

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, March 19, 2026

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call –

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

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2026-03-01 - Approve Agenda

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Christine Krol

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

Motion approved 5-0

The Superintendent discussed and/or reviewed the following items with the Governing Board:

- House Bill 684
- Department of Labor Essex Lease
- Personnel Changes (Consent Agenda)

Resolution #2026-03-02 - Acceptance of February 2026 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, 2026, which include the following reports: General Fund Financial Report, Cash Position Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments, and Bank Reconciliation.

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

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The Treasurer provided an update on the audit and discussed an intern partnership between Shared Services Alliance (SSA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO).

Resolution #2026-03-03 - 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 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. Renewal of Administrative Contracts 2026-2027
- d. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- e. List of OSTs Substitute Renewals
- f. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List
- g. Approve ESCNEO Office Calendar for 2026-2027
- h. James E. Betts Contract - April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

Other Board Business

Board Member Reports and Comments

Ms. Fortlage mentioned that she would be attending today's Technology Committee meeting and complimented Anna Tieri on the Insurance Committee minutes.

Mr. Klepacz discussed the joint Facilities and Teaching and Learning Committee meetings. He also mentioned that copier leases are expiring soon, and ESCNEO administration would be seeking new bids. Mr. Klepacz complimented the administrative assistants on their coverage of the front desk. And lastly, he asked the administration to explore the Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO).

Dr. Krol mentioned that she attended the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting. She also discussed the possible restructuring of the State Support Team regions throughout Ohio, along with the Career Pathways grant.

Mr. Miceli complimented Anna Tieri for a job well done on the Insurance Committee meeting minutes.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. mentioned that he would also be attending today's Technology Committee meeting.

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Future Agenda Items

Adjournment - Resolution #2026-03-04 Time: 10:52 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

*****Technology Committee Meeting immediately following today’s meeting.*****

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Governing Board Work Session – April 7, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Insurance Committee Meeting – April 23, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Governing Board Meeting – April 30, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrew Pizzulo, Treasurer

Minutes approved 4/30/2026



President



Treasurer

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