

LEGAL SERVICES RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR BROWNWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Brownwood Independent School District (hereinafter "District"), acting by and through the authorized Trustee or Employee whose signature appears below, hereby retains the law firm of Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson & Roalson P.C. (hereinafter "Law Firm"), to provide the services to the District set forth below.

- Telephone Consultation: The Law Firm shall provide telephone consultation at no charge to the District's Board President, Superintendent, Special Education Director, or designee pertaining to questions arising out of the general operation of the District. The District shall have access to a statewide toll-free telephone number for calls to the Law Firm.
- Additional Legal Work: The District shall be entitled to reduced hourly rates for additional legal work over and above general telephone consultation. Examples of such additional legal work are research, opinion letters, and legal advice or representation in adversarial matters. Expenses incurred by the Law Firm in providing such additional legal work shall be charged.
- 3. <u>Publications</u>: The Law Firm shall provide at no charge the monthly publication This Just In, dealing with special education law issues, and the bi-monthly general school law publication Time Out with Walsh Gallegos, both published by the Law Firm.
- 4. <u>E-mail Updates</u>: The Law Firm shall send periodic e-mail updates to designated District personnel and trustees relating to developments in school law. The content and publication schedule of such updates shall be determined solely by the Law Firm.
- 5. <u>Retainer Term and Cost</u>: There shall be a fee of \$1,000.00 for this Retainer Agreement due upon execution and annually thereafter on the anniversary of the execution date below. This Retainer Agreement shall remain in effect until notice of cancellation is received.
- 6. <u>Compliance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2271:</u> Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2271, as amended, the Law Firm verifies that it

- does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement.
- 7. <u>Compliance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2252:</u> Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2252, as amended, the Law Firm verifies that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization, as prohibited by Section 2252.152.
- 8. Compliance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2274 and 809: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapters 2274 and 809, as amended, the Law Firm verifies that it does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of this Agreement.
- 9. Compliance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2274: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2274, as amended, the Law Firm verifies that it does not discriminate against firearm entities or firearm trade associations and will not discriminate against firearm entities or firearm trade associations during the term of this Agreement.
- 10. Scope of Attorney-Client Relationship: This Retainer Agreement establishes a limited attorney-client relationship only between the Law Firm and the District. All communications between the parties shall be deemed privileged, and all work product shall be protected from disclosure. The relationship exists only as to the consultations and additional legal work that are initiated by the District and accepted by the Law Firm pursuant to this Agreement. The Retainer Agreement does not impose any duty upon the Law Firm to provide advice or work to the District regarding legal matters absent a request by the District's Board President, Superintendent, Special Education Director, or designee for such advice or work on a matter. The Law Firm and the District acknowledge and represent that this Agreement does not establish an attorney-client relationship between the Law Firm and any individual Trustees or Employees of the District. If a lawsuit or other adversarial matter is brought against the District and/or any Trustee or Employee of the District, the Law Firm may require the execution of one or more separate Letters of Engagement prior to undertaking an attorney-client relationship in the matter.
- 11. Confidential Relationship: All information furnished by the District to Law Firm hereunder, including their respective agents, and employees, shall be treated as confidential ("Confidential Information") and shall not be disclosed to third parties except as required by law or authorized in writing. Any Confidential Information of the District may be used by Law Firm only in connection with the Services. Law Firm agrees to protect the confidentiality of any Confidential Information in the same manner that it protects the confidentiality of its own proprietary and confidential information. Access to the Confidential Information shall be restricted to those of Law Firm's personnel engaged under this Agreement. All Confidential Information made available hereunder,

including copies thereof, shall be returned in accordance with Law Firm's File Retention Policy or request by the District, whichever occurs first. The restrictions set forth in this section shall not apply to information that is or becomes in the public domain through no fault of Law Firm, is independently developed by Law Firm, is provided to Law Firm by a third party who is not subject to a duty of confidentiality, or is required to be disclosed pursuant to law or legal process.

12. Texas Lawyer's Creed: Under rules of the Texas Supreme Court and the State Bar of Texas, we advise our clients of the contents of the Texas Lawyer's Creed, a copy of which is enclosed. In addition, we advise clients that the State Bar of Texas investigates and prosecutes complaints of professional misconduct against attorneys licensed in Texas. A brochure entitled Attorney Complaint Information is available at all of our offices and is likewise available upon request. A client that has any questions about the State Bar's disciplinary process should call the Office of the General Counsel of the State Bar of Texas at 1-800-932-1900 (toll free).

BROWNWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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WALSH GALLEGOS KYLE ROBINSON & ROALSON P.C.

Ву: _____

Joe A. De Los Santos Managing Shareholder

8/1/2024 (Date)