The Board shall retain an attorney or attorneys, as necessary, to serve as the College District's legal counsel and representatives in matters requiring legal services. Services to be performed and reasonable compensation to be paid by the Board shall be set forth in a written contract between the Board and the attorney or attorneys.

Any Board member, at his or her own will, has the right to approach the attorney with questions or writing agendas.

~~Additionally,~~ prior to the legal consultation, a Board member shall inform ~~either~~ the Board President ~~or College President~~ orally or in writing of this consultation and shall share the purpose and outcome of the meeting.

A Board member may meet individually with the College President before a Board meeting to obtain information regarding upcoming agenda items. The President and Board members should not use these meetings to communicate or relay the views, positions, comments, or responses of one Board member to other Board members in a manner that would facilitate deliberation among a quorum outside of a properly posted meeting. ~~In other words,~~ the meetings shall not be used to facilitate deliberations or a series of communications among a quorum of the Board outside of a properly posted meeting in violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act. Additionally, Board members who are interested in receiving information about upcoming agenda items can attend the Board's committee meetings which are held before the Board's regular meeting.

Staff requests for legal advice from the College District's legal counsel shall be submitted through the College President or designee.

A report of legal advice received shall be presented to the Board when deemed appropriate by the administration or upon request of the Board.