## OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items May 16, 2024

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

02.A. Action: Contract with Gay, Jones, and Kuhn PLLC to provide supplementary legal counsel and policy and guidelines support to the Office of Special Education relative to the enforcement of and compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Gay Jones & Kuhn PLLC

Jackson, Mississippi

<u>Scope of Project</u>: The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of Gay Jones and Kuhn PLLC as supplementary legal counsel to the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Special Education relative to the enforcement of and compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

## Scope of Contract:

• Term of Contract: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Amount to be Awarded: \$72,000

Method of Award:
 Legal Services

Funding Source: Federal funds

This item references Goal 4 of the Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None