

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

***REGULAR MEETING AGENDA - Thursday, January 22, 2026***

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:32 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 #2026-01-11 - Approve Agenda**

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 #2026-01-12 – Approve Pick-Up Pay for Deputy Director of OESCA**

**Be It Resolved**, in accordance with O.R.C. Chapter 3307 and in addition to paying the employer’s share of the STRS contributions as required by law, the Governing Board hereby agrees to “pick-up” (pay directly) the employee’s share (in the amount of 14%) of the employee’s total retirement system contribution to the STRS for the position of Deputy Director of the Ohio Educational Service Center Association (“OESCA Deputy Director”). The OESCA Deputy Director is an administrator employed by the ESCNEO pursuant to O.R.C. 3319.02. This pick-up shall be a condition of the OESCA Deputy Director’s employment by the Governing Board and shall not be at the employee’s option. It is the intention of the parties that this picked-up amount be included in the employee’s compensation for the purpose of calculating retirement benefits.

Motion: William L. Morrison, Jr.; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Nays: Carol Fortlage

***Motion approved 4-1***

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The Superintendent provided an update on his quarterly progress report for the 2025-26 goals and objectives. He also distributed the annual OSBA Certificates of Appreciation to each board member. Finally, the group discussed the recent personnel changes.

### **Resolution #2026-01-13 – Acceptance of December 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 December 31, 2025, which include the following reports: General Fund Financial Report, Cash Position Report by Fund, and Schedule of Investments.

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 discussed his evaluation with the group and provided the biannual report on credit card usage.

### **Resolution #2026-01-14 - 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 December 18, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes of January 8, 2026 Organizational Meeting
- c. List of Personnel Changes
- d. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- e. List of OSTs Substitute Renewals
- f. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List

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 #2026-01-15 – 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: 11:05 a.m.      Time Exit 11:48 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*

**Board Member Reports and Comments**

Ms. Fortlage commented on the dental plan premiums. She also mentioned the Independence Schools building meeting. Lastly, Ms. Fortlage discussed her winter schedule with the group.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. thanked Dr. Mengerink for sending board packets on Friday. He also thanked board members for the vice president nomination and vote.

**Future Agenda Items**

**Adjournment -Resolution #2026-01-16      Time: 12:02 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*

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**Upcoming Meetings**

*Governing Board Work Session – Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.*

*Governing Board Meeting – Friday, February 20, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.*

*Minutes submitted by Andrew Pizzulo, Treasurer*

*Minutes approved 2/20/2026*



President



Treasurer