



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency  
Board of Education 33500 Van Born Road · Wayne, Michigan

**Organizational Meeting  
July 16, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**A. Call to Order**

The Organizational Meeting of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education was called to order by President Petrie on July 16, 2025, at 8:31 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** James Beri, Mary Blackmon, Lynda Jackson, and James Petrie

**Excused Absence:** Danielle Funderburg

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Member Beri, with support from Member Jackson, moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**D. Election of Officers**

**1. President**

Member Beri, with support from Member Jackson, nominated Mary Blackmon for President of the Wayne RESA Board of Education for the 2025-2026 term. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**2. Vice-President**

Member Beri, with support from Member Jackson, nominated Danielle Funderburg as Vice President of the Wayne RESA Board of Education for the 2025-2026 term. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**3. Secretary**

Member Jackson, with support from Member Petrie, nominated James Beri as Secretary of the Wayne RESA Board of Education for the 2025-2026 term. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**4. Treasurer**

Member Petrie, with support from Member Beri, nominated Lynda Jackson as Treasurer of the Wayne RESA Board of Education for the 2025-2026 term. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**E. Naming of Signatories and Depositories for Funds**

Member Beri, with support from Member Petrie, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the attached resolution, which names the depositories and approved signatories for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

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Naming of Depositories for Funds  
2025-2026

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the naming of the depository accounts and authorized signatories is required by the Revised School Code and Wayne RESA Board Policy, and

WHEREAS this Board of Education at its meeting of July 16, 2025, approved certain depository accounts for savings and investment purposes.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the following additional institutions are approved depositories for savings and investment purposes for the various funds of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency for the 2025-2026 fiscal year:

Bank of America  
BMO Harris Bank, N.A.  
Comerica Bank  
Fifth Third Bank  
Huntington Bank  
JPMorgan Chase Bank  
Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus  
PNC Bank  
PFM Group

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency is authorized to establish in its name one or more deposit/investment accounts with the financial institutions as listed above on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon with said financial institution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the treasurer of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency or his/her designee, be and is hereby authorized to draw funds from said accounts of the Wayne RESA, signed as provided herein with signatures duly certified to said financial institutions by the secretary of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency and said financial institutions are hereby authorized to honor and pay any and all withdrawal orders so signed, including those drawn to the individual order of any office or other person authorized to sign the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the financial institutions are authorized to act in accordance with the foregoing without further inquiry unless and until it has been notified in writing by the undersigned of any changes in these authorizations.

**F. Designation of Legal Counsel**

Member Jackson, with support from Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the following firms as legal counsel for Wayne RESA during 2025-2026:

**General Counsel:**

Clark Hill, PLC, Birmingham, MI  
Husch Blackwell, Chicago, IL  
Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC, Detroit, MI  
Miller Johnson Attorneys, Grand Rapids, MI  
The Allen Law Group, PC, Detroit, MI  
Thrun Law Firm, PC, Lansing, MI  
Fish and Richardson, PC, Washington, DC

**Workers' Compensation/Property and Casualty:**

Clark Hill, PLC, Birmingham, MI  
Keller, Thoma, PC, Detroit, MI  
Plunkett & Cooney, Detroit, MI

The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**G. Designation of Auditors**

Member Jackson, with support from Member Petrie, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve Plante & Moran, PLLC as the auditing firm for Wayne RESA for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**H. Michigan Association of School Board (MASB) - Certification of Delegates and Alternate**

Member Beri, with support from Member Petrie, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education appoint Member Danielle Funderburg to serve as the 2025-2026 voting delegate for the Michigan Association of School Boards and appoint Member James Petrie to serve as the alternate voting delegate. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**I. Wayne County Association of School Boards (WCASB) Executive Board and Alternate**

Member Petrie, with support from Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education appoint Member James Beri to serve on the Wayne County Association of School Boards Executive Board for 2025-2026 and appoint Member Danielle Funderburg to serve as the alternate. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**J. Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Representative and Alternate**

Member Jackson, with support from Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education appoint Member Mary Blackmon to serve as representative to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) for 2025-2026, and Member Lynda Jackson to serve as the alternate. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**K. Educational Representative for the American Red Cross**

Member Petrie, with support from Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education appoint Member Lynda Jackson as the region's American Red Cross Educational Representative for 2025-2026. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**L. Public Participation** – No public comments were made.

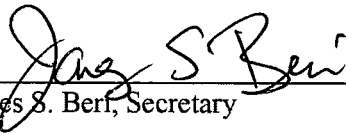
**M. General Board Comments**

Immediate Past President Petrie expressed his appreciation to Superintendent Dr. Daveda Colbert, Executive Assistant Tiesha Hakim, and Wayne RESA staff for their support in providing information and resources that made his term as president smooth and effective.

**N. Adjournment**

Member Beri, with support from Member Jackson, moved to adjourn the organizational meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0. President Blackmon adjourned the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

Submitted by:

  
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James S. Beri, Secretary