

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, June 26, 2025

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:30 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
Additional Attendees – Scarlett Boudier - Advocacy & Communication Solutions, Paul Pendleton –
Director of Leadership Services

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2025-06-05 - Approve Agenda

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

Motion approved 5-0

Presentation – Scarlett Boudier, Advocacy and Communication Solutions – Budget Bill Update

Resolution #2025-06-06 – 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: **10:52 a.m.**

Time Exit: **11:32 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

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Resolution #2025-06-07 – Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Classified Employee, Bernadine Tatulinski, was removed from the agenda.

Resolution #2025-06-07.01 – Approve Contract with ESV Software

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Superintendent to enter a three-year contract with ESV Software.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2025-06-08 - Accept the May 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 May 31, 2025 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2025-06-09 - Accept the May 2025 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 May 1 to May 31, 2025.

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2025-06-10 - Approve Final FY 2024-2025 Appropriations including year-end Transfers and Advances

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby approves the Final Appropriations in the amount of \$163,335,297.48. Also included in this resolution, the Governing Board approves year-end transfers in the amount of \$540,303.00 and year-end advances in the amount of \$2,094,000.

		Final FY2024-2025
Fund #	Fund Name	Appropriations
001	General Fund	79,524,507.00
004	Capital Projects Fund	300.00
006	Food Service Fund	313,035.48
014	Rotary Funds	402,000.00
019	Miscellaneous Grants	48,361,080.00
022	Workers Compensation Fund	520,000.00
024	Self Insurance Fund	16,500,000.00
	STATE Grants	
432	EMIS Grant (Information Services)	130,000.00
499	Miscellaneous State Grants	1,608,346.00
	Federal Grants	
507	Family Engagement/Extended Learning & Recovery	691,000.00
508	Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund	160,000.00
516	IDEA TITLE VI B Grant	3,617,437.00
551	Limited English Proficiency Grant	470,974.00
571	Refugee Grant	450,000.00
572	TITLE I Grant	294,000.00
584	Drug Free Workplace	5,000.00
587	IDEA Early Childhood Special Ed. Grant	134,007.00
590	Improving Teacher Quality Grant	50,000.00
599	Miscellaneous Federal Grants	10,103,611.00
	Total FY2024-2025 Appropriations	163,335,297.48

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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Resolution #2025-06-11 - Approve Temporary Appropriations for FY 2025-2026

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby approves the Temporary Appropriations for FY 2025-2026 in the amount of \$40,793,749.

Temporary FY2025-2026 Appropriations		
Fund #	Fund Name	Appropriation
001	General Fund	19,881,127
006	Food Service Fund	78,259
014	Rotary Funds	100,500
019	Miscellaneous Grants	12,090,270
022	Workers Compensation Fund	130,000
024	Self Insurance Fund	4,125,000
	STATE Grants	
432	EMIS Grant (Information Services)	32,500
499	Miscellaneous State Grants	402,087
	Federal Grants	
507	RemotEDx OCER (Whole Child Learning Collab)	172,750
516	IDEA TITLE VI B Grant	904,359
551	Limited English Proficiency Grant	117,744
571	Refugee Grant	112,500
572	TITLE I Grant	73,500
584	Drug Free Workplace	1,250
587	IDEA Early Childhood Special Ed. Grant	33,502
590	Improving Teacher Quality Grant	12,500
599	Miscellaneous Federal Grants	2,525,903
	Total Temporary FY2025-2026 Appropriations	40,793,749

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2025-06-12 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Christine Krol (\$140.42) for expenses incurred.

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

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

Abstention: Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2025-06-13 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse George Klepacz (\$112.00) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Abstention: George Klepacz

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2025-06-14 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Carol Fortlage (\$31.50) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Abstention: Carol Fortlage

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2025-06-15 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Anthony Miceli (\$147.28) for expenses incurred.

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

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

Abstention: Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 4-0

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Resolution #2025-06-16 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse William L. Morrison, Jr. (\$433.28) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Abstention: William L. Morrison, Jr.

Motion approved 4-0

The Treasurer discussed and/or commented on the following items:

- Board Member Compensation
- Cash-on-hand (13 days)
- Credit Card Usage Update

Resolution #2025-06-16.1 – Appoint Treasurer Designee

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio appoints Anthony Miceli as the Treasurer Designee.

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 #2025-06-17 - 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 May 29, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes of June 5, 2025 Special Meeting
- c. List of Personnel Changes
- d. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages
- f. Advocacy and Communication Agreement
- g. Property and Liability Insurance Contract 7-01-2025 thru 6-30-2026
- ~~h. CONNECT Service Agreement~~
- i. 2025-2026 Salaries for Positive Education Program Staff
- j. 2025-2026 Salaries for Bright Beginnings Staff

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Item “h.” was pulled from the consent agenda.

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

Other Board Business

Resolution #2025-06-18 – Adopt Treasurer Evaluation

Be It Resolved pursuant to O.R.C. §3313.22, the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby adopts a procedure for the evaluation of the Treasurer, which shall be effective August 1, 2025. The Governing Board shall evaluate the Treasurer in accordance with the procedure. The establishment of the Treasurer evaluation procedure shall not create an expectancy of continued employment for the Treasurer and shall not prevent the Governing Board from making a final determination regarding the renewal or nonrenewal of the Treasurer's employment contract.

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

Board Member Reports and Comments

Ms. Fortlage spoke about the upcoming Policy Committee meeting and revising the governing board service fund policy.

Mr. Klepacz complimented Dr. Krol and Mr. Miceli for their work on the new Treasurer Evaluation.

Dr. Krol reported that she attended the Middle School Humanitarian Awards ceremony for Cuyahoga Heights.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment - Resolution #2025-06-19 Time: 12:08 p.m.

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

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*Next Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.*

Policy Committee Meeting, Thursday, July 31, 2025, immediately following the board meeting

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 07/31/2025

Christine A. Groh

President



Treasurer