

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

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, March 20, 2025***

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 11:06 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 #2025-03-01 - Approve Agenda**

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

The Superintendent advised that over the next couple of months, he will report on contract renewals, including the cost of leaving increases.

**Resolution #2025-03-02 - Acceptance of the February 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 February 28, 2025, including the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation. **See Attachment**

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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**Resolution #2025-03-03 - Accept the February 2025 Check Register**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Check Register for the month of February 1, 2025 to February 28, 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 #2025-03-04 – Approve Electric Energy Sales Agreement**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby authorizes the execution and delivery of a master electric energy sales agreement between Ohio Schools Council and Power4Schools’ endorsed electric supplier, Engie Resources LLC.

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*

The Treasurer gave an update on the audit and invited board members to attend the post-audit meeting scheduled for Friday, March 21. Next, he gave an update on the Betts contract (no significant changes). Lastly, the Treasurer reported that the current personnel changes will not have an impact on the general fund.

**Resolution #2025-03-05 - 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 February 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. Renewal of Administrative Contracts 2025-2026
- d. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- e. List of OSTs Substitute Renewals
- f. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List
- g. Approve ESC Office Calendar for 2025-2026
- h. James E. Betts Contract - April 1, 2025 to March 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*

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## Other Board Business

### Resolution #2025-03-06 – Establishment of a Special Committee

**Be It Resolved** that the President of the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio establish a special evaluation committee of two board members to review and revise the evaluation process of the Treasurer and to present a recommendation to the Governing Board for approval.

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 Reports and Comments

Ms. Fortlage expressed that she thought it was a good idea that the Department of Education is dissolving. She also recommended a book to the group.

Mr. Klepacz commented that he had no issue with switching the order of reporting the Superintendent's report and the Treasurer's report. He also commented on Kelli Cogan, Independence Schools Superintendent.

Dr. Krol talked about her plans to attend the upcoming NPE conference in Columbus in April.

Mr. Miceli informed the group that Richmond Heights will be conducting a community survey.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. inquired about the current Parma Schools Superintendent search. He also commented on the Insurance Committee meeting.

## Future Agenda Items

### Adjournment - Resolution #2025-03-07      Time: 11:48 a.m.

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

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

*Facilities Meeting immediately following today's meeting.*

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**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

*Governing Board Work Session, Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.*

*Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.*

*Governing Board Meeting, Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.*

*Insurance Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 24, 2025 immediately following the board meeting*

*Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting, Friday, April 25, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.*

*Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer*

Minutes approved 04/24/2025



President



Treasurer