

**NORTHWEST INDIANA SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**  
**2150 W. 97<sup>th</sup> PLACE**  
**CROWN POINT, IN. 46307**  
**May 20, 2026**

1. Mrs. Smith-Gomez called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Mr. Keehn took roll call. The following members were recorded as present: Mrs. Erica Smith-Gomez for Highland, Mr. Bradley Keehn for Hobart, Mrs. Louise Neese for Lake Ridge, Mr. Kevin Music for Lake Station and Mrs. Tara Beilke for Hanover. There was no representation for Tri-Creek or River Forest.
3. Mrs. Smith-Gomez asked for comments or questions on agenda items from the audience. There were none.

4. **Personnel:**

Mrs. Horn recommended approval to the following personnel actions:

**A. Retirement**

None at this time.

**B. Resignations**

Administrative

*Dr. Rebecca Harkema*, District Director for NISEC, effective June 30, 2026.

**C. Terminations**

None at this time.

**D. Appointments**

Administrative

*Dr. Rebecca Harkema*, Director of Special Education, effective July 1, 2026.

**E. Independent Contracts**

None at this time.

**F. Leave of Absence**

None at this time.

**G. Conference Leave**

None at this time.

**H. Other**

None at this time.

Mrs. Beilke moved for Board approval of the personnel report, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Neese and passed unanimously.

5. Mrs. Smith-Gomez asked for comments or questions from the Board. There were none.
6. Mrs. Smith-Gomez asked for comments or questions from the Audience. There were none.
7. Mr. Keehn moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Neese and passed unanimously.