

BOARD ADOPTED POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: 30.241 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 20, 2022

TITLE: Legal Services and Approved Counsel SUPERSEDES: November 30, 2021

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I. Legal Services and Approved Counsel

A. Legal Action

- 1. When the Board is named as a defendant in a legal action the Executive Director is authorized to act on behalf of the Board with the advice of legal counsel and shall notify the Chairperson of all significant developments in a timely manner.
- 2. The Executive Director may initiate legal action to fulfill the Board's fiduciary duty and shall notify the Chairperson of all significant developments in a timely manner.

B. Legal Services

- 1. The Board delegates to the Executive Director the responsibility to provide appropriate legal representation for all Board activities.
- The Executive Director may contract for legal services and must ensure there is no lapse in service.
- 3. The Executive Director shall ensure that the Board has legal representation for any class action litigation to which it is entitled to participate.

Authority: Montana Constitution, Article VIII, Section 13

Section 2-15-1808, MCA Section 17-6-201, MCA

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