

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – Thursday, July 30, 2026

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:31 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 #2026-07-04 - Approve Agenda

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 #2026-07-05 – Approve Personnel Recommendations

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Personnel Recommendations through July 31, 2026.

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 #2026-07-06 – Approve North Coast Therapy Associates, LLC (NCTA) Contract

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the service agreement between the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio and North Coast Therapy Associates, LLC.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2026-07-06.01 – Approve Two-Year Alternative Administrative License

Be It Resolved, having satisfied the requirements for an Alternative Administrative Administrative Specialist License set forth in O.A.C. 3301-24-11, the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby employs Carmen Daniel effective August 1, 2026, as the Interim Director of Heights Career Technical Planning District. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, pursuant to O.A.C. 3301-24-11 (A), to request that Carmen Daniel be issued a two-year alternative administrative administrative license.

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 provided an update on the year-end directors' meetings. He also mentioned that he would give an update on his progress report at the upcoming governing board work session on August 11. Lastly, he informed the board that the ESCNEO might be involved in a news story related to an investigation at Beford Heights School District.

Resolution #2026-07-07 - Accept the June 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 June 30, 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 Christine Krol

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2026-07-08 - Approve Transfer

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby approves a transfer of the following:

From: 006-9900 (PEP Food Service)

To: 019-9900 (PEP Main Account)

Amount: \$338,337.95

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2026-07-09 - Approve FY2027 Appropriation Amendment

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby approves the following Appropriation Amendment:

Fund: 461
 Original Appropriation: \$0.00
 Amended Appropriation: \$878,447.72
 Reason: CPSN Grant

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 #2026-07-10 - Approve Unclaimed Funds Transfer

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby approves a transfer of the following:

From: 022-9200 (Unclaimed Funds)
 To: 001-0000 (General Fund)
 Amount: \$15,743.60
 Reason: ORC § 9.39 – Unclaimed funds greater than five years

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 Treasurer reminded the group of the upcoming Finance Committee meeting on August 11, immediately following the governing board work session. He informed the group that we changed investment brokerage firms and will now use RedTree.

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Resolution #2026-07-11 - 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 14, 2026, Special Meeting Board Work Session
- b. OSTs Substitute Teacher Renewals
- c. OSTs New Substitute Teachers
- d. Positive Education Monthly Supplemental Wage List
- e. Positive Education Performance-Based Supplemental FY26
- f. State Auditor Agreement

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion approved 5-0

Other Board Business

Resolution #2026-07-12 - 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 15 -17, 2026 (Columbus, OH)

AESA Annual Conference: December 2 – 4, 2026 (Orlando, FL)

NSBA Annual Conference: April 2 - 4, 2027 (Washington, DC)

Motion: Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Christine Krol

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

Motion approved 5-0

Board Member Reports and Comments

Mr. Klepacz gave an update from the recent facilities committee meeting and commented on the new electronic signage outside of each conference room, noting that the signs look good.

Dr. Krol also gave an update from the facilities committee meeting, mentioning that the landscaping and parking lot maintenance was completed by Dalad. She then reported that the front desk support position was

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still in progress. Dr. Krol also talked about the Department of Labor renewing its lease for another five years. Lastly, she mentioned that the City of Independence may have a levy on the ballot in November.

Mr. Miceli informed the group that the Cleveland Browns organization is paying for a new field for Richmond Heights School, but is not covering the stands or track. They are seeking ways to raise money to cover the costs of the stands and track.

Mr. Morrison, Jr., reported that there was a crack in the floor tile in one of the elevators.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment - Resolution #2026-07-13 Time: 10:48 a.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

Next Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrew Pizzulo, Treasurer

Minutes approved 8/11/2026



President



Treasurer

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