

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, August 21, 2025

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:31 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 #2025-08-01 - Approve Agenda

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 #2025-08-02 – Rescind and Replace Governing Board Policy

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio rescinds the following Governing Board policy and replaces it with a revised version.

- HB-6: Drug Free Workplace

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 #2025-08-01.01 – Amend and Approve Governing Board Policy

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio rescinds the following Governing Board policy and replaces it with the amended version.

- HB-6: Drug Free Workplace

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 #2025-08-03 – 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 policies.

- FO-12: Uniform Federal Grant and Procurement Guidelines
- GB-1: Meetings

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 #2025-08-04 – Authorize the Superintendent to Enter into an Agreement with Monday.com

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Monday.com in the amount of \$23,868.00 for workflow and customer relations management software.

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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The Superintendent reported that Craig Burford, Executive Director of the Ohio Educational Service Center Association, will now have an office at ESCNEO Essex Place. He will work three days a week at Essex Place and two days at his Columbus office. The Superintendent also asked board members about their plans to attend the upcoming AESA Conference in Colorado. Lastly, he reminded the group that the Teaching & Learning Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow, Friday, August 22.

Resolution #2025-08-05 - Accept the July 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 July 31, 2025 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2025-08-06 - Accept the July 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 July 1 to July 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

The Treasurer talked about the Finance Committee meeting and provided a handout outlining ESC Programs and Ohio Substitute Teacher Services (OSTS).

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Resolution #2025-08-07 - 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 July 31, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. OSTS New Teacher Substitutes
- d. OSTS Substitute Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wage List
- f. List of 2025-2026 Credentialed Evaluators
- g. CMP Communications Agreement 2025-2027

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

Other Board Business

Board Policy Discussion

- GB-8: Service Fund
- GB-9: Board Member Expense Reimbursement

Resolution #2025-08-08 - 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: **11:16 a.m.**

Time Exit: **12:35 p.m.**

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Board Member Reports and Comments

Ms. Fortlage commented that she attended three committee meetings.

Mr. Klepacz commented that he would be attending the upcoming Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.

Dr. Krol talked about the Policy Committee meeting.

Mr. Miceli commented that he attended the Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. commented that he attended the Technology and Facilities Committee meetings.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment - Resolution #2025-08-09 Time: 12:50 p.m.

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

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 – Governing Board Work Session

Thursday, September 11, 2025 – Retirement Party for Basalla at Parma Tavern 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Thursday, September 25, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m. – Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, September 25, 2025 – Facilities Committee Meeting immediately following the board meeting

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 09/25/2025

Christine A. Krol

President

[Signature]

Treasurer

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