DEBARMENT OF CHRISTOPHER HEAD

THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") permanently debar Christopher Head ("Respondent") from doing any business with the Board.

Following the Office of the Inspector General's ("OIG") April 13, 2018 recommendations in Report No. 18-200207, the Board's Chief Procurement Officer served Respondent with a Notice of Proposed Debarment ("Notice") on August 10, 2018. The Notice initiated debarment proceedings against Respondent based on his conduct involving a physical altercation and use of offensive language with another Board employee in front of students, in violation of the Board's Rules for a Respectful, Violence Free Workplace and Learning Environment pursuant to Chapter IV Section 4 (i) and resulting designation as a Do Not Hire on January 17, 2013. The Notice sought to debar Respondent from further officiating any Board sponsored athletic games pursuant to section 2(i)(9) and (k) of the Board's debarment policy, adopted by Board Report 08-1217-PO1 and subsequently updated by Board Report 19-0626-PO1. The bases for debarment include "violation of ethical standards established by the Board" and "any other cause that the Board, in its sole discretion, deems so serious or of such a compelling nature that it affects the responsibility of the vendor, including facilitating another vendor's violation of any Board Rule, Board policy, Board contract, or any federal, state, or local law relating to public contracting." Debarment Policy, § 2(i)(9) and (k) respectively. The Chief Operating Officer has reviewed the record (as defined in section 4.5(i)(10) of the debarment policy) and recommends permanent debarment.

Based on the facts set forth in the record as defined in Section 4.5(i)(10) of the Board's debarment policy, including but not limited to OIG Report No. 18-200207 and Respondent's Answer to the Notice, the Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board adopt the findings of the OIG and permanently debar Respondent from doing any business with the Board effective immediately. All existing contracts between the Board and Respondent, if any, are terminated. Respondent is ineligible to act as a subcontractor or supplier to any existing or future Board contracts.

The Board adopts and approves the recommendation of the Chief Operating Officer.

LSC REVIEW:

LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE

ACTION STATUS:

Affirmative Action review is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL:

GENERAL

CONDITIONS: None.

APPROVED:

None.

ARNALDO RIVERA
Chief Operating Officer

APPROVED/AS/TO LEGAL FORM:

JOSEPH T. MORIAI

General Couns