

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

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - Thursday, January 8, 2026

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Roll Call -

Present – Christine Krol, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, William L. Morrison, Jr.
 Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Steve Rogaski, Andrew Pizzulo

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2026-01-01 - Approve Agenda

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

Nominations for 2026 Board President

Dr. Christine Krol nominated Mr. George Klepacz for President of the Governing Board, seconded by Mr. William L. Morrison, Jr. There were no other nominations. President Pro-Tempore, Dr. Krol, closed the nominations.

Resolution #2026-01-02 - Election of Board President

Vote:

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| Dr. Krol | “Klepacz” |
| Mr. Klepacz | “Klepacz” |
| Ms. Fortlage | “Klepacz” |
| Mr. Miceli | “Klepacz” |
| Mr. Morrison, Jr. | “Klepacz” |

Mr. Klepacz was elected President of the Governing Board, and the Oath of Office was administered by Treasurer, Andrew Pizzulo.

2026 Governing Board President, Mr. George Klepacz, takes over the board meeting.

Nominations for 2026 Board Vice President

Mr. Anthony Miceli nominated Mr. William L. Morrison, Jr. for Vice President of the Governing Board, seconded by Mr. George Klepacz. There were no other nominations. President, Mr. Klepacz, closed the nominations.

Resolution #2026-01-03 - Election of Board Vice President

Vote:

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| Ms. Fortlage | “Morrison” |
| Mr. Klepacz | “Morrison” |
| Dr. Krol | “Morrison” |
| Mr. Miceli | “Morrison” |
| Mr. Morrison, Jr. | “Morrison” |

Mr. Morrison, Jr. was elected Vice President of the Governing Board, and the Oath of Office was administered by Treasurer, Andrew Pizzulo.

Resolution #2026-01-04 - 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 \$8,848
- d. National School Boards Association \$2,700
- e. Association of Educational Service Agencies \$1,500
- f. Alliance for High Quality Education \$4,000
- g. Ohio Education Policy Institute \$500
- h. Chamber of Commerce - Cuyahoga Valley \$325

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 #2026-01-05 - Approve 2026 Meeting Schedule

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| Thurs. | January 8, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. | Thurs. | July 30, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Thurs. | January 22, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. | Thurs. | August 27, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Fri. | February 20, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. | Thurs. | September 24, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Thurs. | March 19, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. | Thurs. | October 29, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Thurs. | April 30, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. | Thurs. | November 19, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Thurs. | May 28, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. | Thurs. | December 17, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Thurs. | June 25, 2026 | 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 #2026-01-06 Approve Special Meetings - Work Session Schedule

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| Thurs. | January 8, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. | Tues. | July 14, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Tues. | February 10, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. | Tues. | August 11, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Tues. | March 3, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. | Tues. | September 8, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Tues. | April 7, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. | Tues. | October 13, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Tues. | May 12, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. | Tues. | November 3, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Tues. | June 16, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. | Mon. | November 30, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. |

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2026-01-07 - Approve appointment of Anthony Miceli as OSBA Legislative Liaison and Delegate

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

Resolution #2026-01-08 - Appoint Andrew Pizzulo, Steve Rogaski and Jennifer Dodd as Governing Board's designees for Public Records Training

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

Resolution #2026-01-09 – Approve Governing Board Policy

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the following revised Governing Board policy.

- HR-12 – Severance Pay

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

Board Member Comments

Ms. Fortlage advised the group to keep an eye on the number of fraud cases in Minnesota.

Mr. Klepacz thanked the group for nominating him as Governing Board President. He also inquired about the new contact information for technology support.

Dr. Krol reminded the group about the Treasurer's self-evaluation being due at the next board meeting.

Mr. Miceli reminded the group that the Superintendent's contract will be expiring this year and that an executive session will be needed for the January 22 governing board meeting.

Resolution #2026-01-10 - Meeting Adjournment

Time: 9:55 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 22, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrew Pizzulo, Treasurer

Minutes approved 1/22/2026



President



Treasurer