

THE GENERAL COUNSEL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Retention of Margaret C. Fitzpatrick, Esq.

DESCRIPTION: Authorization is sought for the retention of the services of Ms. Fitzpatrick as an independent hearing officer for the hearing of post-LSC election and other challenges which the Board of Education is required to conduct prior to taking official action on such challenges. Authorization in the amount of \$15,000.

is requested. As invoices are received, they will be reviewed by the General Counsel and processed for payment.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: None.

FINANCIAL: Charge \$15,000.00, Hearing Officer, Office of Legal Services, Local

Services - Professional Services

Fiscal Year 2002 Budget Classification 0014-210-000-1011-5410

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/31-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain