

**Resolution 2022-23: 26**  
**Audit Services by Drescher & Malecki LLP**

**By Board Member: Kim Jones**

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (“Act”) established the Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (“RJSCB” or “Board”), a seven voting member board consisting of equal representation by the City of Rochester (“City”) and the Rochester City School District (“District”), as well as a member jointly selected by the City and the District; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the RJSCB has certain enumerated powers to act as agent for the District, the City, or both; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Act by enacting Chapter 533 of the Laws of 2014 (“Amended Act”), thereby providing alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 26 projects for a total cost of \$435,000,000 for Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Amended Act by enacting Chapter 614 of the Laws of 2021 (“Second Amended Act”) to authorize additional oversight, transparency, and accountability by the New York State Education Department to ensure projects are completed on time and within budget, and to provide alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 12 projects for a total cost of \$475,000,000 for Phase III; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of the Rochester Schools Modernization Program (“RSMP”), the Board has had a financial audit of its financial commitments, obligations and internal controls for each of its fiscal years commencing 2011 by the same auditing firm that performed the District’s audit; and

WHEREAS, the District has engaged a new auditing firm to perform its financial audit for the time period ending June 30, 2023 and subsequent fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB believes that cost savings can be achieved through efficiencies gained by the engagement of the same auditing firm engaged by the District for its annual audit; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB believes that a competitive bid or a request for proposal for the small scale and scope of this work would not be cost effective nor produce a significant cost savings to the RSMP; and; and

WHEREAS, funding for this work is available within the RJSCB’s operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the annual financial audit is necessary and consistent with the goals of the RJSCB; and

WHEREAS, the Board considered and discussed the proposal for audit services from Drescher & Malecki, LLP at its May 8, 2023 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, and after due deliberation, it approved the proposal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The proposal for audit services from Drescher & Malecki, LLP as set forth above is hereby approved for the following not-to-exceed amounts: FY 2023 - \$10,000; FY 2024 -

\$10,250; FY 2025 - \$10,500; FY 2026 - \$10,760; and FY 2027 - \$11,000; and

2. The RJSCB Chair is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the RJSCB, to execute an agreement that is consistent with this approval and in an acceptable form to the Chair upon the advice of the RJSCB's general counsel.

**Seconded by: Jesse Dudley**

**Adopted: 6-0**