

Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority Board Meeting

Call to Order (Agenda 1)

The regular meeting of the NIESA Board was called to order by Secretary Duffy, on September 10, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Station 61, 1296 W. Grand River, Williamston, MI. Immediately after calling the meeting to order, Secretary Duffy read aloud a resolution honoring Dorothy Hart. A framed copy of the resolution was presented to Ms. Hart.

Meeting Chairperson Appointment – that the Board appoint Dorothy Hart as meeting chairperson for the September 10, 2026 meeting.

Mr. Griffes, seconded by Ms. Stanfield, moved to appoint Dorothy Hart as meeting chairperson for the September 10, 2026 NIESA board meeting.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Roll Call (Agenda 2)

<u>Voting Members Present:</u>	Mr. Griffes, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hansen, Ms. Stanfield, Ms. Hart
<u>Voting Members Absent:</u>	Wheatfield Township
<u>Non-Voting Members Present:</u>	None
<u>NIESA/Employees Present:</u>	Deputy Chief Drent, Captain Ron Cole, A. House, N. Odett, S. Wenzel, M. Dougherty, K. Oesterle, A. Shekle, M. Takovich, P. Fraley
<u>NIESA/Employees Absent:</u>	Director Yanz
<u>Guests:</u>	none

Pledge of Allegiance (Agenda 3)

Chairperson Hart led the NIESA Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda (Agenda 4)

Approval of Agenda—that the NIESA Board of Directors approve the agenda of the regular meeting held Thursday, September 10, 2026.

Mr. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Stanfield, moved to approve the agenda of the regular meeting for Thursday, September 10, 2026, as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Public Comment (agenda 5)—None

Recognition of staff in the house—Chairperson Hart recognized the many staff listed under **NIESA/Employees Present** and thanked them for their service.

Approval of Minutes (Agenda 6)

Approval of Minutes—that the NIESA Board of Directors approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 13, 2026.

Mr. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Stanfield, moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 13, 2026.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda (Agenda 7)

Approval of Consent Agenda—that the NIESA Board of Directors approves the NIESA Check Account Summaries and Payroll Account Summaries dated August 2026.

Mr. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Stanfield, moved that the NIESA Board approve consent agenda, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6 Mr. Griffes, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Hansen,
Ms. Stanfield, Mr. Miller, Ms. Hart

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Old Business (Agenda 8)

Union Update— Mr. Takovich stated that the union is finishing the process of collecting member information and is planning a meeting on September 22 to begin drafting an initial proposal to submit to NIESA.

Exterior Signs – W4 Signs presented three options for the styling of the digital sign at Station 61 along with the design for the signage for Station 62. Board members expressed that using "Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority" instead of "NIESA" is preferred.

Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Miller, moved that the NIESA Board move forward with the purchase and installation of the signs, selecting digital sign

option B, and to obtain the necessary electrical and IT assistance to complete the installation, at an estimated cost of \$45,000.00, as amended.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6 Mr. Griffes, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Hansen,
Ms. Stanfield, Mr. Miller, Ms. Hart

Nays: 0
Motion carried.

New Business (Agenda 9)

L-4029-2026 Tax Rate Request

Mr. Griffes, seconded by Ms. Stanfield, moved to approve L-4029-2026 tax rate request.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6 Mr. Griffes, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Hansen,
Ms. Stanfield, Mr. Miller, Ms. Hart

Nays: 0
Motion carried.

Member at Large Appointment

Mr. Griffes, seconded by Ms. Stanfield, moved to appoint Dorothy Hart as the NIESA Primary Member at Large for a term to expire 12/31/2026.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Position – with many primary board members absent from the meeting, the board agreed to postpone the discussion of filling the NIESA board Vice Chairman position until the October board meeting.

Reports (Agenda 10)

Deputy Chief Drent reported that after recent severe storms that caused widespread power outages, NIESA fielded 108 storm-related calls over the four days during and after the storms.

NIESA was awarded a First Responder Recognition Grant from Anderson's and recently participated in trench rescue training. An upcoming fire academy will be hosted at Station 62 and will begin October 5. At least four NIESA employees will participate.

Mr. Duffy asked Deputy Chief Drent if NIESA participates in train derailment training. Deputy Chief Drent stated that there is no formal training, but Michigan State Police has a hazmat team that would respond along with the area Metro Response Team. NIESA would handle the initial response.

Treasurer Report

- *Bank Balances/Investment Report/Bank Fees*

Department Heads

- NIESA-EMS Fire Report
- EMS/MC Billing Summary
- Monthly Calls

Public Comment (Agenda 11)—Mr. Takovich stated that the union sets aside funds to help support community outreach ahead of the potential 2028 millage renewal.

Board Member Comments (Agenda 12)

Mr. Griffes thanks Ms. Hart for filling in as meeting chairperson tonight.

Mr. Miller thanked Ms. Hart for her service.

Mr. Hansen stated that he is not planning to run for re-election to Williamston's city council and will leave the NIESA board at the end of 2026.

Mr. Duffy thanked Ms. Hart for her help leading the meeting tonight. He stated that with the 25th anniversary of 9/11 tomorrow, he wanted to thank the staff for their service and sacrifice.

Ms. Hart asked Deputy Chief Drent and Captain Cole if they wanted to offer a remembrance ahead of the 25th anniversary of 9/11. Deputy Chief Drent acknowledged the sacrifice made by so many first responders that day and thanked the staff present for continuing the legacy of those who died.

Adjournment (Agenda 13)

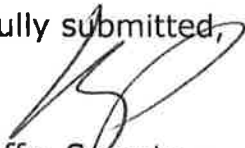
Mr. Griffes, seconded by Mr. Hansen, moved that the NIESA Board meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Kevin Duffy, Secretary
NIESA Board