



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**The Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve**  
**Tuesday, March 4, 2025; 5:45 p.m.**  
**Board Meeting was in Person**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-President Mr. Timothy Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present in Person: Mr. Cahill, Dr. Culotta, Mr. Hach, Mrs. Percic, Mr. Remias, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Walter  
Absent: Mr. Burnett, Mr. Kent

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS**

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**TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Treasurer's report**

- Board Members Life Insurance Choice:
- In accordance with ORC 3313.202 Mr. Timothy Snyder, Governing Board Member has elected to enroll in the supplemental life insurance program offered through the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve for calendar year 2025. Mr. Snyder will be responsible for payment of one hundred percent (100%) of the premium for the life insurance plan. This statement meets the requirements referenced to in ORC 3313.202

**MOTION: 33-2025**

Mr. Walter moved and Mr. Hach seconded to approve the Board Minutes of the January 29, 2025 Emergency Special Meeting of the Board as written.

Vote: Mr. Walter, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes;  
Vice President declared the motion carried

**MOTION: 34-2025**

Mr. Hach moved and Mrs. Percic seconded the motion to approve the Board Minutes of the February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting as written. (EXHIBIT MINUTES)

Vote: Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Walter, yes  
Vice President declared the motion carried

**MOTION: 35-2025**

Mr. Remias moved and Dr. Culotta seconded the motion to approve the January 31, 2025 Financial Reports.

Vote: Mr. Remias, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Walter, yes  
Vice President declared the motion carried

**MOTION: 36-2025**

Mr. Walter moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion to approve amendments to the permanent appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Vote: Mr. Walter, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes;  
Vice President declared the motion carried

**MOTION: 37-2025**

Mrs. Percic moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion to approve the following donations:

- Cash donation from The Lakeland Foundation in the amount of \$250.00 for the iSTEM Career Exploration Day.

Vote: Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Walter, yes  
Vice President declared the motion carried

## **SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS**

### **Superintendent's Report**

1. Auburn Career Center - Superintendent Search
2. Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District - Chief Financial Officer/ Treasurer Search
3. Cleveland Diocese and Principal Leadership Conference
4. State Support Team and proposed restructure
5. Press releases - News Herald and Maple Leaf
6. Portage County Schools and Special Education Expansion
7. Northeast Ohio Legislative Brunch - March 14, 2025

### **MOTION: 38-2025**

Mr. Remias moved and Mr. Cahill seconded the motion to approve the 2024-25 District Service Agreements and/or Addendums.

#### **2024-2025 Addendums**

- Berkshire Local - Preschool - Consulting Services
- Buckeye Local - SAIL
- Painesville City Local - Curriculum - Math Services
- West Geauga Local - Curriculum - Pre-apprenticeship Consulting Services
- West Geauga Local - Related Services - Occupational Therapy Services
- West Geauga Local - Related Services - Psychologist Services
- Willoughby-Eastake City - Curriculum Services - Consulting Services

Vote: Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Walter, yes;  
Vice President declared the motion carried

### **MOTION: 39-2025**

Dr. Culotta moved and Mr. Hach seconded the motion to approve the following Service Agreements.

- Cleveland Catholic Diocese-Agreement for ESCWR to handle all aspects of their 2025 Leadership Conference on November 12-15, 2025. This agreement includes binding the Diocese to all vendor contracts, upon their approval, collecting all revenue and payment of expenses. Any net revenue remains with ESCWR for services rendered.
- ESC of Central Ohio- ESCCO will pay ESCWR up to \$24,000 for Curriculum staff to support the Algebra 2 Equivalent Implementation and Support project for the 2024-2025 school year.

Vote: Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Walter, yes;  
Vice President declared the motion carried

### **MOTION: 40-2025**

Dr. Culotta moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion to approve the following Partnership Agreements:

- Fiscal and Business Services Partnership Agreement—Approve the creation of a Fiscal and Business Services Partnership between ESCWR, NEONet, and Summit County ESC to provide Districts with support and staffing in areas of need. The partnership will be effective from January 2025 to June 2025.
- Fiscal and Business Services Partnership Agreement—Approve the extension of the Fiscal and Business Services Partnership between ESCWR, NEONet, and Summit County ESC to provide Districts with support and staffing in areas of need. The partnership will be effective from July 2025 to June 2026.

Vote: Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Walter, yes;  
Vice President declared the motion carried

### **MOTION: 41-2025**

Mr. Walter moved and Mr. Cahill seconded the motion to accept the following Grant Awards:

- Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities - Accept an award of \$82,125.85 for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025, for lease expenses at the Metzenbaum Center, located at 8200 Cedar Road, Chesterland, Ohio, for ESCWR preschool and vocational programming.
- Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio - Accept an award for the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce STOP Grant for Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG) training and coaching across Northeast Ohio. Awards will be made based on item 4 of the agreement, with all sessions completed by June 30, 2025.
- Starting Point - Award for Geauga Preschool Student, Parent Anna Cole, for \$216.67 monthly tuition from February to May 2025.

Vote: Mr. Walter, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes;  
Vice President declared the motion carried

**MOTION: 42-2025**

Mr. Remias moved and Mr. Cahill seconded the motion to approve the following Vendor Agreements:

- Dr. Lonny Rivera - Dr. Rivera, Superintendent of Perkins Local Schools and former Interim Superintendent of the Ohio Department of Education, will offer various professional development sessions to educators in Northeast Ohio during Fiscal years 2025 and 2026. Sessions will be customized based on district requests for length and topic and include mileage and hotel, as applicable, not to exceed \$10,000. Billed as contracted.
- Fairmount Center for the Arts - Conduct arts sessions at Summer SideKicks 2025. The total cost for one music and one dance session should not exceed \$364.32. The sessions will be billed to Summer SideKicks accounts.
- Frontline - Absence and Substitute Management System from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, for \$5,620.59 billed to programs

Vote: Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Walter, yes;  
Vice President declared the motion carried

**MOTION: 43-2025**

Mr. Walter moved and Mr. Hach seconded the motion to approve the following Human Resources items: Suspension of Contracts; Amendments, New Employees, Renewals, Supplementals, Separations, Leave of Absence requests and Summer Positions.

Vote: Mr. Walter, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes;  
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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Lake County Business Advisory Council (BAC) - April 03, 2025 at 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
  - ESCWR TLC Building Room 106, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- Regular Board Meeting - April 08, 2025, at 5:45 PM
  - ESCWR TLC Building Room 124, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- Geauga County Business Advisory Council (BAC) - April 08, 2025 at 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
  - 12611 Ravenwood Dr., Chardon, OH 44024.
- Lake County Business Advisory Council (BAC) - May 08, 2025 at 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
  - ESCWR TLC Building Room 106, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- Geauga County Business Advisory Council (BAC) - May 13, 2025 at 8:00 am - 9:30 am
  - 12611 Ravenwood Dr., Chardon, OH 44024.
- Ohio Ethics Commission Annual Financial Disclosure Statement filing deadline, Thursday, May 15, 2025 - Tentative
- ESCWR All Staff Strategic Plan Meeting - May 15, 2025
  - ESCWR Hale Road Building, 56 Hale Road, Painesville, OH 44077 and Virtual Option
- Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 5:45 PM
  - ESCWR Hale Road Building, 56 Hale Road, Painesville, OH 44077
- Regular Board Meeting - June 03, 2025 at 5:45 PM
  - ESCWR TLC Building Room 124, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 5:45 PM
  - ESCWR TLC Building Room 124, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077

**MOTION: 44-2025**

Mr. Walter moved and Dr. Culotta seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:14 p.m.

Vote: Mr. Walter, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes;  
Vice President declared the motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT**  
Geoffrey Kent, Board President  
L. Greg Slemmons, Treasurer/CFO