

**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.

Professional Services - The General Counsel has continued 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 CIP as well as obtaining necessary approvals from the Chicago Board of Education. The firm has provided and appropriate legal advice to the General Counsel in the described areas. The firm has also provided legal services to the Chicago Board of Education in the amount of \$28,000. Additional services as well as present invoices is requested in the amount of \$250,000. As reviewed by the General Counsel and if satisfactory, processed for payment.

not applicable to this report.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not required.

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: 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 5/3-4.1-2 which restricts employment of certain individuals 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.

Amendment - The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 26, 1995 (95-0927-FX, 13) as amended from time to time is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.