

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING - Friday, May 8, 2026

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 1:41 p.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 #2026-05-01 - Approve Agenda as Amended

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion approved 5-0

Presentation – Director of Special Education Position

Resolution #2026-05-02 – Approve Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Central Office Position

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall approve the following Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Central Office position, as recommended by the Superintendent.

- Director of Special Education

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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The Superintendent provided an update on his progress report. He also informed the group that the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for 2026-27 staff salaries would be 2%.

The Treasurer discussed property tax advances, stating that he had a meeting with Fiscal Officer Michael Chambers.

Other Board Business

Board Member Reports and Comments

Ms. Fortlage commented that the Independence levy failed. She mentioned that she was impressed by the campaign but was not sure of the next steps for the city.

Mr. Klepacz expressed his disappointment with the failure of the Independence levy.

Dr. Krol was also disappointed with the failure of the Independence levy. She also acknowledged ESCNEO’s sponsorship of the PEP Rally for Kids event.

Mr. Miceli also acknowledged ESCNEO’s sponsorship of the PEP Rally for Kids event. He also mentioned that Richmond Heights is facing cuts.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. discussed the Richmond Heights Humanitarian Awards ceremony.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment - Resolution #2026-05-03 Time: 3:48 p.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

Upcoming Meetings

May 28, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.

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Minutes submitted by Andrew Pizzulo, Treasurer

Minutes approved 5/28/2026



President



Treasurer