

Delegate Assembly Meeting Agenda (DRAFT)

Thurs., Sept. 11, 2025; 7:00-8:30 p.m., Erie 1 BOCES, Rm. B2b

Presiding: Lorry Goldhawk (Amherst), ECASB *President*

Present:

Excused:

Absent:

Purpose of ECASB:

To coordinate board development services,
To serve as a resource to member Boards on educational issues,
To advance the mutual objectives of organizations dedicated to public education,
To advocate Association positions to policy-makers.

7:00 Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome

7:01 Declaration of Quorum Present

7:02 Approve Agenda. Motion by: Second by:

7:03 Approve Minutes annual Meeting previously sent out & also attached. Motion by: Second by:

7:04 – Recap of Annual Dinner. Governance Training and Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training, Back to School Dinner, and Boards and Brews, Student Ex Officio Training, WNY Law Conference, and Back To School/Awards 2 - Report

7:06 – Financial Condition of Organization – Report

7:10 - 2025-2026 Team and Committee Assignment Recommendations and Discussion. (NOTE: Thursdays are ECASB Days!). Nominating Committee: Chair: Stephanie Dombrowski (Cheek-Sloan), Tricia Andrews (Clarence CSD),: Second by:

- i. **APPOINT: Financial Oversight Team:** Erin Oliver (Frontier), Stephanie Dombrowski, (Cheektowaga Sloan); Michael Franey (Lake Shore CSD)
- ii. **APPOINT: Legislative Chairs:** Scott Johnson, (Sweet Home); Kathleen Chiavetta, (Lake Shore); Erik Polkowski (Akron).

- iii. **APPOINT Awards Review Team:** Kristin Schmutzler (Tonawanda), Stephanie Dombrowski (Cheektowaga-Sloan), Heather Jacobs (Iroquois), Jason Baier (Maryvale), Lorene Barulich (West Seneca) and Karen Whitelaw (Ken-Ton), and Maureen Poulin (Williamsville)
- iv. **Advocacy Scholarship \$ Approvals fall under Budget/Finance/Program Team.**
- v. **APPOINT Nominating Team:** See Nominating Committee Jim Stachewicz (Cheektowaga-Sloan); Tricia Andrews (Clarence), Laura Heeter (Hamburg), and Heather Becker (Iroquois)
- vi. **ECASB Representative on NFIEC Board:** Mary Busse, Erie 1 BOCES
- vii. **ECASB Representative to WNED,** (Jim Stachewicz (Cheektowaga Sloan)
- viii. **ECASB Representative to BPO:** Cindy Magera (Clarence) and Mike Montoro (Cleveland Hill)

7:20 Review of 2025-2026 - First Semester Events (Red events are new or repackaged events)

- **8/21 – Back to School/Awards Part II**
- **10/7 – Conversation and Dinner with the Commissioner**
- **10/9 – ECASB Resolutions Dinner**
- **10/16 – Rick Timbs Program – Columns**
- **11/6 – Student/Board President/Board Member Dinner**
- **11/13 & 11/20 – Legislative Dessert Forums – ECASB**
- **First Semester Promotions:**
 - **ECASB Fall Challenge**
 - **NYSSBA Convention Challenge**
 - **Great Pumpkin Contest**
 - **Elf on a Shelf**
- **Thursday's are generally ECASB nights. Alden CSD and Lackawanna City SD are the only two districts that have meetings on Thursday nights. For future programming we will look at the weeks**

in which we are scheduling the programs to be able to better avoid conflicts of programs.

7:30 New Award (Linda Hoffman – Community Service Award). There are many School Board Members that in addition to serving on their local school board or BOCES Board, volunteer through other organizations. Linda Hoffman served as Area NYSSBA Area 1 Director. She began her board service in 1981 (43 years), and served on Springville Griffith BOE, BOCES BOE, Served on Board for Springville Center of the Arts, volunteered for Springville Public Library, Partner for Children's Hospital, Healthy Community Alliance, and Temple Beth Shalom in Elma. She was the recipient of the ECASB Diana Miller Award, the ECASB Laura Burns Award, the recipient of the Wayne Schlifke Lifetime Achievement Award, the NYSSBA Board Mastery Award, Several Rising Star, Medallion, and Shining Star Awards. Additionally, she served as President, Vice President, and Treasurer of ECASB. Awards Committee will meet to develop specific criteria.

7:40 Student Ex Officio Member Survey – Signs, T-Shirts,

7:43 ECASB President Report

7:46 Committee Chair Reports:

7:48 NYSSBA Area 1 Director Report:

7:50 - Program Services Manager Update –

8:05 “Round Robin Minute Updates” ... Please introduce yourself and give a brief **“ONE Minute Update”** on a news or issue item from your district THAT MAY BE UNIQUE. *IT IS OKAY TO PASS.*

8:30 Motion to Adjourn

Future Meetings: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 7, 2025, 6:45-8:15 p.m. * (Meeting may begin at 6:15 p.m. if the Budget and Finance Team meeting is not needed.