

December 16, 2020

AUTHORIZE CONTINUED RETENTION OF THE SOTOS LAW FIRM, P.C.

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Continue retention of The Sotos Law Firm, P.C.

DESCRIPTION: The General Counsel has continued retention of The Sotos Law Firm, P.C., to represent employees of the Board, both past and present, in cases involving federal and civil rights matters when individual employees are sued in their capacity. Additional authorization is requested in the amount of \$30,000 for the firm's services. 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 \$30,000.00 to Law Department - Professional Services:
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2021.....10210-115

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – 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 non-privileged information 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.

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