

Board Members Present:

Nin Flagel
Erin George
Sarah Hogan
Roberta Rosheim
Lindsey Burken
Peter Duytschaever (Zoom)
Jack Willey (Zoom)

Board Members Absent:

Gwen Deming
Linda Hledik
Charlie Minnick

Staff Present:

Mary Kay Wirth

Guests:

Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board Meeting Minutes January 26, 2026

Sarah Hogan was nominated to run the meeting due to both the Chair and Vice Chair not present (Jack Willey joined via Zoom at 4:15). Sarah called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM. Mary Kay Wirth conducted roll call. Members present are listed at left.

November 24, 2025 minutes: Roberta made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

Director's Expenditure Report: Mary Kay presented the November and December 2025 Director's expenditure report. Nin made a motion to approve the expenditure reports as presented; Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried. There are currently 16 scholarships. One student was below 75% for attendance. The preschool and parent were notified that the scholarship may be pulled if it happens again.

A letter of resignation from the board was received from Dan Srp. Roberta made a motion to accept the resignation with regret; Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

Erin George's application for the board was presented. Roberta made a motion to accept Erin's application with jubilation; Nin seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

Director's Activities include the Annual Report FY25 approval from the state. The ECI Monthly Fiscal Tracking Spreadsheet is due 1/31/26, the Claim for the ECI area 3rd Quarter Payment is due 1/31/26, and the Mid Year ECI State Report (Qualtrics) is due 2/26/26. Mary Kay presented a letter of support for the Clinton Community Schools' which supports their application for a Shared Visions Preschool Grant. Roberta made a motion to approve the letter; Jack seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried. Mary Kay reported she will be on vacation February 1st-6th.

2nd Contract amendments for New Parent Program (Essential Needs \$3,000, Literacy \$1,938) and Nurse Family Partnership (Essential Needs \$3,144, Literacy \$1050) were presented with additional funding for diapers/wipes and books will be used as incentives for clients during home visits. Roberta made a motion to approve the 2nd Contract amendments as presented for NPP and NFP; Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

The budget for Preschool Scholarships will be reduced to \$22,278.97. Nin made a motion to reduce the amount of the Preschool Scholarship; Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

Information about Parent Pals and PAT training was briefly shared.

The 2nd Quarter Provider reports were shared and gone over.

District 7 directors have been meeting to work on ways to collaborate. There is D7 Retreat planned for February 6th for directors and potential board members of D7. This meeting's agenda will pivot to include advocacy strategies for preserving ECI.

Instead of discussing the latest ECI state board meeting, information was shared about the HHS Bill that would eliminate ECI and launch a new Early Childhood and Family Services System. Under the new system there would

be 7 districts. The board members are concerned that the proposal would take away local control and most likely disrupt the services that exist for children and families in our area.

Committee Work was shared and discussed. Mary Kay will send out the new Policies and Procedures that the state has put together. The current ones need updated. Liz from the state ECI shared that there will be a Quality Improvement Grant document coming out that we will be able to utilize. There are several opportunities coming up for Public Awareness Fairs. The first one is January 30th at the Felix Adler Center.

Adjourn: Erin made a motion; Lindsey seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

The next regular C/J ECI Board meeting will be held on **February 23rd**, at 4:00 PM in person and via Zoom at the Clinton County Satellite office in DeWitt. If the meeting needs to be moved to Zoom only, this will be posted.

Executive Meeting:

February 9, 2026, at 7:30 via Zoom

Respectfully submitted by Mary Kay Wirth, Clinton/Jackson ECI Director

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Board President Signature_____Date_____