

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date February 23, 2010

ITEM # 7

ITEM TITLE:

Approval of Contract Extension – Akerman Senterfitt, Attorneys At Law.

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that Trustees approve an extension to the current contract (dated 2/1/08 through 2/28/10) with the district's legislative advocate, Richard L. Spees, Akerman Senterfitt, Attorneys At Law.

Length of proposed contract: 5 years, effective 3/1/10 through 3/1/15.

Proposed contract amount: \$6,000/month

ITEM SUMMARY: (PLEASE DISCUSS THIS ITEM)

Richard L. Spees has served the District in the capacity of District Legislative Advocate since 2006. Mr. Spees has performed federal representational activities, including efforts to secure federal appropriations and agency discretionary monies and to build strategic alliances between Peralta and the federal government.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

GENERAL FUNDS.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):

YES _____ NO X

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?

CHANCELLOR HARRIS.

DID A BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE ITEM? YES _____ NO X

IF "YES", PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR SUMMARY.

(*****Board contract approval is subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor.)

PLEASE ACQUIRE SIGNATURES IN THIS ORDER:

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by:

Nancy Koo
[Nancy Koo, Executive Assistant, Chancellor's Office]

Date: 2-17-10

DOCUMENT PRESENTED BY:

Presented by:

[Elihu Harris, Chancellor]

Date:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Finance review required

Finance review *not* required

If Finance review is required, determination is:

Approved

Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason:

Signature:

[Signature]
for Finance and Administration

Date:

2/17/10

GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):

Legal review required

Legal review *not* required

If Legal review is required, determination is:

Approved

Not Approved

Signature:

Thuy T. Nguyen, General Counsel

Date:

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL

Approved, and Place on Agenda

Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature:

[Signature]
Elihu Harris, Chancellor

Date:

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