

MOESC Organizational Meeting

MOESC Board Meeting

Mid-Ohio ESC , 890 West Fourth Street, Mansfield OH, 44906

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

12:00pm - 12:15pm

Present: William McFarland, Board Vice President; Mr. William Hope, Board Member ; Brenda Miller, CFO/Treasurer; Mike Grady, Board Member; Brent Winand, Board Member; Kevin Kimmel, Superintendent; Brad Geissman, Board Member; Mr. Kyle Swigart, Board Member; Doug Theaker, Board President

1 Call to Order

President Pro Tempore Doug Theaker will call the 2026 Organizational Meeting to order.

1.1 Roll Call

Treasurer Miller will call the roll.

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
William McFarland, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. William Hope, Board Member	X		
Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Brent Winand, Board Member	X		
Brad Geissman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Kyle Swigart, Board Member	X		
Doug Theaker, Board President	X		

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

President Pro Tempore will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Moment of Personal Reflection

2 Oath of Office for Newly Elected Members

Treasurer Miller will administer the Oath of Office to Mike Grady, Bill McFarland, and Kyle Swigart.

3 Board Appointment

That the Board approve the appointment of Brent Winand to an unexpired term (Morrow County), effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. William Hope

Seconded: William McFarland

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
William McFarland, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. William Hope, Board Member	X		
Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Brad Geissman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Kyle Swigart, Board Member	X		
Doug Theaker, Board President	X		

4 Oath of Office for Newly Appointed Member

Treasurer Miller will administer the Oath of Office to Brent Winand.

5 Selection of President for 2026

Nominations of President for 2026

_____ placed the name of _____ in nomination for President.

_____ placed the name of _____ in nomination for President.

President Pro Tempore will declare the nominations closed.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ for _____ for President.

Minutes:

Mr. Hope nominated Mr. Theaker for President. Nominations were closed.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mike Grady

Seconded: Brad Geissman

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
William McFarland, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. William Hope, Board Member	X		
Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Brent Winand, Board Member	X		
Brad Geissman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Kyle Swigart, Board Member	X		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Doug Theaker, Board President	X		

6 Selection of Vice - President for 2026

Nominations for Vice-President for 2026

_____ placed the name of _____ in nomination for Vice-President.

_____ placed the name of _____ in nomination for Vice-President.

President Pro Tempore will declare the nominations closed.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ for _____ for Vice- President.

Vote:

Minutes:

Mr. Hope nominated Mr. McFarland for Vice President. Nominations were closed.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. William Hope

Seconded: Mike Grady

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
William McFarland, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. William Hope, Board Member	X		
Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Brent Winand, Board Member	X		
Brad Geissman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Kyle Swigart, Board Member	X		
Doug Theaker, Board President	X		

7 Oath of Office for President and Vice-President

Treasurer Miller will administer the Oath of Office to the new President and Vice-President.

President for 2026 presides from this point forward.

8 Appointments

That the Board appoint the Board President, Vice President, Superintendent and Treasurer to serve on the Records Commission committee and to schedule its annual meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in the Mid-Ohio ESC Board Room.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. William Hope

Seconded: Mr. Kyle Swigart

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
William McFarland, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. William Hope, Board Member	X		
Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Brent Winand, Board Member	X		
Brad Geissman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Kyle Swigart, Board Member	X		
Doug Theaker, Board President	X		

9 Superintendent Recommendations:

Minutes:

Items 9.1 - 9.21

Result: Approved

Motioned: William McFarland

Seconded: Mr. William Hope

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
William McFarland, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. William Hope, Board Member	X		
Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Brent Winand, Board Member	X		
Brad Geissman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Kyle Swigart, Board Member	X		
Doug Theaker, Board President	X		

9.1 Approval of Regular Board Meeting Schedule (attached)

That the Board approve the 2026 Regular Board Meeting Schedule as the third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 at the Mid-Ohio ESC and Special Meetings as needed.

Attachments:

[MOESC Board Meeting Schedule 2026.pdf](#)

9.2 Establish Commission Service Fund

The Service Fund is used for the payment of expenses for Board members to conduct Board Business. The Board Service is recommended to be established at a level permitted by O.R.C. 3315.15 (\$20,000).

9.3 GASB 34 Reporting Format

That the Board authorize the Treasurer to prepare cash basis GASB 34 look-alike statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

9.4 Annual Memberships

That the Board approve the following annual memberships:
OSBA (Ohio School Board Association)
AESA (Association of Educational Service Agencies)
OESCA (Ohio Educational Service Center Association)
OACSA (Ohio Association of Charter School Authorizers)
OSBA LAF (Ohio School Board Legal Assistance Fund)
OEPI (Ohio Education Policy Institute)
NACSA (National Association of Charter School Authorizer)
Crawford County Family and Youth Council
Richland County Family and Youth Council
Crawford County Chamber of Commerce
Richland County Area Chamber and Economic Development
NWOERC Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council

9.5 Legal Counsel

That the Board approve the following law firms to be retained as legal counsel for Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center for the calendar year 2026:
Akins & Gilman, LLC
Bricker and Graydon, LLP
McGown & Markling Co. LPA
Pepple & Waggoner, LTD
Renwick, Welsh & Burton, LLC
Walter I Haverfield, LLP
Weston Hurd LLP

9.6 Board of Governors Annual Compensation

That the Board will establish the annual pay for meetings and mileage equal to maximum allowable compensation permitted by law.

9.7 Purchasing Agent

That the Board authorize the Superintendent as the Purchasing Agent for Mid-Ohio ESC.

9.8 Employment Offers

That the Board authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates, on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.
Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an

individual who has not provided criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board Policy. The authorization provided by the resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by formal action of this Board.

9.9 Resignations

That the Board authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance. The authorization provided by this resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by formal action of this Board.

9.10 Invest Interim and Inactive Funds

That the Board authorize the Treasurer to invest all interim (not to exceed \$10 million) and inactive fun (not to exceed \$5 million) at the cost productive rate, per Board policy, when funds are available.

9.11 Payment of Bills

That the Board authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriation and funds are available as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.

9.12 Transfer of Funds

That the Board authorize the Treasurer to make transfers between and within funds when necessary and properly appropriated, to be approved at the next subsequent Board of Governors Meeting.

9.13 Advertise for Bids

That the Board authorize the Treasurer to advertise for bids as specified by law.

9.14 Compliance Officers

That the Board appoints the Executive Director of Achievement & Leadership and Director of Human Resources as Compliance Officers.

9.15 Professional Meetings

That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to approve employee attendance at in-state professional meetings, per Board policy, and in an amount not to exceed the limits in the Annual Appropriations.

9.16 Public Records

That the Board recommends that the Superintendent or Treasurer or a designee to attend the Public

Records training on behalf of the Board.

9.17 Federal Funds and Grants

That the Board authorize the Superintendent to apply for any funds or grants as appropriate and administer all federal programs in compliance with local, state and federal regulations.

9.18 Contracts

That the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into contracts with providers in amounts not to exceed \$5,000 per contract.

9.19 Mileage Reimbursement

That the Board authorize the mileage reimbursement for all Mid-Ohio ESC employees to be established at the current Internal Revenue Service Rate.

9.20 Official Newspaper

That the Board approve the Mansfield News Journal as the official newspaper of general circulation for Mid-Ohio ESC.

9.21 Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer

That the Board appoint the Superintendent as the Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer. It is the responsibility of this officer to oversee that there is no discrimination when it comes to employment of staff for Mid-Ohio ESC and the opportunities are open to all.

10 Adjournment

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn the Organizational Meeting.
Time: _____

Minutes:

Board President Theaker declared the meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. William Hope

Seconded: Mr. Kyle Swigart

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
William McFarland, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. William Hope, Board Member	X		
Mike Grady, Board Member	X		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Brent Winand, Board Member	X		
Brad Geissman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Kyle Swigart, Board Member	X		
Doug Theaker, Board President	X		

This meeting is a meeting of the Governing Board in public for the purpose of conducting the Educational Service Center's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. Public participation is governed by Board Bylaw 0169.1 - Public Participation at Board Meetings.