

**APPROVE APPOINTMENT AND ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH DWIGHT L. BECK FOR HEARING OFFICER SERVICES**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve appointment and entering into an agreement with Dwight L. Beck to provide hearing officer services to the Law Department at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00. The hearing officer was selected pursuant to an interview process. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

CONSULTANT:

Dwight L. Beck
1501 E. 13th Place
Ford Heights, Illinois 60411
(708) 758-4725

USER:

Law Department
125 South Clark Street
Marilyn F. Johnson, General Counsel
(773) 553-1700

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on February 26, 2003 and shall end June 30, 2003.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: This agreement may be terminated upon 15 calendar days notice of default by the Board and the default is not cured by the hearing officer.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Upon appointment by the Board, Consultant shall act as a hearing officer for chronic truancy adjudication hearings, as assigned by the General Counsel or her designee.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall prepare a written summary of the evidence taken at the hearings, together with a recommendation, and forward that summary to the appropriate department.

OUTCOME: The hearing officer's services shall lead to impartial recommendations to the Chief Education Officer.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid during this term as follows: hourly rate of \$30.00, not to exceed the sum of \$30,000.00 for the term of the contract.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan), the Per Contract and Category Goals method for M/WBE participation will be utilized. Thus, contracts for subsequent vendors from the pool created by this contract will be subject to compliance reviews on a contract-by-contract basis. Aggregated compliance of the vendors in the pool will be reported on a quarterly basis.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to Law Department: \$30,000.00 Fiscal Yr: 2003
General Education Fund - Student Discipline - Professional Services
Budget Classification: 0014-210-000-3 0 5 2 - 5 4 1 0

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 Board of Education of the City of Chicago 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, shall be 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, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

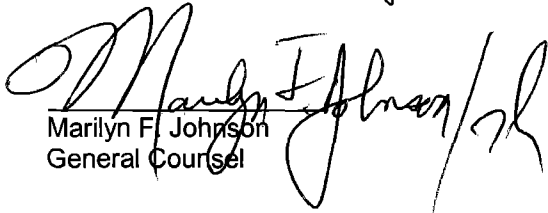
Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Within Appropriation:



Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel