

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, September 25, 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, Steve Rogaski, Bruce Basalla

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2025-09-01 - 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 #2025-09-02 – Approve Alternative Principal 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 of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby employs Heather Rebeck effective August 1, 2025, as a Principal for grades K-12 assigned to the Education Alternatives Program. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, pursuant to O.A.C. 3301-24-11(A), to request that Heather Rebeck be issued a one-year alternative principal license for grades K-12.

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 #2025-09-03 – Approve Governing Board Policy

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the following revised Governing Board policies.

- GB-8: Service Fund
- GB-9: Board Member Expense Reimbursement

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Nays: Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 4-1

The Superintendent provided the group with an update on the GEAR UP initiative.

Resolution #2025-09-04 - Acceptance of the August 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 August 31, 2025 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, and Schedule of Investments.

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 #2025-09-05 - Acceptance of the August 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 August 1 to August 31, 2025.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2025-09-06 - Approve the Permanent Appropriations for FY2025-2026

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Permanent Appropriations of \$137,050,309 for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

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 Treasurer provided an overview of investments and shared an update on the ongoing audit. He noted that Eileen Stanic from Meeder Investments typically attends the September board meeting to present on investment matters; however, she was unavailable this month and is expected to present at the October meeting instead. The Treasurer also expressed gratitude to the Governing Board for their support and collaboration throughout his tenure and bid them farewell, as this was his final board meeting before retirement.

Resolution #2025-09-07 - 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 21, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- d. List of OSTs Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wage List
- f. Revised Credentialed Evaluators List FY26

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

Oath of Office for Treasurer – Andrew Pizzulo

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Other Board Business

Resolution #2025-09-08 - Executive Session

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio enters Executive Session for the purpose of discussing: 1) employment and 2) compensation of employees of the board per ORC 121.22 (G).

Time Enter: **10:26 a.m.** Time Exit: **10:41 a.m.**

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by William L. Morrison, Jr.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2025-09-08.01- Approve Salary for ESC of Northeast Ohio Superintendent

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the new salary for the Superintendent for the 2025-26 fiscal year in the amount of \$286,000, effective August 1, 2025.

Motion: William L. Morrison, Jr.; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Motion approved 5-0

Board Member Reports and Comments

Dr. Krol recognized the Treasurer for his dedicated years of service to the ESC of Northeast Ohio and presented him with a gift on behalf of the Board.

Future Agenda Items

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Adjournment - Resolution #2025-09-09 Time: 10:50 a.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

Today's Facilities Committee Meeting was cancelled.

Upcoming Meetings

October 2, 2025 Insurance Committee Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

October 10, 2025 Governing Board Work Session at 9:30 a.m.

October 30, 2025 Governing Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Conferences

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)

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 10/30/2025

Christine A. Krol

President

Bruce Basalla

Treasurer

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