

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

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Friday, February 20, 2026***

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Roll Call –**

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

**Public Participation** – There was none.

**Resolution #2026-02-01 - Approve 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***

The Superintendent discussed the following items with the Governing Board:

- Recent work with BASA
- Future of Public Education Roundtable
- Senator Jon Husted Meeting, Workforce Development
- Review of Personnel Agenda

**Resolution #2026-02-02 – Acceptance of December 2025 Bank Reconciliation**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Treasurer’s December 2025 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***

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**Resolution #2026-02-03 – Acceptance of January 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 January 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 Christine Krol

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

The Treasurer presented the five-year financial forecast to the group and provided an update on the audit.

**Resolution #2026-02-04 - 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 January 22, 2026 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- d. List of OSTs Substitute Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Other Board Business**

**Resolution #2026-02-05 – 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 10:42 a.m.**

**Time Exit 11:55 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 #2026-02-05.01- Authorize Contract for the Superintendent of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Board President to enter into a contract with Dr. Robert Mengerink as Superintendent of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio for the period of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2028.

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*

**Board Member Reports and Comments**

Ms. Fortlage discussed taxes in the state of Florida.

Dr. Krol talked about the Cuyahoga Heights School Board being down one board member. She also discussed the Allen County ESC Superintendent's letter summary.

**Future Agenda Items**

**Adjournment - Resolution #2026-02-06      Time: 12:07 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*

**Upcoming Meetings**

*Special Meeting - Board Work Session – March 3, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.*

*Regular Board Meeting – March 19, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.*

*Minutes submitted by Andrew Pizzulo, Treasurer*

*Minutes approved 3/19/2026*



President



Treasurer

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