

**AUTHORIZE 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 law firm Earl L. Neal & Associates continues to be retained by the General Counsel to provide legal services for the Capital Improvement Program. The firm handles all property acquisition matters, including imminent domain litigation as required and obtains all other regulatory approvals as needed. Because of the considerable work required in connection with the expansion of the Jones Academic Regional High School campus, the Marshall-Faraday project and several other matters, there are pending invoices for the firm's work in the amount of \$360,000. Authorization for these fees and anticipated fees for current projects is sought in the amount of \$450,000. 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 \$450,000.00 to Department of Operations - Professional Services:
Budget Classification 0944-477-000-9316-5410

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

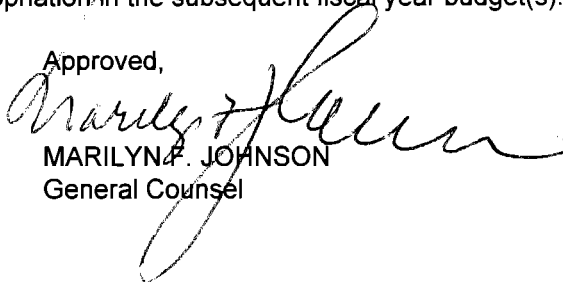
Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel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

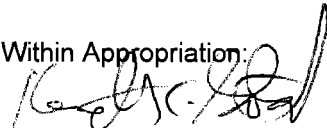
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board Members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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