

Office of School Board Attorney  
Walter J. Harvey, Board Attorney

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT OF PRE-EXISTING OUTSIDE COUNSEL CONTRACT TO NEW LAW FIRM**

**COMMITTEE:               SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:              FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

At the School Board meeting of April 14, 2010, the School Board approved Agenda Item G-4 authorizing the School Board Attorney to contract with the law firm of Vezina, Lawrence & Piscitelli, P.A. to represent the School Board in several pending construction lawsuits brought forth by Skanska USA Building, Inc. and in any future claims and lawsuits involving Skanska USA Building, Inc.

Mr. Daniel R. Vega, Esq., an attorney certified in construction law and who has been the attorney representing the School Board in these matters has become a partner and shareholder with the firm Taylor Vega, P.A. and is requesting continuity of his service to the Board with his new law firm. Accordingly, the School Board Attorney is requesting that the existing contract with Mr. Vega's old firm be assigned to Mr. Vega's new firm under the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board. The existing contract provides that shareholders from the firm be compensated at the discounted rate of \$295 per hour, and that associates be compensated at \$225.00 per hour and paralegals be paid an hourly fee of \$100.00. The same fee arrangement will remain in place with the assignment of the existing contract to the firm of Taylor Vega, P.A.

**RECOMMENDED:**       That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, pursuant to the authority granted at the April 14, 2010 School Board meeting further authorize the Office of the School Board Attorney to contract on behalf of the Board for legal services with the law firm of Taylor Vega, P.A. at the discounted hourly rates previously approved by the Board, and for Mr. Dan Vega, Esq., to continue representing the School Board's interests in the matters specified herein under the same terms and conditions of original contract approved by the Board.