# APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS OR RENEWALS WITH HEARING OFFICERS FOR EXPULSION, TRUANCY, TUITION RESIDENCY, AND BOARD RULE 6-28, 6-29, AND 6-30 HEARINGS

### THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into agreements or renewals with the individual hearing officers listed below to provide hearing officer services to the Office of School Coordination and the Law Department at a cost not to exceed \$207,000.00 in the aggregate. The hearing officers were selected on a non-competitive basis pursuant to an application and interview process. Written agreements for each Hearing Officer's services are currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to any hearing officer prior to the execution of such hearing officer's written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each hearing officer in the event their written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreements is listed below.

#### **HEARING OFFICERS:**

- Lynn Hirschfeld Brahin Renewal 360 East Randolph Street Apt. 2001 Chicago, Illinois 60601 (312) 565-2664 Vendor Number 83022
- The Law Office of June Brown - Renewal
   W. Washington, Suite 2114 Chicago, Illinois 60602 (312) 290-0909
   Vendor Number 15871
- Michael J. Dudek Renewal 6353 S. Loral Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60638 (708) 424-6100 Vendor Number 30533
- 4. Margaret Fitzpatrick Renewal 835 Greenwood Wilmette, Illinois 60091 (312) 953-6547 Vendor Number 50687

- 5. Ted G. Goldsmith Renewal 7339 N. Oakley Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60645 (773) 508-5739 Vendor Number 48864
- 6. Mary Volk Gregory Renewal 1452 West Balmoral Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60640 (773)293-7243 Vendor Number 83012
- 7. Janelle Hanks Renewal 7614 S. Kingston Chicago, Illinois 60649 (312)890-8065 Vendor Number 61494
- Angela Harkless Renewal
   South Riverside Plaza, Suite1800
   Chicago, IL 60606
   (312) 474-6199
   Vendor Number 52056

#### **HEARING OFFICERS:**

- 9. Christina Iturralde Renewal 1855 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street Chicago, IL 60608 (773) 961-4001 Vendor Number 51624
- The Law Office of Theresa Orozco – Renewal 6233 S. Karlov Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60629 (773) 612-0131 Vendor Number 83048

- 11. Michael S. Reich Renewal 419 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. #1 Chicago, Illinois 60609 (773) 538-0432 Vendor Number 98905
- 12 Helen Ashford Initial 8527 Stony Island Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60619 (773) 499-2150 Vendor Number 76721

USER: Law Department Office of School Coordination

125 South Clark
Patrick J. Rocks
(773) 553-1700

125 South Clark
Jacqueline Anderson
(773) 553-2150

**TERM**: The term of each agreement or renewal shall commence July 1, 2009 and shall end June 30, 2010.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:** The agreements may be terminated by the Board upon 15 calendar days notice of default to the hearing officers, provided that the hearing officers do not cure during such 15 day period.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Each hearing officer shall act as a hearing officer for student expulsion hearings, truancy hearings, or tuition residency hearings, and Board Rule 6-28, 6-29 and 6-30 hearings, as assigned by the General Counsel or his designee.

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

**OUTCOMES:** The hearing officers shall render impartial recommendations to the Chief Education Officer or his designee.

**COMPENSATION**: For expulsion and truancy hearings, the hearing officers shall be paid as follows: a) \$90.00 per completed hearing and submission of a written report, including a summary of the evidence and a recommendation; and b) \$25.00 for every hearing assigned but canceled or postponed without 48 hours notice and not held on the day scheduled. For tuition residency and Board Rule 6-28, 6-29 and 6-30 hearings, the hearing officers shall be paid at the rate of \$30.00 per hour. No hearing officer shall be compensated more than \$60,000 during the term of this contract. Total compensation payable to all hearing officers shall not exceed \$207,000.

**AUTHORIZATION**: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreements. Authorize the General Counsel to execute any and all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate these agreements.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**: Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, the Per Contract goals method for M/WBE participation will be utilized. Thus, contracts for subsequent officers from the pool created by this contract will be subject to compliance reviews on a contract by contract basis. Aggregated compliance of the officers in the pool will be reported on a monthly basis.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of School Coordination: Fiscal yr: 2010

\$175,000 Professional and Technical Services - Expulsions Budget Classification: 11110-115-54125-231001-000000

Charge to Law Department: \$8,000 Fiscal yr. 2010

Professional and Technical Services – Pupil Residency

and 6-28, 6-29, and 6-30 Hearings

Budget Classification: 10210-115-54125-231101-000000

Charge to Law Department: \$24,000 Fiscal yr. 2010

Professional and Technical Services – Truancy

Budget Classification: 10210-115-54125-211207-000000

## **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 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, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004, (04-0623-PO4), 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 for Consideration:** 

**Opal Walls** 

**Chief Purchasing Officer** 

Within Appropriation:

Pedro Martinez

**Chief Financial Officer** 

Approved:

Ron Huberman

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Approved as to legal form:

Patrick J. Rocks

General Counsel