

**CASE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 6, 2026**

The February 2026 business meeting of the Cooperative Association for Special Education Executive Board was held on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 8:00 am in the CASE Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am and the following roll call was taken:

District #15 – Ms. Lucillia Davila, Superintendent  
District #16 – Dr. Joseph Williams, Superintendent and Chairperson  
District #41 – Dr. Jeffrey McHugh, Superintendent  
District #44 – Dr. Ted Stec, Superintendent  
District #87 – Ms. Jessica Santee, Superintendent  
District #89 – Mr. Doug Eccarius, Superintendent  
District #93 – Dr. David Hill, Superintendent and Vice-Chairperson

**OTHER PRESENTERS/VISITORS**

Ally Baisden, CASE, Administrator for Student Support Services  
Kyle Costello, CASE, Occupational Therapist and CEA Vice-President  
Kim Kearney, CASE, Assistive Technology Consultant, CEA Secretary  
Tracy Kunce, CASE, Instructional Support Team Coach, CEA President  
Marybeth Marinier, CASE, Administrator for Student Support Services  
Carol Montgomery Fate, CASE, GPAT Program Supervisor  
Natalie Heinrich, CASE, Administrator for Low Incidence Services  
Tricia Sharkey, CASE, Assistant Director  
Jaime Tiesenga, CASE, Chief School Business Official  
Jeff Zimmerman, CASE, Technology Coordinator

**CASE Presentation: Monarch Academy**

Natalie Heinrich and Marybeth Marinier, CASE Administrators, presented on Monarch Academy.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, and/or FUTURE BOARD APPROVAL**

- A. Director's Report  
Tricia Sharkey provided a verbal report on current business updates.
- B. 2026-2027 Preliminary Insurance Renewal Rates  
A report on the preliminary rates was provided for review.
- C. CASE Seniority List, 2025-2026  
A copy of the report was provided for review.

**ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Hill moved, and Mr. Eccarius seconded a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

1. Approval of Minutes, January 9, 2026, and January 27, 2026, Regular & Closed Session;
2. Approval of January 2026 Accounts Payable and Payroll Summary and Projected Payroll February 2026;
3. Treasurer's Report, November and December 2025;
4. Contracts:
  - i. College of DuPage: Affiliation Agreement
5. Personnel Report
  - Employment: Licensed Personnel: NA

- Employment: Educational Support Personnel: Burke, Edmund “Simon”, Job Coach, first day of employment 2/2/2026;
- Separation: Licensed Personnel: Giosta, Alexandra, Hearing Itinerant Teacher, last day of employment 2/10/2026;
- Separation: Educational Support Personnel: NA

Discussion:

Roll Call: Ms. Davila D15, Yes  
 Dr. Williams, D16, Yes  
 Dr. McHugh, D41, Yes  
 Dr. Stec, D44, Yes  
 Ms. Santee, D87, Yes  
 Mr. Eccarius, D89, Yes  
 Dr. Hill, D93, Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Hill moved and Ms. Davila seconded a motion to approve the Skyward Business Software Package, as presented.

Discussion: Dr. Hill congratulated the team on the approval of the software upgrade. He reiterated the significance of the investment (effort) and offered the support of the district Business Managers.

Roll Call: Ms. Davila D15, Yes  
 Dr. Williams, D16, Yes  
 Dr. McHugh, D41, Yes  
 Dr. Stec, D44, Yes  
 Ms. Santee, D87, Yes  
 Mr. Eccarius, D89, Yes  
 Dr. Hill, D93, Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Eccarius moved, and Dr. Hill seconded a motion to adopt the CASE Board policies as listed.

- 2.260, Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 2.270, Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited
- 3.65, Staff Supervision
- 430, Revenue and Investments
- 4.80, Accounting and Audits
- 5.10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5.20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5.90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5.100, Staff Development Program
- 5.170, Copyright
- 5.190, Teacher Qualifications
- 5.200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 5.220, Substitute Teachers
- 5.280, Duties and Qualifications
- 5.300, Schedules and Employment Year
- 6.60, Curriculum Content
- 6.260, Complaints about Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- 7.10, Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7.20, Harassment of Students Prohibited

- 7.150, Agency and Law Enforcement Requests
- 7.180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7.190, Student Behavior
- 7.255, Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence
- 7.290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7.340, Student Records
- 8.30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Discussion:

Roll Call: Ms. Davila D15, Yes  
 Dr. Williams, D16, Yes  
 Dr. McHugh, D41, Yes  
 Dr. Stec, D44, Yes  
 Ms. Santee, D87, Yes  
 Mr. Eccarius, D89, Yes  
 Dr. Hill, D93, Yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

At 8:30 am Dr. Hill moved, and Ms. Santee seconded a motion to move to closed session for the purpose of: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity 5ILCS2(C)(1).

Purpose II: Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Discussion: None

Roll Call by Voice Vote:

Ms. Davila, D15, Yes  
 Dr. Williams, D16, Yes  
 Dr. McHugh, D41, Yes  
 Dr. Stec, D44, Yes  
 Ms. Santee, D87, Yes  
 Mr. Eccarius, D89, Yes  
 Dr. Hill, D93, Yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

At 8:47am Dr. Hill moved, and Dr. McHugh seconded a motion to reconvene to open session.

Roll Call: Ms. Davila D15, Yes  
 Dr. Williams, D16, Yes  
 Dr. McHugh, D41, Yes  
 Dr. Stec, D44, Yes  
 Ms. Santee, D87, Yes  
 Mr. Eccarius, D89, Yes  
 Dr. Hill, D93, Yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

There being no other business, at 8:47am Dr. Hill moved, and Ms. Davila seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call taken by Voice Vote:

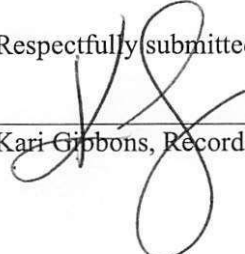
Ms. Davila, D15, Yes  
 Dr. Williams, D16, Yes

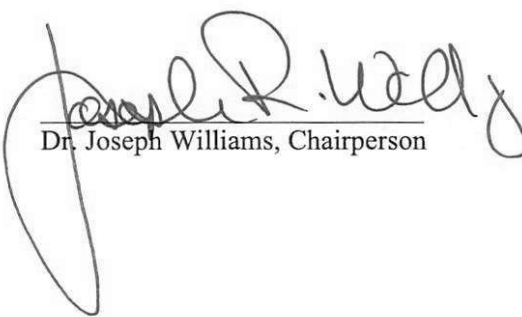
Dr. McHugh, D41, Yes  
Dr. Stec, D44, Yes  
Ms. Santee, D87, Yes  
Mr. Eccarius, D89, Yes  
Dr. Hill, D93, Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The next meeting of the CASE Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 9:00am in person at the CASE Board Room. Recipients of this notice may request more information on these topics by calling CASE at 630-942-5600.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kari Gibbons, Recording Secretary

  
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Dr. Joseph Williams, Chairperson