

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, June 25, 2026

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m.

Roll Call –

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

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2026-06-04 - Approve Agenda as Amended

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 #2026-06-05 – Approve Personnel Recommendations

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Personnel Recommendations through June 30, 2026.

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 #2026-06-06 – Approve New Governing Board Policy

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio adopts the following Governing Board Policy.

- PR-9 - Artificial Intelligence

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Christine Krol

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2026-06-07 – Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Classified Employees

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall reduce in force within the ranks of non-teaching (classified) staff, through the suspension of their 2026-2027 employment contract (s) for financial conditions pursuant to Section 3319.172 of the Ohio Revised Code as determined by the Superintendent. The Treasurer is directed to give written notice of this action no later than June 30, 2026.

- Sincere Atkinson, Twinsburg – Security Liaison
- Kevin Schmoll, Twinsburg – Security Liaison
- Liza Sepulveda, Richmond Heights – Educational Aide
- Michelle Hodgson, Richmond Heights – Educational Aide
- DeLisa Lander, Richmond Heights - Educational Aide

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 Superintendent discussed Governor Dewine’s push for Literacy and Workforce Development as he rounds out his gubernatorial term.

Resolution #2026-06-07.01 - 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 holding a conference with legal counsel concerning a pending or imminent court action per ORC 3358:17-1-04.2.

Time Enter: **10:01 a.m.**

Time Exit: **10:23 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

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Resolution #2026-06-08 - Accept the May 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 May 31, 2026, which include the following reports: General Fund Financial Report, Cash Position Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments, and Bank Reconciliation.

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 #2026-06-09 - Approve Final FY 2025-2026 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 \$153,654,642.38. Also included in this resolution, the Governing Board approves year-end transfers in the amount of \$28,486.53 and year-end advances in the amount of \$150,000.

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

Resolution #2026-06-10 - Approve Temporary Appropriations for FY 2026-2027

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby approves the Temporary Appropriations for FY 2026-2027 in the amount of \$36,765,860.27.

Motion: Christine Krol; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2026-06-11 – 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 **(\$150.80)** for expenses incurred.

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

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

Abstention: Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2026-06-12 – 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 George Klepacz **(\$110.93)** 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 #2026-06-13 – 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 Carol Fortlage **(\$52.20)** for expenses incurred.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Christine Krol

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

Abstention: Carol Fortlage

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2026-06-14 – 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 Anthony Miceli **(\$507.79)** for expenses incurred.

Motion: Christine Krol; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Abstention: Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 4-0

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Resolution #2026-06-15 – 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 William L. Morrison, Jr. **(\$790.83)** for expenses incurred.

Motion: Christine Krol; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Abstention: William L. Morrison, Jr.

Motion approved 4-0

The Treasurer discussed the Property and Liability Insurance renewal contract for FY27 and informed the board of his intentions to present an update on the ESC credit card usage at the upcoming governing board work session in July.

Resolution #2026-06-16 - 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 June 16, 2026 Special Meeting Board Work Session
- b. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- c. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages
- d. Property and Liability Insurance Contract 7-01-2026 thru 6-30-2027
- e. ~~State Auditor Agreement~~
- f. 2026-2027 Salaries for Positive Education Program Staff
- g. 2026-2027 Salaries for Bright Beginnings Staff

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

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Board Member Reports and Comments

Ms. Fortlage commented on several items that were discussed at the recent Technology Committee meeting, including phone system changes and upgrades, instructional technology usage, and the success of digital dashboards in client districts.

Mr. Klepacz commented on his attendance at the recent Teaching and Learning Committee meeting. He also talked about Ohio's IMTSS statewide framework. Lastly, he complimented Dr. Krol on her overview of ESC's services and departments.

Dr. Krol commented that the Teaching and Learning department is at the core of ESC's work. While acknowledging the importance of all committees, she emphasized that Teaching and Learning is the heart of the organization. Dr. Krol also presented an overview of ESC departments, programs, and services, noting that the organization is consistently evolving.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. commented that the Technology Committee meeting was very informative. He noted that he learned more about the technology the organization has in place and utilizes. He also expressed how impressed he was with the assistance provided by Jae Hamilton.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment - Resolution #2026-06-17 Time: 11:21 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

***Next Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.***

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Minutes submitted by Andrew Pizzulo, Treasurer

Minutes approved 7/14/2026

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President

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Treasurer

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