

Contact: Aimee Claeys

ENGAGEMENT OF FCC COUNSEL

Action Requested: Approve the request to engage the services of John C. Pietila to provide advice and counsel on matters related to the FCC radio station licenses held by the Universities.

Executive Summary: Pursuant to Iowa Code section 262.9(16), the Board has the authority to retain attorneys to provide legal counsel or legal advice. The three Regent Universities are the FCC license holders for approximately 26 radio stations serving the State of Iowa. The Board office has identified a need to engage the services of outside counsel with experience in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulation and compliance to provide advice and counsel on matters related to the Universities' FCC licenses.

It is recommended that John C. Pietila of Davis Brown Law Firm, be hired as outside FCC counsel to represent the Board and the University licensees. Mr. Pietila graduated from South Dakota State in 1997 and earned his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2002. The proposed hourly rate for the purposes of this engagement is \$365.