

**AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM
EARL L. NEAL & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Continued retention of the law firm Earl L. Neal & Associates, L.L.C..

DESCRIPTION: The General Counsel continues to engage the services of the law firm Earl L. Neal & Associates, L.L.C. to provide legal services in support of the District's Capital Improvement Program. The firm handles all land acquisition matters for the program including securing necessary zoning and other regulatory approvals needed for new school construction and major capital renovation. Currently, there are pending invoices in the amount of \$6,514.95 for the firm's prior work. Additional authorization is requested in the amount of \$175,000 to pay these fees and the firm's anticipated fees during this fiscal year. 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: The firm is an MBE.

FINANCIAL: Charge \$175,000.00 to Department of Operations - Professional Services:
Budget Classification 0944-492-000-9311-5400

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

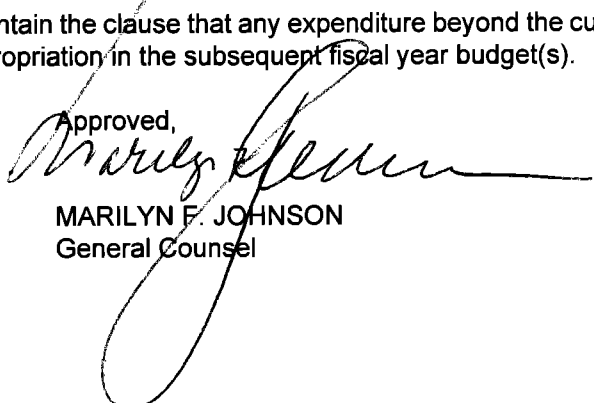
Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel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

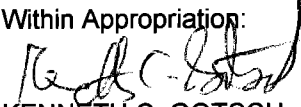
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board Members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995, (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995, (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, is hereby 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,

MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel

Within Appropriation:

KENNETH C. GOTSCH
Chief Fiscal Officer