Board of Trustees Meeting of November 18, 2015
Action Item
First Reading
Defense Panel Counsel Policy 2212

A change is proposed to include the Group's Chief Legal Officer in the appointment of defense panel counsel. Changes to the panel are at the discretion of the Chief Legal Officer, based upon advice from the Claims Department Manager. The Claims Department has a good perspective for evaluating counsel performance from a claims perspective, and the Chief Legal Officer has the best perspective regarding matters of law and contract compliance.

Recommended Resolution: Approve Defense Panel Counsel Policy 2212 as a first reading.

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Executive Director

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DEFENSE PANEL COUNSEL

It is necessary for the Group to maintain a list of attorneys who will be utilized as approved panel counsel to represent our members.

That role is within the discretion of the **Chief Legal Officer with the advice of the** Claims Department of the Group, as the Claims Department oversees all approved panel counsel and is in the best position to judge the performance of approved panel counsel and the need to add or subtract from the approved list of approved panel counsel.

The attorneys on the approved panel counsel list shall be selected based on their expertise in handling matters for school boards in the State of New Jersey, including, but not limited to workers' compensation, civil litigation, harassment, discrimination, Title 59 actions and other school related matters.

The approved panel counsel list will be maintained, added or subtracted to as needed, by the ~~Claims Department~~ **Chief Legal Officer**. The Claims Department shall provide the list of current panel counsel and the current rate of compensation to the Board of Trustees on an annual basis.

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