



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

**Organizational Meeting
July 15, 2026**

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

The Organizational Meeting of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education was called to order by President Blackmon on July 15, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: James Beri, Mary Blackmon, and Danielle Funderburg

Members Absent (excused): Lynda Jackson and James Petrie

C. Approval of Agenda

Member Beri, with support from Member Funderburg, moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

D. Election of Officers

1. President

Member Beri, with support from Member Blackmon, nominated Danielle Funderburg for President of the Wayne RESA Board of Education for the 2026-2027 term. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

2. Vice-President

Member Funderburg, with support from Member Beri, nominated James Beri as Vice President of the Wayne RESA Board of Education for the 2026-2027 term. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

3. Secretary

Member Beri, with support from Member Funderburg, nominated Lynda Jackson as Secretary of the Wayne RESA Board of Education for the 2026-2027 term. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

4. Treasurer

Member Beri, with support from Member Funderburg, nominated James Petrie as Treasurer of the Wayne RESA Board of Education for the 2026-2027 term. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

E. Naming of Signatories and Depositories for Funds

Member Beri, with support from Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the following resolution, which names the depositories and approved signatories for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

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Naming of Depositories for Funds
2026-2027

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 15, 2026, 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 2026-2027 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
U.S. Bank

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 Beri, with support from Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the following firms to serve as legal counsel for Wayne RESA during 2026-2027:

General Counsel:

Clark Hill PLC, Birmingham, MI
Husch Blackwell LLP, Chicago, IL
Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., Detroit, MI
Miller Johnson, Detroit, MI
The Allen Law Group, P.C., Detroit, MI
Thrun Law Firm, P.C., Lansing, MI
Fish & Richardson P.C., Washington, DC

Workers' Compensation/Property and Casualty:

Clark Hill, PLC, Birmingham, MI
Keller Thoma, P.C., Detroit, MI
Plunkett Cooney P.C., Detroit, MI

The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

G. Designation of Auditors

Member Blackmon, with support from Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve Plante & Moran, PLLC as the auditing firm for Wayne RESA for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

Member Blackmon inquired about the process for evaluating the Board's independent auditing firm. Administration explained that auditor performance and costs are regularly considered and reported, and that there are no current concerns warranting a change.

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

Member Beri, with support from Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education appoint Member James Petrie to serve as the 2025-2026 voting delegate for the Michigan Association of School Boards and appoint Member Danielle Funderburg to serve as the alternate voting delegate. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

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

Member Beri, with support from Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education appoint Member James Petrie to serve on the Wayne County Association of School Boards Executive Board for 2026-2027 and appoint Member James Beri to serve as the alternate. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

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

Member Beri, with support from Member Blackmon, 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 2026-2027, and Member Lynda Jackson to serve as the alternate. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

K. Educational Representative for the American Red Cross

Member Blackmon, 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 2026-2027. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

L. Public Participation – No public comments were made.

M. General Board Comments

Immediate Past President Blackmon expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Board President, describing it as one of the honors of her service on the Wayne RESA Board of Education. She recognized Dr. Colbert's leadership and commended the Wayne RESA Board, administration, and staff for their outstanding accomplishments and the organization's strong reputation throughout Wayne County, the state, and nationally.

N. Adjournment

Member Beri, with support from Member Blackmon, moved to adjourn the organizational meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0. President Funderburg adjourned the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

Submitted by:

Lynda S. Jackson, Secretary