

**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.

RESOLUTION: The General Counsel has concluded to engage the services of Earl L. Neal & Associates, L.L.C. to provide legal services in connection with the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The firm will continue its work for the Board as well as obtaining necessary approvals from the Board of Education. The firm will continue to provide legal and appropriate legal advice to the General Counsel in the described areas. Currently, there are pending invoices for the firm's services in the amount of \$28,000. Additional services as well as present invoices in the amount of \$250,000, as 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 \$250,000.00 to Department of Operations - Professional Services  
Budget Classification 0944-477-000-9316-5410

**GENERAL CONDITIONS**

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 5/3-41-2 which restricts the employment of members of contracts from local government for a one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

**Indebtedness -** The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-6726-FX3) as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 1995 (95-0927-FX, 13) as amended from time to time is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.