

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board's Regular Meeting held on April 24, 2026, at 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, Ohio.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Barry Alcock, Board President at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. Barry Alcock - Present

Dr. Amy Barnes - Present

Ms. Susan Kish - Present

Mrs. Krissy Machamer - Present

Mrs. Lorraine Pennyman - Present

Staff Present:

Dr. Thomas Goodney – Superintendent

Mr. David Weaver – CFO/Treasurer

Mrs. Lori Lofton – Deputy Superintendent

Ms. Jackie Dieter – Assistant Treasurer

Ms. Tara Harris – Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Guest Present:

Mr. Michael Sawyers

Barry Alcock, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.01 ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC 121.22 (G)

(1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, license or regulated individual.

(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

It was moved by Ms. Kish and seconded by Mrs. Pennyman that the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board convene to executive session at 10:01 am.

Vote to adjourn to executive session

Roll Call: Mr. Alcock, yea; Dr. Barnes, yea; Ms. Kish, yea; Mrs. Machamer, yea; Mrs. Pennyman, yea.

Motion passed.

2.02 RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AT 10:14 am

3.01 APPROVED ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Machamer that the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board approve the adoption of the agenda of April 24, 2026, Regular Board meeting.

Roll Call: Mr. Alcock, yea; Dr. Barnes, yea; Ms. Kish, yea; Mrs. Machamer, yea; Mrs. Pennyman, yea.

Motion passed.

3.02 APPROVED THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Kish and seconded by Dr. Barnes that the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board approve the minutes of the:

- March 27, 2026, Regular Board meeting
- April 13, 2026, Special Board meeting
- April 14, 2026, Special Board meeting

Roll Call: Mr. Alcock, yea; Dr. Barnes, yea; Ms. Kish, yea; Mrs. Machamer, yea; Mrs. Pennyman, yea.

Motion passed.

3.03 BOARD RESOLUTION TO EMPLOY THE ESC SUPERINTENDENT/CEO

It was moved by Ms. Kish and seconded by Mrs. Pennyman that the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board approve the resolution to employ Michael L. Sawyers as the Superintendent/CEO of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio.

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio ("the ESC") desires to employ Michael L. Sawyers as Superintendent of the ESC for an initial term of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2031, pursuant to Ohio law and in accordance with the provisions of the written contract as presented to this Board; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio does hereby:

- (1) authorize the President to execute such contract on behalf of this Board.
- (2) appoint Michael L. Sawyers as Superintendent of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio upon his likewise execution of the aforesaid contract pursuant to the terms of that contract.

(3) find and determine that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open and public meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll Call: Mr. Alcock, yea; Dr. Barnes, yea; Ms. Kish, yea; Mrs. Machamer, yea; Mrs. Pennyman, yea.
Motion passed.

3.04 APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ESC REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EASTLAND FAIRFIELD CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

It was moved by Mrs. Pennyman and seconded by Dr. Barnes that the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board appoint Krissy Machamer to serve on the Eastland Fairfield Technical & Career Center Board for a 3-year term effective April 27, 2026, through December 31, 2028. This is due to the resignation of ESC Board Member, Chris Lopez, effective April 1, 2026.

Roll Call: Mr. Alcock, yea; Dr. Barnes, yea; Ms. Kish, yea; Mrs. Machamer, abstained; Mrs. Pennyman, yea.
Motion passed.

5.01/ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. Kish and seconded by Dr. Barnes that the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board adopt the consent agenda.

Roll Call: Mr. Alcock, yea; Dr. Barnes, yea; Ms. Kish, yea; Mrs. Machamer, yea; Mrs. Pennyman, yea.
Motion passed.

5.02/APPROVED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR March 2026.

1. **Board Financial Updates.** *(For Information Purposes)*
2. **Investment Reports for March 2026** are on file in the Treasurer's Office.
3. **Bill List for March 2026.**

GENERAL FUND	\$676,257.34
FISCAL-OTHER SERVICES	(\$265,890.24)
DUBLIN	\$801,564.80
GAHANNA	\$471,185.25
GRANVIEW	\$46,487.58
HILLIARD	\$830,667.29

REYNOLDSBURG	\$210,312.02
WESTERVILLE	\$1,257,099.79
WHITEHALL	\$119,127.64
UPPER ARLINGTON	\$623,545.56
SOUTHWESTERN	\$354,625.55
BEXLEY	\$290,067.22
COLUMBUS	\$84,014.37
WORTHINGTON	\$521,251.58
HAMILTON	\$285,959.84
CANAL WINCHESTER	\$120,585.66
GROVEPORT MADISON	\$233,531.58
NEW ALBANY	\$217,682.13
DELAWARE	\$268,710.36
MARYSVILLE	\$62,962.18
NORTH UNION	\$8,716.02
OLENTANGY	\$2,759,837.93
BIG WALNUT	\$397,924.81
BUCKEYE VALLEY	\$310,718.89
FAIRBANKS	\$25,418.65
DELAWARE AREA CC	\$11,275.94
CHILLICOTHE	\$9,196.00
LICKING HEIGHTS	\$386,069.11
OCALI FAMILY & COMM	\$21,531.93
ADMIN STUDENT SERVICES	\$243,476.61
AUDIOLOGY	\$7,507.09
BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION	\$8,678.28
TRANSITION SPECIALIST	\$6,920.98
LOW INCIDENCE	\$195,490.68
HEARING IMPAIRED	\$180,815.16
VISUALLY IMPAIRED	\$11,009.34
ENGLISH LANGUAGE SRVS	\$33,108.09
BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT CLAS	\$31,469.05
STACK	\$619,774.38
CHANGES STUDENT SRVS	(\$21,587.70)
PROJECT SEARCH	\$12,479.54
DUESC	\$9,846.40
PSYCHOLOGY	\$7,109.46
REYNOLDSBURG PRESCHOOL	\$160,624.14
BEXLEY PRESCHOOL	\$14,227.92

PD ITINERANT	\$18,307.89
FAIRBANKS PRESCHOOL	\$16,329.94
CAMPUS BASED TRANSITION	\$47,361.04
SPEECH	\$83,166.23
STRIVE	\$87,748.91
RISE	\$77,929.16
VENTURES	\$162,087.12
VENTURES II	\$140,492.41
MENTAL HEALTH	\$874.80
APE	\$6,906.98
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	\$48,225.51
PHYSICAL THERAPY	\$8,178.14
ACHIEVEMENT	\$7,903.26
GIFTED	\$21,929.83
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING	\$96,998.27
SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$30,395.29
DIGITAL LEARNING	\$13,697.39
TUTORING OH DISTRICTS	\$10,208.27
PUBLICATION CENTER	\$14,632.48
COURT LIAISON	\$12,172.47
CONFERENCE CENTER	\$10,691.80
OCALI AIM & ONLINE PD	\$19,034.65
TEACH CS	\$70,742.17
MARBURN ACADEMY	\$584.04
ESC CLASS CONT TEACH CS	\$2,680.37
JONATHAN ALDER DISTRICT	\$7,799.85
WELLINGTON SCHOOLS	\$12,490.02
TOLLES TECHNICAL	\$5,410.92
NORTHRIDGE	\$35,368.83
LONDON CITY SCHOOLS	\$1,687.06
MARION CITY SCHOOLS	\$87,742.48
MCAT FY25	\$163,364.25
REGIONAL COACHES FY25	\$1,454,195.87
UNION CO MH PRJ AWR	\$35,782.68
LEADERSHIP TRAINING	\$22,579.09
PRIME FOR LIFE STHWSTN	\$791.33
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$33,929.60
ASPYR CONTRACT	\$8,386.05
HIGH SCHOOL TECH INTERN	\$355,066.50

OCALI DEW	\$661,324.32
OCALI CTR YOUNG CH DCY	\$176,616.05
OCALI EMPLOYMENT FIRST	\$14,492.24
OCALI SUPPRTING MSY	\$84,891.49
OCALI LIFESPANN	\$8,543.90
OCALI IWGA	\$14,295.06
CATHOLIC DIOCESE	\$60,843.45
FIELD SPECIALISTS	\$33,380.55
HSMP IMPLEMENTATN FY26	\$10,725.06
OCALI MCAT FY26	\$1,113.57
OCALI NCADEMI	(\$75.09)
PARAPROFESSIONAL TESTIN	\$2,750.00
COLUMBUS DESALES	\$86.73
COLLEGE CAREER SUCCESS	\$68,244.83
WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN	\$47,943.98
GRVPRT MADISON CHRISTIA	\$25,235.43
SHEPHERD CHRISTIAN	\$10,475.04
DELAWARE CHRISTIAN SCH	\$16,066.86
SOS	\$125,486.08
COLUMBUS ACADEMY	\$13,501.42
STAR HOUSE	\$220,280.22
OH ALLIAN FR HGH QUL ED	\$7,081.52
INVESTIGATIONS	\$19,933.04
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$58,700.62
OCECD	\$146,814.42
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	\$48,000.00
CONNECT US	\$774,787.30
FCFC CME 2026	\$751.34
FCFC ADMIN 2026	\$52,123.42
FCFC MS 2026	\$98,979.22
FCFC FED HMG EI 2026	\$304,927.98
FCFC EI OUTREACH	\$410.00
FCFC FED MS FCSS 2026	\$560.00
FCFC MSY FLEX 26	\$25,315.07
FCFC FED JFS BBL 2026	\$18,622.32
FCFC FAMLYVOICE	\$21.69
FCFC BBL 2026	\$20,540.94
FCFC CBO 2026	\$8,333.22
FCFC HC 5-21 2026	\$7,506.13

FCFC FED RREACT 2026	\$10,804.84
FCFC P4S ADMIN 26	\$28,941.98
FCFC FED P4S JFS 2026	\$20,220.26
EPSEA FY26	\$150,593.56
OHIO READING CORPS	\$67,937.30
MHJ DR BELL OSU SLRC	\$1,050.00
OCALI CONFERENCE	\$22,428.60
BACKGROUND CHECKS	\$11,218.91
SECTION 125	\$31,685.46
COBRA PREMIUM PAYMENTS	(\$23,674.90)
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PA	\$12.64
ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY	\$19,415.20
DELAWARE ARTS FESTIVAL	\$448.07
MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$714,377.99
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$33,672.00
WORKERS COMP	\$850.00
SST GRF FY26	\$18,686.43
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY INTER	\$4,983.85
CAREER PATHWAY SUPPORT	\$57,455.61
COLLEGE CAREER PLUS TEA	\$62,926.24
SST FAMILY ENGAGE FY26	\$689.91
SST IDEA FY26	\$190,327.79
SST URBAN REEL	\$8,543.65
SST ELD SSIP IDEA FY26	\$7,480.03
LEP TITLE III	\$42,040.81
ARSI AFGHAN FY25	\$2,064.29
EARLY RSI FY25	\$1,031.34
RSIG FY26	\$26,219.72
SST TITLE I FY26	\$19,759.01
SST ELD FY26	\$6,644.96
SST ELD SSIP FY26	\$2,246.98
OHIO READING CORPS	\$149,413.64
ASPYR ARHCO GRANT	\$3,390.66
SST SPDG MTSS LIT FY26	\$1,054.23
Total	\$20,779,829.63

5.03/APPROVED TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY FUND

1. Approved the total appropriations by fund for March 2026.

March 31, 2026 Appropriations

		February 28, 2026 Appropriations	March Increase (Decrease)	March 31, 2026 Appropriations
001	GENERAL OPERATIONS	\$ 15,637,236.66	\$ 428,895.12	\$ 16,066,131.78
001	ALL OTHER OPERATIONS	178,386,801.41	4,470,489.78	182,857,291.19
001	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 194,024,038.07	4,899,384.90	\$ 198,923,422.97
003	PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	\$ 660,699.59		\$ 660,699.59
018	PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$ 20,951.58		\$ 20,951.58
019	OTHER GRANTS	\$ 33,686,177.74		\$ 33,686,177.74
022	DISTRICT AGENCY	\$ 1,517,899.97		\$ 1,517,899.97
026	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AGENCY FUND	\$ 7,200,000.00		\$ 7,200,000.00
027	WORKERS COMPENSATION SELF INS	\$ 128,056.00		\$ 128,056.00
451	K-12 NETWORK	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
499	MISCELLANEOUS STATE GRANT FUND	\$ 1,937,802.47	166,666.66	\$ 2,104,469.13
516	IDEA PART B GRANTS	\$ 3,346,371.16		\$ 3,346,371.16
551	LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	\$ 263,649.94		\$ 263,649.94
571	REFUGEE CHILDREN SCHOOL IMPACT	\$ 1,251,135.34		\$ 1,251,135.34
572	SST TITLE I	\$ 310,143.66		\$ 310,143.66
587	IDEA PRESCHOOL-HANDICAPPED	\$ 136,753.47		\$ 136,753.47
599	MISCELLANEOUS FED. GRANT FUND	\$ 1,473,535.74		\$ 1,473,535.74
Total All Funds		\$ 245,961,214.73	5,066,051.56	\$ 251,027,266.29

5.04/MISCELLANEOUS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS / CFO/TREASURER

Approved the following miscellaneous consent agenda items recommended by the CFO/Treasurer.

1. Recommend the Governing Board accept a donation of books to the OCALI Lending Library valued at \$70.00 from Katherine Rybak, founder of Hearing Out Loud.
2. Recommend the Governing Board approve Marcus Vasques as a vendor to be paid by the Franklin County Family and Children First Council (FCFCFC) as of 04/08/2026.
3. Recommend the Governing Board authorize the Treasurer/CFO to engage the law firm of Eastman & Smith LTD. for the purpose of assisting with the development of bid and contract documents designed to obtain affordable and effective solid waste and recyclable material collection for the ESC of Central Ohio and school districts participating in a joint purchasing consortium pursuant to the Community Technical Assistance Program of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO).

4. Recommend the Governing Board approve in accordance with Policy 6320 a purchase from CDW Government for 24/7 Cyber Security software developed by Rapid7 in the amount of \$ 96,616.00 effective May 1, 2026, to be paid from the General Fund; and authorize the Treasurer/CFO to sign the one-year agreement with Rapid7.

5.05/PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Nothing to report.

5.06/RESIGNATIONS

Approved the following resignations.

Dublin City Schools

1. Diana Mack – Administrative Intern, effective June 5, 2026.

ESC of Central Ohio

1. Cassandra Figliola – Intervention Specialist, effective May 29, 2026
2. Anne Kay – Intervention Specialist, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 29, 2026.
3. Helene Stacho – SST Coordinator, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 31, 2026.

5.07/EMPLOYMENT

Approved the following employment for the 2026-2027 contract year. *[Contingent upon and subject to successful background checks, current license, receipt and final administrative review of all application records and receipt of all other necessary documentation].*

Olentangy Local Schools

1. Deidra Darst – Speech & Language Pathologist, 1-Year contract starting August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, at a salary of \$89,712.05 for the 2026-2027 contract year.
2. Caroline Dukart – Occupational Therapist, 1-Year contract starting August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, at a salary of \$81,076.25 for the 2026-2027 contract year.
3. Clare Janoski-Cermak – Speech & Language Pathologist, 1-Year contract starting August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, at a salary of \$71,334.15 for the 2026-2027 contract year.

5.08/PERSONNEL CONTRACT CHANGES

Approved the following personnel contract change for the 2025-2026 contract year.

Big Walnut Local Schools

1. Chelsea Heban – School Psychologist, eligible for mileage reimbursement, effective August 1, 2025.

5.09/STIPENDS

Approved the following stipend requests. *[Contingent upon and subject to successful background checks, current license, receipt and final administrative review of all application records and receipt of all other necessary documentation].*

Dublin City Schools

1. Amber Brown – Administrative Intern, Lexia Summer Support - \$737.55

Olentangy LSD

1. Sarah Mengerink – Speech & Language Pathologist, ESY Liaison- \$4,800.00
2. Jessica Walker – Speech & Language Pathologist, ESY Liaison- \$4,800.00

5.10/MISCELLANEOUS/ CORRECTIONS

Nothing to report.

5.11/CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

Nothing to report.

5.12/MISCELLANEOUS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS/SUPERINTENDENT

Approved the following miscellaneous consent agenda items recommended by the Superintendent.

1. Recommend the Governing Board approve the following revised and new Board policies.
PO 1440 (revised) JOB-RELATED EXPENSES AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS
PO 3440 (revised) JOB-RELATED EXPENSES AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS
PO 4440 (revised) JOB-RELATED EXPENSES AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS
PO 5112 (revised) ENTRANCE AGE
PO 6320 (revised) PURCHASES
PO 6325 (revised) PROCUREMENT- FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDS
PO 6423 (revised) USE OF CREDIT CARDS
PO 6424 (revised) PURCHASING CARDS
PO 6425 (new) USE OF CENTER TAX EXEMPT CERTIFICATE
PO 6460 (revised) VENDOR RELATIONS
PO 6465 (new) AFFINITY, REWARDS OR OTHER DISCOUNT PROGRAMS
PO 7540.09 (new) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ("AI")

5.12/VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Roll Call: Mr. Alcock, yea; Dr. Barnes, yea; Ms. Kish, yea; Mrs. Machamer, yea; Mrs. Pennyman, yea.
Motion passed.

6.01/ITEMS FOR THE BOARD'S INFORMATION AND REVIEW

- **Governing Board Members' Update:**

DACC: Ms. Kish told the Board that DACC has broken ground on the new building development.

EFCTS: Mr. Alcock updated the Board on a programming and cybersecurity presentation. Senior recognition is set for May 18th.

- **Treasurer's Update**

Mr. Weaver reminded the Board the financial disclosure statement with the Ohio Ethics Commission is due May 15, 2026.

The Franklin County Treasurer is having computer system issues which has caused a delay in our member districts receiving timely tax payments.

A resettlement agency we currently work with inadvertently left our pass-through dollars to them off their schedule of Federal Awards. We are working with this agency to rectify the situation.

- **Ohio Health Consortium**

The Consortium received their most recent audit, which showed a positive Cash balance for our division as well as the group as a whole.

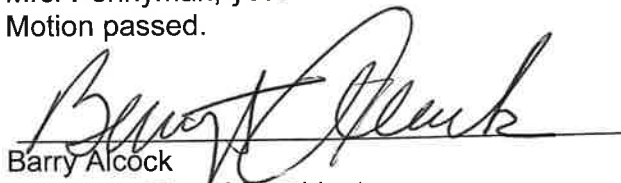
- **Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Goodney provided an update on the SST Performance Agreement, noting that it is renewable for up to two additional years. He also reported that Licking Heights students created an award using 3D printer technology to present to the ESC Business Advisory Council for achieving the highest rating this year. Additionally, Dr. Goodney informed the Board of recent COSA Meetings, which included updates on forthcoming legislation and developments related to the gubernatorial campaigns.

7.01/APPROVE ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dr. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Machamer that the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board adjourn the meeting at 11:11 am.

Roll Call: Mr. Mr. Alcock, yea; Dr. Barnes, yea; Ms. Kish, yea; Mrs. Machamer, yea; Mrs. Pennyman, yea.
Motion passed.


Barry Alcock
Governing Board President
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio

ATTEST:


David T. Weaver
CFO/Treasurer
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio

