

ETHICS COMMITTEE MEETING
September 25, 2014

Item 4: CONTRACT – Outside Legal Counsel, Brent Cole

Brent Cole's contract expired on June 30, 2014. He has agreed to another one year contract for FY 15 – July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Mr. Cole has been on contract with the Committee since 2001.

Mr. Cole provides the following legal services:

- Legal advice, including, but not limited to, advice and opinions related to ethics complaints.
- Testimony before the Committee.
- Responses to informal requests for interpretation of the Legislative Ethics Act.

The rates will remain the same as FY 14:

Brent Cole	\$175 per hour
Patrick Bergt	\$175 per hour
Legal Assistants	\$ 75 per hour

Chair Gary J. Turner recommends approving the contract with Brent Cole for FY 15 as stated above.

Action: Approval of contracts must be taken in a public meeting. A motion is required to approve a contract along with a majority vote of the committee.

Draft Motion: To approve a FY 15 legal services contract with Brent Cole to provide legal advice to the Ethics Committee for a rate of \$175 per hour for the services of attorneys Brent Cole and Patrick Bergt and a rate of \$75 per hour for work performed by legal assistants.