

RURAL CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
807 N. MATTIS AVE, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 13, 2026

Ms. Norton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM. The meeting was held in the Conference Room at the Rural Champaign County Special Education Cooperative, 807 N. Mattis Avenue, Champaign, Illinois.

Members Present

Mr. Palmer
Ms. Norton
Mr. Amerio
Mr. Brooks
Ms. McArthur
Mr. Brink

Not Present

Mr. Wilson
Mr. Graham
Mr. Landeck

Mr. Ellison arrived at 1:16 pm.

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong, Executive Director; Mrs. Stephanie Ward, Executive Assistant

Additions/Deletions

No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 9, 2026 Executive Board meeting were in the Board packet.

Accounts Payable

The accounts payable report for July 10, 2026 - August 13, 2026 was included in the Board packet.

Approval of Financial Report (Reconciliation)

The balance sheet as of July 31, 2026 listing a fund balance of \$749,369.90 was included in the Board packet.

Mr. Amerio moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Brooks seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Palmer, Ms. Norton, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Brooks, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Brink "Nay" None. The motion carried. (6-0)

Executive Session

At 1:06 PM, Ms. McArthur made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Mr. Brink seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Palmer, Ms. Norton, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Brooks, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Brink "Nay" None. The motion carried. (6-0)

At 1:47 PM, Mr. Palmer made the motion to move out of executive session. Mr. Ellison seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Action Items

a. Action to Employ Personnel

The Executive Director recommended the employment of the following personnel:

Sarah Smith - 1.0 Paraprofessional, Spectrum

Ms. McArthur moved to approve the employment of Sarah Smith as presented. Mr. Palmer seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Palmer, Mr. Ellison, Ms. Norton, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Brooks, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Brink "Nay" None. The motion carried. (7-0)

Discussion Items

a. Spectrum

Spectrum will start the year with 5 classrooms: 1 at Thomasboro, 3 at St. Joseph, and 1 at Unity. Registration is complete and all sites have their class lists, information for SIS, transportation lists, and calendars.

Brandan Mata started his position on August 3.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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There was no good of the cause participation.

Adjournment

At 1:52 PM, Mr. Amerio moved to adjourn. Ms. McArthur seconded. The motion carried.

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Mr. Brian Brink
Secretary of the Board of Directors

Ms. Kimberly Norton
Chair of the Board of Directors

Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong
Recording Secretary

Ms. Bonnie McArthur
Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors