

March 24, 2021

**AUTHORIZE RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM  
GORDON & REES, LLP**

**THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Retention of the law firm Gordon & Rees, LLP.

**DESCRIPTION:** The General Counsel has retained the law firm Gordon & Rees, LLP to represent the Board on matters in litigation and such other legal matters as determined by the General Counsel. Authorization for the firm's services is requested in the amount of \$50,000. 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 \$50,000.00 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,

DocuSigned by:  
*Joseph T. Moriarty*  
571EC59C33144C5...  
JOSEPH T. MORIARTY  
General Counsel