

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, July 31, 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 #2025-07-03 - Approve Agenda

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2025-07-04 – Approve ESC of Northeast Ohio Central Office Position

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall approve the following Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Central Office position, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Leadership Services Consultant

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

Motion approved 4-1

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Resolution #2025-07-05 - Approve Alternative Administrator License

Be It Resolved, having satisfied the requirements for an Alternative Principal License set forth in O.A.C. 3301-24-11, the Governing Board hereby employs Alyssa Clark effective August 1, 2025 as an Assistant Principal for grades K-12 assigned to the Positive Education Program - Prentiss. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, pursuant to O.A.C. 3301-24-11(A), to request that Alyssa Clark be issued a one-year alternative principal license for grades K-12.

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

The Superintendent presented his self-evaluation to the board and included a handout for reference. He also gave an update on the Twinsburg School District Superintendent search.

Resolution #2025-07-06 - Accept the June 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 June 30, 2025 including the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

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

Resolution #2025-07-07 - Accept the June 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 June 1 to June 30, 2025.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Motion approved 5-0

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The Treasurer reported that we have 13 days of cash-on-hand; 42 days including subsidy funds. Next, he explained the small cost changes to the State Auditor agreement (in the Consent Agenda). Lastly, he reminded board members of the upcoming Finance Committee meeting scheduled for August 12, immediately following the Governing Board Work Session.

Resolution #2025-07-08 - 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 5, 2025 Special Meeting
- b. ~~Minutes of June 26, 2025 Regular Meeting*~~
- c. ~~Minutes of July 2, 2025 Special Meeting*~~
- d. List of Personnel Changes
- e. OSTS Substitute Teacher Renewals
- f. OSTS New Substitute Teachers
- g. Positive Education Monthly Supplemental Wage List
- h. State Auditor Agreement

** Items “b” and “c” were pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.*

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2025-07-08-01 – Approve Revised Items from Consent Agenda

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the suggested changes to items “b” and “c” on 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

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Other Board Business

Resolution #2025-07-09 - Approve Professional Development for Board Members

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approve the following professional development events for board members as an approved training program for board compensation:

OSBA Capital Conference: November 16 -18, 2025 (Columbus, OH)

AESA Annual Conference: December 3 – 5, 2025 (Colorado Springs, CO)

NSBA Annual Conference: April 10 - 12, 2026 (San Antonio, TX)

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 Reports and Comments

Ms. Fortlage commented that there are two Independence City School Board Members up for re-election.

Dr. Krol read a thank you that she received from the Cuyahoga Heights senior who received this year's ESC Humanitarian Award. She also reminded members to write and send her their comments for the Superintendent's evaluation before the next Governing Board Work Session.

Mr. Miceli mentioned that Richmond Heights has a levy on the ballot and that the city faces serious cuts if the levy does not pass. He also talked about the governor's property tax commission.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment - Resolution #2025-07-10 Time: 11:42 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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Policy Committee Meeting immediately following today's board meeting.

Next Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings
Governing Board Work Session – August 12, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.
Finance Committee Meeting – August 12, 2025 *
Technology Committee Meeting – August 20, 2025 @ 2:30 p.m.
Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting – August 22, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.

** Immediately following the Governing Board Work Session*

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 08/21/2025

Christine A. Krol

President



Treasurer

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