

**CASE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 10, 2026**

The April 2026 business meeting of the Cooperative Association for Special Education Executive Board was held on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 8:01 am in the CASE Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am and the following roll call was taken:

- District #15 – Ms. Lucilla Davila, Superintendent, Absent
- 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, Absent
- District #89 – Mr. Doug Eccarius, Superintendent
- District #93 – Dr. David Hill, Superintendent and Vice-Chairperson

**OTHER PRESENTERS/VISITORS**

Tracy Kunce, CASE, Instructional Support Team Coach, CEA President  
Christina DeLongis, CASE, Vision Itinerant Teacher & CEA Leadership Representative  
Carol Fate, CASE, GPAT Program Supervisor  
Tricia Sharkey, CASE, Assistant Director  
Jaime Tiesenga, CASE, Chief School Business Official

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

- A. Director's Report  
A copy of the report was included 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, March 5, 2026, Regular & Closed Session;
2. Approval of March 2026 Accounts Payable and Payroll Summary and Projected Payroll April 2026;
3. Treasurer's Report, February 2026;
4. Contracts: Baker Tilly, Infinitec, NEDSRA
5. Personnel Report:
  - a. Employment, Certified Staff: Sarah Carr, Hearing Itinerant Teacher, 26-27 school year.
  - b. Employment, Non-Certified Staff: Jordan Janke, Registered Behavior Technician, 40 days in 25-26 school year; Sona Welch-Jackson, Registered Behavior Technician
  - c. Resignations, Certified Staff: Danielle Allen, Social Worker; Valerie Heneghan, Speech Language Pathologist, Erin Lescher, Social Worker

Discussion:

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

Dr. Hill, D93, Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Eccarius moved, and Dr. Hill seconded a motion to approve the FY27 Final Insurance Rates.

Discussion: Jaime Tiesenga, Business Manager, presented an overview of CASE's final insurance rates and answered questions from the Board.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Hill moved and Mr. Eccarius seconded a motion to approve the FY27 CASE Budget, First Read.

Discussion: Jaime Tiesenga, Business Manager, presented a first read of CASE's FY27 Budget and answered questions from the Board.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Hill moved and Dr. McHugh seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Honorable Increase in FTE/Hours of PEL-Licensed Employees: Kaitlyn "Katie" King, Speech Language Pathologist.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Hill moved and Dr. McHugh seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Honorable Reduction in FTE/Hours of PEL-Licensed Employees: Rebecca "Becca" Miller, School Social Worker.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Hill moved and Mr. Eccarius seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Non-Tenured Part-Time PEL-Licensed Staff: Erin Lafser, School Social Worker

Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Ms. Davila D15, Absent  
Dr. Williams, D16, Yes  
Dr. McHugh, D41, Yes  
Dr. Stec, D44, Yes  
Ms. Santee, D87, Absent  
Mr. Eccarius, D89, Yes  
Dr. Hill, D93, Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Hill moved and Dr. McHugh seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Non-Renewal and Honorable Dismissal of PEL-Licensed Employees: Mary Bell, School Psychologist; Rachel Conley, Special Education Teacher.

Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Ms. Davila D15, Absent  
Dr. Williams, D16, Yes  
Dr. McHugh, D41, Yes  
Dr. Stec, D44, Yes  
Ms. Santee, D87, Absent  
Mr. Eccarius, D89, Yes  
Dr. Hill, D93, Yes

MOTION CARRIED

At 8:25 am Dr. Hill moved, and Mr. Eccarius seconded a motion to move to closed session for the purpose of:

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. 5ILCS 120/2(C)(2).

Purpose II: 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1).

Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Ms. Davila, D15, Absent  
Dr. Williams, D16, Yes  
Dr. McHugh, D41, Yes  
Dr. Stec, D44, Yes  
Ms. Santee, D87, Absent  
Mr. Eccarius, D89, Yes  
Dr. Hill, D93, Yes

MOTION CARRIED

At 9:11 am Dr. Hill moved, and Mr. Eccarius seconded a motion to reconvene to open session.

Roll Call by Voice Vote:  
Ms. Davila D15, Absent  
Dr. Williams, D16, Yes  
Dr. McHugh, D41, Yes

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

MOTION CARRIED

There being no other business, at 9:12 am Dr. Hill moved, and Ms. Santee seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call taken by Voice Vote:

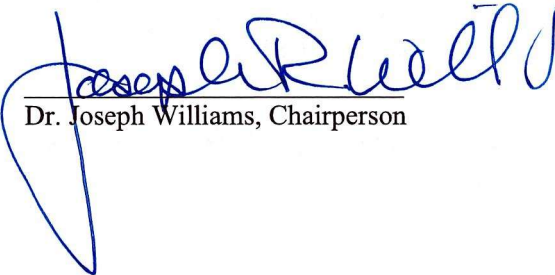
Ms. Davila, D15, Absent  
Dr. Williams, D16, Yes  
Dr. McHugh, D41, Yes  
Dr. Stec, D44, Yes  
Ms. Santee, D87, Absent  
Mr. Eccarius, D89, Yes  
Dr. Hill, D93, Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The next meeting of the CASE Board of Directors will be held on Friday, May 8, 2026, at 8:00am 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