

CHAPTER 2.00 - SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION

LEGAL COUNSEL – BOARD	2.12
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The School Board shall obtain an attorney, from outside its own membership, who shall act as legal advisor to the Board and the Superintendent.

In the event the Board Attorney determines a conflict to exist with respect to his representation of member(s) of the Board or other circumstances exist wherein the attorney determines it to be in the best interest of the organization and affected member(s) to retain independent counsel regarding matters of official organizational interest(s), the Attorney shall so advise the affected member(s) of said circumstances and, if applicable, of the Attorney's opinion that said affected member(s) should retain independent counsel. The affected member(s) shall thereafter be authorized to retain independent counsel to represent his/her/their interest(s) with respect to said matter regarding the performance of his/her/their official duties as a Board Member.

In the event a Board Member determines that circumstances exist wherein said member desires independent counsel, said Board Member shall communicate said desire, and the grounds therefore, to the Board Attorney. If the Board Attorney concurs that the retention of independent counsel would be in the best interest of the affected member and/or the organization, the Board Member shall be entitled to retain independent counsel as provided herein. In the event the Board Attorney does not concur, the Board Member shall, nevertheless, be entitled to request to be provided independent counsel at Board expense in the manner set forth therein.

A Board Member's request for independent counsel shall be considered at the next regular meeting or, if circumstances warrant, the Chairman shall be authorized to call a special meeting for purposes of considering said request.

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