OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items April 17, 2025

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

04.B. 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 & 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, 2025 – June 30, 2026
•	Amount to be Awarded:	\$ 72,000.00
•	Method of Award:	No competitive requirement

Funding Source: Federal funds

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

(legal services)

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None