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The Board occasionally receives requests for legal opinions from the public and it takes time for staff and legal counsel to do the research and prepare the opinion. Also, legal counsel also drafts opinions for the Board only and not for the general public. So, staff would appreciate some direction from the Board on how it would like these requests handled.

Please consider the language below as an amendment to the Board's Administrative Procedures Manual.

Board Policy-draft

### **Legal Opinions – Requests from Outside Parties**

The Board does not provide legal services for persons or entities outside the Board staff. Requests for legal opinions from outside entities are to be discussed with the Board President and Legal Counsel to determine whether it is an issue over which the Board has jurisdiction and the opinion, if prepared, could be posted on the Board's web site and benefit the general public rather than one individual. Persons making such requests would be notified that the Board will not be responding directly to their request, but will post the opinion on line when it is final.