



EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 15th, 2026

The board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held on 4.15.26.

Members Present:

- Lindsay Widicker, Fessenden-Bowdon-President
- Janelle Helm-Carrington-Vice President
- Natalie Becker-New Rockford-Sheyenne
- Jenna Helseth-Carrington
- Matt Lokemoen-Kensal
- Laura Hager-New Rockford-Sheyenne
- Kristi Halvorson-Midkota
- Jordan Brown-Oberon

Members Absent:

- Chris Triggs-Pingree-Buchanan

Others Present:

- Ashly Wolsky, East Central Director
- Melanie Quinton, East Central Business Manager
- Megan Thompson, East Central Teacher Representative

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Board President Lindsay Widicker, and a quorum was established.

Additions or Changes to the agenda: None

A motion was made by Janelle Helm and seconded by Laura Hager to approve March 18th, 2026, board minutes. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye

- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Kristi Halvorson-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

A motion was made by Natalie Becker and seconded by Jenna Helseth to approve the April 2026 financial report as presented. Melanie Quinton gave an update on some budget lines that are over budget. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Kristi Halvorson-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

A motion was made by Jenna Helseth and seconded by Kristi Halvorson to approve the April bills presented, including payroll. Melanie discussed 3 bills that are not here yet and a new computer ordered for Tara. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Kristi Halvorson-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

Directors Report:

Staffing for 2026-27 school year was discussed, Director Wolsky anticipates being fully staffed. Speech positions were discussed. Paraprofessional staffing was discussed with a few openings looking into 2026-27.

Teacher evaluations have been completed by Director Wolsky.

Preschool Screenings data on the unit wide screenings was be presented, rescreens and monitors are down from previous years. Discussion on screenings and the ages of the kids that attended and plan to attend PreK in the fall.

Director Wolsky stated she provided 6 door prizes for \$33 as a donation to the State CEC Conference. Director Wolsky highly recommends attending the CEC conference.

Indicator 8, Parent Survey has been shared with parents East Central Case Managers. East Central has a high response rate due to our case managers connecting with parents.

Transition services were discussed; a new Transition Coordinator has been hired for the 2026-27 school year. Additional grant funds for the 2025-26 school year have been requested in the amount of \$50,000 which will increase revenue. The 2026-27 grant was submitted in the amount of \$134,000.

Director Wolsky gave an NDDPI update on indicators, Level C,D,E settings and how it could work with schools, Infinite Campus and when it will roll out and how it will work. The upcoming NDCEL conference Director Wolsky plans to attend.

Laura Booth law meeting is today at 1:00pm followed by Study Council meeting. Director Wolsky stated the Regional Directors Meeting may be cancelled for this month.

Director Wolsky submitted the PMHCA grant in the amount of \$157,541.76, if awarded it will help cover costs for School Psych, ABA Therapy, Social Worker and Clinical Counselor.

Other:

Megan Thompson gave an update on paperwork, which is 100% complete right now. Safety Care training has been planned for June. Director Wolsky and Megan explained the Discrepancy Eligibility worksheet and how we use it to see if students qualify for services.

Laura Eide contract was not signed for the 26-27 school year in Fessenden.

Paraprofessional Appreciation Day was Wednesday April 1st. Director Wolsky stated how much we appreciate our paraprofessionals and the hard work they do. Teacher Appreciation week is May 4-8. Year of appreciation certificates and pins were distributed to board members today to give out to staff. Administrative Professionals Day is April 22nd.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Jenna Helseth and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve Kasey Eversvik Transition Coordinator contract for the 2026-27 school year, contingent upon receiving her teachers license. Director Wolsky also noted that Kasey was awarded the Outstanding Special Education Senior Award BSEd from Minot State University. Discussion was held on the position and how it works. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Kristi Halvorson-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

A motion was made by Natalie Becker and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve Lori McConnaugheys resignation. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Kristi Halvorson-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

A motion was made by Natalie Becker and seconded by Laura Hager to approve the destruction of records from March 26, 2026 which was also approved via email by 6 of the Board Members. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye

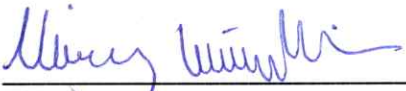
- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Kristi Halvorson-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

Next board meeting date: Monday, May 18th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at East Central.

Next Finance Committee meeting April 17th, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.



Lindsay Widicker, Board President



Melanie Quinton, Business Manager



Date Approved