

**CASE Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 7, 2026**

The August 2026 regular meeting of the Cooperative Association for Special Education Executive Board was held on Friday, August 7, 2026, at 8:01 am in the CASE Board Room, 290 Town Center Ln., Glendale Heights, IL. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am and the following roll call was taken:

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

**OTHER PRESENTERS/VISITORS**

Catherine Dunlop, CASE, Speech Language Pathologist, CEA Regional Council  
Terra Knowles, CASE, Vision Itinerant Teacher with O&M, CEA Association Representative  
Tracy Kunce, CASE, Instructional Support Team Coach, CEA President  
Carol Montgomery Fate, CASE, Program Supervisor, Glenbard Parents as Teachers  
Tricia Sharkey, CASE, Assistant Director  
Jaime Tiesenga, CASE, Business Manager  
Jeanine Woltman, CASE, Glenbard Early Childhood Collaborative Coordinator

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

- A. Executive Director's Report  
A copy of the report has been included for review.

**ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

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

1. Approval of Minutes, June 10, 2026, Regular & Closed Session;
2. Approval of June, July and August 2026 Accounts Payable and Payroll Summary and Projected Payroll August 2026;
3. Treasurer's Report, May 2026;
4. Contracts:
  - a. Allied Support for Kids, Staffing Agreement;
  - b. DynamicLyinks, Music Therapy Services Agreement;
  - c. Flourish Together, Contract for Speech Therapy Services;
  - d. ProCare Therapy, Client Services Agreement;
5. Personnel Report:
  - a. Employment, Licensed Personnel: Kelly Belknap, Physical Therapist; Sarah Carr, Hearing Itinerant Teacher; Christine Lepore, Behavior Coach; Christopher Medearis, Teacher, Adapted Physical Education; Amanda Omaira, School Social Worker (0.60 FTE); Abigail Reid, Occupational Therapist; Lilian VanWijk, Occupational Therapist (0.40 FTE);
  - b. Employment Educational Support Personnel: Rachel Delporte, Paraprofessional; Guadalupe Gonzalez Cirne, Speech Language Pathologist Assistant; Carmela Palacio, 1:1 Nurse; Allison Pitre, Job Coach;

- c. Resignations (Voluntary), Licensed Personnel: Fatimah Chaudhary, Occupational Therapist; Jennifer Dunham, Physical Therapist; Monica Murach, Occupational Therapist; Jennifer Tate, Instructional Support Team Coach; Vanessa Verzillo, School Social Worker;
- d. Resignations (Voluntary), Educational Support Personnel: Jessica Ahon Sanchez, Registered Behavior Technician; Gabriela Flores, Registered Behavior Technician; Christine Lepore, Registered Behavior Technician;
- e. Position Change: Jordan Cramer, Board Certified Behavior Analyst from Substitute Board Certified Behavior Analyst;

Discussion: NA

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

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. McHugh moved, and Mr. Eccarius seconded a motion to approve the CASE CEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, 2026-2030.

Discussion: The Board expressed gratitude to those involved with this negotiation; further indicating they appreciated the effort, time and discussion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Davila moved and Dr. McHugh seconded a motion to approve the FY27 CASE Budget, Third and Final Draft.

Discussion: Jaime Tisenga presented an overview of the third and final FY27 CASE Budget.

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

MOTION CARRIED

At 8:25am Dr. McHugh moved, and Mr. Eccarius 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. 5ILCS 120/2(C)(1).

Discussion: None

Roll Call by Voice Vote:

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

At 8:45am Dr. McHugh moved, and Ms. Santee seconded a motion to reconvene to open session.

Roll Call by Voice Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED

There being no other business, at 8:45am Dr. McHugh moved, and Ms. Santee seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call taken by Voice Vote:

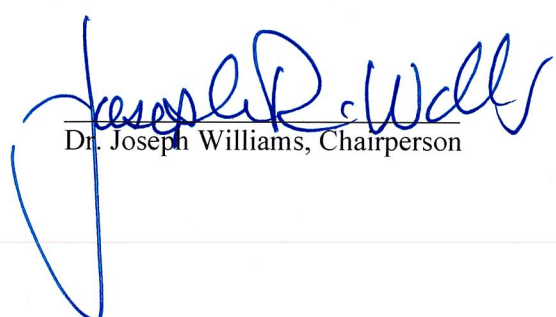
Ms. Davila, D15, Yes  
Dr. Williams, D16, Yes  
Dr. McHugh, D41, Yes  
Dr. Stec, D44, Absent  
Ms. Santee, D87, Yes  
Mr. Eccarius, D89, Yes  
Dr. Hill, D93, Absent

MOTION CARRIED

The next meeting of the CASE Board of Directors will be held on September 11, 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,

  
Karl Gibbons, Recording Secretary

  
Dr. Joseph Williams, Chairperson