

Office of School Board Attorney
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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE BOARD IN REAL ESTATE PLANNING MATTERS

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

The School Board Attorney's Office requests that the School Board authorize the Board Attorney to enter into one-year contracts with the law firms of Shutts & Bowen LLP and Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, with options to renew for two additional one-year terms, for legal services in the areas of Real Estate Planning (Land Use, Eminent Domain). On July 17, 2013, the Board approved E-142 (Request Authorization to Enter into Contractual Services Agreements, Pursuant to Request for Proposals No. 031-NN10 – Legal Services), wherein the hourly rates not to exceed \$394 per hour for partners and \$75.00 per hour for paralegals were established for Real Estate Planning. These firms have agreed to discounted rates not to exceed \$350.00 per hour for partners, \$275.00 per hour for associates and \$75.00 per hour for paralegals in area of Real Estate Planning.

These new contracts will govern all cases/matters assigned to both law firms, and will be on an as needed basis, at the currently established rates for Real Estate Planning and in accordance with current Outside Counsel Guidelines.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize The School Board Attorney to enter into new contracts on behalf of the Board for legal services in the area of Real Estate Planning with Shutts and Bowen LLP and Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP for one-year terms, with options to renew for two additional one-year terms. Both firms will be compensated in accordance with established Outside Counsel Guidelines at the rates not to exceed \$350.00 per hour for partners, \$275.00 per hour for associates and \$75.00 for paralegals.