

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, August 27, 2026

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:35 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

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2026-08-05 - Approve Agenda

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2026-08-06 – Approve Personnel Recommendations

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the attached Personnel Recommendations through August 31, 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

The Superintendent distributed copies of his goals and objectives. The group agreed to reschedule the upcoming September board meeting to Friday, September 25.

Resolution #2026-08-07 - Accept the July 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 July 31, 2026, which include the following reports: General Fund Financial Report, Cash Position Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments, and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

The Treasurer gave a forecast update and discussed the recent Cuyahoga County School Treasurers' meeting.

Resolution #2026-08-07.01 – Modify Minutes from July 30, 2026 Board Meeting

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 #2026-08-08 - 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 August 11, 2026, Special Meeting Board Work Session
- b. OSTS New Teacher Substitutes
- c. OSTS Substitute Renewals
- d. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wage List
- e. List of 2026-2027 Credentialed Evaluators
- f. Modified Minutes of the July 30, 2026 Board Meeting

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

Other Board Business

Resolution #2026-08-09 – Approve Professional Development for Board Members

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

- Pepple & Waggoner School Law Update Seminars:
 - September 10, 2026 - Westerville, OH - Quest Conference Center
 - September 17, 2026 - Canton, OH – Glenmoor Country Club
 - September 24, 2026 - Independence, OH – Holiday Inn Cleveland South

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Christine Krol

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2026-08-10 - 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: **10:40 a.m.**

Time Exit: **12:15 p.m.**

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion approved 5-0

Board Member Reports and Comments

Ms. Fortlage discussed attending the Finance Committee meeting on August 11 and requested an updated ESCNEO Talking Points document.

Mr. Klepacz discussed the Independence Schools 1.25M renewal levy on the ballot this fall and the continuation of the voucher lawsuit with a 4-1 vote.

Mr. Miceli also attended the Finance Committee meeting on August 11.

Future Agenda Items

- Provide Financial History of Departments

Adjournment - Resolution #2026-08-11 Time: 12:27 p.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

Minutes submitted by Andrew Pizzulo, Treasurer

Minutes approved 9/25/2026



President



Treasurer