

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING/
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the board of trustees of **Joshua Independent School District (“Joshua I.S.D.”)** will be held on **January 17, 2024** for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Pearson Legal, P.C. as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to recover damages, court costs, and penalties as provided in the Texas Insurance Code, the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, and other Texas statutory and common law for breach of contract, violations of the Texas Insurance Code, and common law bad faith.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for recovering the unpaid **loss damages** (“damages”) sustained by **Joshua I.S.D.** during **a hail/wind event on or around June 12, 2023**. By way of this agreement, **Joshua I.S.D.** seeks to recover damages, court costs, penalties, and other relief provided in Texas statutory and common law.

Pearson Legal, P.C., a San Antonio law firm specializing in insurance recovery and construction defects is fully qualified to represent **Joshua I.S.D.** in this matter. Pearson Legal, P.C. regularly represents public school districts in matters of this type as well as other public and private entities, both commercial and residential. Matthew R. Pearson founded Pearson Legal, P.C. in 2019 and practiced law with other firms and partnerships for over twenty-five years. Having represented policyholders of all types, Pearson Legal, P.C. possesses the competence, specialized experience, technology, and infrastructure to represent **Joshua I.S.D.** in this matter.

Pearson Legal, P.C. **has not** previously represented **Joshua I.S.D.** but regularly represents public school districts and municipalities in matters of this type. Pearson Legal P.C. has and continues to represent Texas public school districts with competence and professionalism for recovery of damages provided for under Texas statutory and common law.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of **Joshua I.S.D.** due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient attorneys and staff at the standard industry rates with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these services and the anticipated amount of time and expense to reach a final resolution.

Pearson Legal, P.C. will be compensated on a contingent fee basis. Texas statutory and common law provide for penalty damages and attorney’s fees damages for certain claims, including certain claims asserted pursuant to the Texas Insurance Code and the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to **Joshua I.S.D.** due to the anticipated amount of time and expense to reach a final resolution.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of **Joshua I.S.D.** because recovery of **damages** will be competently and professionally pursued without additional costs to **Joshua I.S.D.** of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these services.