

October 25, 2023

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 23-0928-AR6
AMEND BOARD REPORT 23-0824-AR3
AMEND BOARD REPORT 23-0628-AR4
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 2024.

This October 2023 amends #12 Robert Half a Temporary Legal Services Agency for additional spending authority. Also, we are removing #6 Brendan Cournane from the Outside Counsel Law Firms list because he has retired from the practice of law.

This September 2023 amends #20 Nielsen, Zehe & Antas, P.C. for additional spending authority.

This August 2023 amends #13 Hinshaw and Culbertson and #27 Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP for additional spending authority.

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 2024 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 in 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 ~~\$3,660,000.00~~ ~~\$3,595,000.00~~ to Law Department - Professional Services:
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2024.....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.

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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

ATTACHMENT A**OUTSIDE COUNSEL LAW FIRMS**

Firm/Practitioner	Not to exceed Authority
1. Akerman LLP	\$50,000.00
2. Ancel Glink, P.C.	\$100,000.00
3. Borkan & Scahill, Ltd.	\$100,000.00
4. Burke, Warren, Mackay & Serritella, P.C.	\$250,000.00
5. Clauss ADR, Inc.	\$40,000.00
6. Courane, Brendan	\$10,000.00
7. Daley Mohan Groble, P.C.	\$25,000.00
8. Del Galdo Law Group, LLC	\$10,000.00
9. Engler Callaway Baasten & Sraga LLC	\$75,000.00
10. Franczek, P.C.	\$1,050,000.00
11. Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP	\$250,000.00
<u>12. Half (Robert) a Temporary Legal Services Agency</u>	<u>\$175,000.00</u> \$100,000.00
13. Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP [Note: Amended in Board Report 23-0824-AR3 by \$25,000.00]	\$100,000.00

14.	Ice Miller LLP	\$100,000.00
15.	Jackson Lewis P.C.	\$25,000.00
16.	Jarecki Law Group	\$200,000.00
17.	Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP	\$25,000.00
18.	Laner Muchin, LTD.	\$50,000.00
19.	Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP	\$10,000.00
20.	Nielsen, Zehe & Antas, P.C.	\$175,000.00
21.	Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer P.A.	\$100,000.00
22.	Reiter Burns, LLP	\$50,000.00
23.	Robinson, Stewart, Montgomery & Doppke LLC	\$10,000.00
24.	Salvatore, Prescott, Porter & Porter, PLLC	\$65,000.00
25.	Schiff Hardin, LLP	\$50,000.00
26.	Sotos Law Firm, P.C.	\$50,000.00
27.	Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP [Note: Amended in Board Report 23-0824-AR3 by \$25,000.00]	\$50,000.00
28.	Thompson Coburn LLP	\$50,000.00

29. Yahnig, Esther \$25,000.00

30. LegalPeople \$400,000.00

TOTAL NTE AUTHORITY: \$3,660,000.00 ~~\$3,595,000.00~~