



Splendoria ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 15, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Consider Approval of an Engagement Letter with Spalding Nichols Lamp Langlois for Legal Services.

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S): Fiscal & Operational Systems

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Board Policy BDD(LOCAL) states the Board shall retain an attorney or attorneys, as necessary, to serve as the District's legal counsel and representative in matters requiring legal services.

The purchasing requirements of Education Code 44.031 do not apply to a contract for professional services rendered by an attorney. The Professional Services Procurement Act, also referenced in Board Policy CH(LEGAL) states a District may not select a provider of professional services on the basis of competitive bids submitted for the contract or for the services, but shall make the selection and award on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services and for a fair and reasonable price.

No legal retainer, which is an advance fee a client pays to a lawyer to secure legal services for a future legal matter or to have the lawyer available to handle future legal issues, is required. Services will be billed monthly based on the fee arrangement.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Engagement Letter with Spalding Nichols Lamp Langlois to provide legal services.

ATTACHMENTS: Engagement Letter

BUDGET INFORMATION: Legal services are included in the 2025-2026 budget.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL: Yvonne M. Johnson, Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move to approve an Engagement Letter with Spalding Nichols Lamp Langlois for legal services.