

**RATIFY RETENTION OF WASHINGTON, PITTMAN & McKEEVER, LLC**

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

Ratify the retention of Washington, Pittman & McKeever, LLC.

**DESCRIPTION:** Ratification is requested for the retention of Washington, Pittman & McKeever, LLC. The firm is a highly skilled audit firm that was retained to assist in an ongoing investigation by providing a report regarding the propriety of invoices submitted by a vendor. The firm was retained without prior Board approval because the original contemplated cost of the audit services would not have exceeded \$25,000. Due to the inconsistency and complexity of the invoices and backup documentation submitted by the vendor, the cost of the audit, when completed, exceeded \$25,000. Washington, Pittman & McKeever, LLC has submitted its final report. Authorization is requested in the amount of \$41,710.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** This firm is a MBE.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge \$41,710.00 to Law Department - General Education Fund - Legal and Supportive Services - Professional Services:  
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2002 . . . . . 0014-210-000-1011-5410

**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.

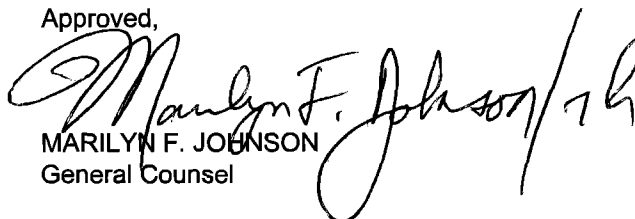
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board Members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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