

December 15, 2021

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 21-1117-AR5  
AMEND BOARD REPORT 21-1027-AR2  
AMEND BOARD REPORT 21-0922-AR2  
AMEND BOARD REPORT 21-0623-AR5  
AUTHORIZE CONTINUED RETENTION OF VARIOUS OUTSIDE COUNSEL LAW FIRMS  
ON AN HOURLY OR FLAT FEE BASIS**

**THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Continued retention of various outside counsel law firms for Fiscal Year 2022.

This December 2021 amendment consolidates all of the amendments previously made for Fiscal Year 2022 and amends #13 Half (Robert) a Temporary Legal Services Agency and #23 Nielsen, Zehe & Antas, P.C.

**DESCRIPTION:** The General Counsel has continued the retention of various outside counsel law firms (see attached list of firms) to provide legal services to the Board in fiscal year 2022 on an hourly or flat fee basis, including, but not limited to the following legal services: representation in administrative hearings, affirmative litigation, consultative services, litigation defense, transactions, and such other matters as deemed appropriate by the General Counsel. The law firms and the not-to-exceed amounts authorized are set forth Attachment A. As invoices are received, they will be reviewed by the General Counsel and, if satisfactory, processed for payment.

**LSC REVIEW:** LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** None.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge ~~\$5,050,000.00~~ 4,225,000.00 to Law Department - Professional Services:  
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2022.....10210-115

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General – Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board’s Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

APPROVED,

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*Joseph T. Moriarty*

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General Counsel



**ATTACHMENT A****OUTSIDE COUNSEL LAW FIRMS**

<b>Firm/Practitioner</b>	<b>Not to exceed Authority</b>
1. Akerman LLP	\$50,000.00
2. Ancel Glink, P.C.	\$30,000.00
3. Borkan & Scahill	\$200,000.00
4. Brothers & Thompson, P.C.	\$50,000.00
5. Burke, Warren, Mackay & Serritella, P.C [Note: Amended in Board Report 21-1027-AR2 by \$75,000.00]	\$135,000.00
6. Clauss ADR, Inc.	\$50,000.00
7. Cournane, Brendan	\$200,000.00
8. Del Galdo Law Group, LLC [Note: Amended in Board Report 21-1117-AR5 by \$250,000.00]	\$500,000.00
9. Engler Baasten & Sraga LLC	\$50,000.00
10. Fitzpatrick, Margaret	\$10,000.00
11. Franczek, P.C. [Note: Amended in Board Report 21-0922-AR2 by \$300,000.00]	\$800,000.00
12. Gordon, Rees, Scully, Mansukhani [Note: Amended in Board Report 21-1027-AR2 by \$50,000.00]	\$75,000.00
13. Half (Robert) a Temporary Legal Services Agency [Note: Amended in Board Report 21-0922-AR2 by \$100,000.00]	<u>\$850,000.00</u> <del>250,000.000</del>

14.	Hinshaw Culbertson	\$200,000.00
15.	Hogan, Linda	\$50,000.00
16.	Holt (Colette) & Associates	\$310,000.00
17.	Horton, Andrea	\$10,000.00
18.	Husch Blackwell LLP	\$25,000.00
19.	Ice, Miller LLP	\$75,000.00
20.	Jackson Lewis P.C.	\$50,000.00
21.	Laner, Muchin, LTD.	\$100,000.00
22.	Mayer, Brown	\$145,000.00
23.	Nielsen, Zehe & Antas, P.C.	<u>\$225,000.00</u> <del>150,000.00</del>
24.	Patel & Associates, LLC	\$60,000.00
25.	Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. [Note: Amended in Board Report 21-0922-AR7 by \$150,000]	\$250,000.00
26.	Reiter Burns, LLP	\$30,000.00
27.	Robinson, Stewart, Montgomery & Doppke LLC	\$25,000.00
28.	Salvatore, Prescott, Porter & Porter, PLLC [Note: Amended in Board Report 21-1027-AR2 by \$40,000.00]	\$65,000.00
29.	Schiff Hardin, LLP	\$50,000.00
30.	Sotos Law Firm, P.C.	\$30,000.00

31. Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP \$300,000.00

32. Thompson Coburn LLP \$50,000.00

TOTAL NTE AUTHORITY: \$5,050,000.00 ~~4,375,000.00~~