

## **POLICY BOARD/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **2:160 Cooperative Attorney**

The Executive Committee may retain legal services with one or more attorneys or law firms to be the Policy Board/Committee Attorney(s). The Board/Committee Attorney represents the Board/Committee in their capacity as the governing bodies for the Cooperative. The Attorney serves on a retainer or other fee arrangement as determined in advance. The Attorney will provide services as described in the agreement for legal services or as memorialized by an engagement letter. The Cooperative will only pay for legal services that are provided in accordance with the agreement for legal services, as memorialized by an engagement letter, or that are otherwise authorized by this policy or a majority of the Executive Committee.

The Director, his or her designee, and Executive Committee Chairperson, are each authorized to confer with and/or seek the legal advice of the Attorney. The Executive Committee may also authorize a specific Committee member to confer with the Policy Board/Committee Attorney on its behalf.

The Director may authorize the Attorney to represent the Cooperative in any legal matter until the Executive Committee has an opportunity to be informed of and/or consider the matter.

The Executive Committee retains the right to consult with or employ other attorneys and to terminate the service of any attorney.

#### **LEGAL REF.:**

Rule 1.7 (Conflict of Interest: Current Clients) and Rule 1.13 (Organization as Client) of the Ill. Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the Ill. Supreme Court.

CROSS REF.: 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL: May 13, 2020

POLICY BOARD APPROVAL: August 12, 2020

**Tazewell-Mason Counties Special Ed Association**

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