



# Lamar CISD

## Board Agenda Item Overview

**Meeting Date:** May 20, 2025

**Meeting Type:** Regular

**Item Category:** Future Consent Item

**Primary Contact:** Dr. Roosevelt Nivens

**Presenter(s)/Add'l Contact(s):** Jill Ludwig, CPA, RTSBA

**Item Name:** DISCUSSION OF ACTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP

**Item Summary:** At the April 15, 2025 Regular Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved Consent Agenda Item 9.G, RFQ #13-2025TB Delinquent Tax Attorney. This item followed the routine proposal process for soliciting professional qualifications to secure legal and delinquent property tax collection services from a qualified delinquent tax attorney. The selected firm will provide legal representation, enforcement actions, strategic tax recovery services, and state property value appeal and audit services to maximize property tax revenue and state funding, and to ensure compliance with state laws.

While that process was correct and required for procurement compliance, we were informed after the meeting that additional procedures are required due to legislative action. A separate meeting notice and resolution are now required. A draft of the resolution is attached, and the notice will be posted prior to the June 2025 meeting when the item will be included in the Consent Agenda. The new requirements relate to legislation covering contingent fee contracts for legal services. Since delinquent tax collection services are not billed on a per-hour fee basis and are paid by the taxpayer, they are considered "contingent". Specific public notice and resolution verbiage are required to bring the tax collection contract approved last month into compliance.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution and agreement with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as presented.

**Policy Reference:** CH (Legal and Local) and CCGA (Legal and Local)

**Leadership Definition Alignment:** Plan for Success

**Strategic Plan Alignment:** N/A

**Currently Budgeted?** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ No Budgetary Impact

**Completion or Implementation Timeline:** 2024-2025 Fiscal Year