaison and Delegate**

Motion: Christine Krol; seconded by William L. Morrison, Jr.

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

*Motion approved 5-0*



**Resolution #2025-01-08 - Appoint Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski and Jennifer Dodd as Governing Board's designees for Public Records Training**

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

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Board Member Comments**

Ms. Fortlage indicated that she is pleased with the Governing Board leadership.

Mr. Klepacz agreed with Ms. Fortlage's comment regarding the Governing Board leadership. He also talked about an article he saw in the Cleveland Plain Dealer regarding Strongsville's drug testing.

Dr. Krol discussed the Independence Board of Education is considering joining the School Funding Coalition lawsuit.

Mr. Miceli commented that Richmond Heights was one of the plaintiffs in the School Funding Coalition lawsuit.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. wished everyone a happy new year and thanked the group for his first year of service on the board.

Dr. Mengerink distributed this year's Ohio Schools Board Association Appreciation certificates to each board member.

**Resolution #2025-01-09 - Meeting Adjournment**

**Time: 10:05 a.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***

**Upcoming Meetings**

*Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, January 30, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.*



*Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer*

Minutes approved 02/27/2025

*Christine A. Krol*

President



Treasurer