



# Board of Education

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## Board Report

24-1114-AR1

Agenda Date: 11/14/2024

### AUTHORIZE RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM COZEN O'CONNOR

#### THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Retention of the law firm Cozen O'Connor for Fiscal Year 2025.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Board has retained the law firm Cozen O'Connor to represent the Board of Education in connection with matters as deemed appropriate by the Board. Authorization is requested in the amount of \$40,000 for the firm's services to represent the Board. 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 \$40,000.00 to Law Department - Professional Services:  
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2025.....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 August 24, 2023 (23-0824-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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General Counsel