

**APPROVE RENEWAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
EPIC ACADEMY INC.
FOR SOUTH CHICAGO SCHOOL, 8255 S. HOUSTON AVENUE**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into a renewal lease agreement with the **Epic Academy Inc.** for the former South Chicago School building located at 8255 S. Houston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for use as a charter school and request waiver from the Charter School Capital and Facility Budget Policy (08-0326-PO1). A written lease agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written lease agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report.

TENANT: Epic Academy Inc. (Epic Academy Charter High School)
8255 South Houston Avenue
Contact Name: Myetie Hamilton, Executive Director
Phone: 773-535-7930

LANDLORD: Board of Education of the City of Chicago

PREMISES: Tenant shall be the sole occupant of the former South Chicago School building, located at 8255 S. Houston Avenue as set forth in the lease agreement, unless otherwise permitted by Landlord. The renewal of Tenant's current Charter School Agreement is scheduled to be authorized by the Board on the date hereof.

USE: Tenant shall use the Premises to operate a charter school and related educational and community programs and for no other purpose.

ORIGINAL LEASE AGREEMENT: The original lease agreement (authorized by Board Report 10-0224-OP2) commenced on July 1, 2010 and ended on June 30, 2015. The lease was subsequently renewed (authorized by Board Report 15-0527-OP3) commenced on July 1, 2015 and ends on June 30, 2018.

TERM: The term of the lease renewal shall be seven (7) years, commencing on July 1, 2018, and ending on June 30, 2025. If Tenant's Charter School Agreement is terminated, the lease shall also terminate.

RENT: One dollar (\$1.00) per year.

OPERATING AND UTILITIES EXPENSES: Tenant shall procure all operating services from Landlord, unless otherwise permitted by Landlord. Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for operating services provided by Landlord at Landlord's then-current rates and costs and in accordance with Landlord's then-current procedures. The charter shall be assessed to reflect this option.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written lease agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the lease agreement. Authorize the Chief Operating Officer to execute any and all ancillary documents related to the lease agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Exempt.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Rent payable to the General Fund.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

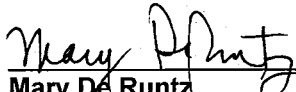
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



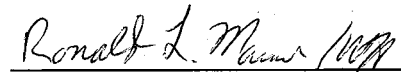
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Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form 



Ronald L. Marmor
General Counsel