

March 24, 2021

DEBARMENT OF QUINTEN HAWTHORNE

THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

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

The Board's Chief Procurement Officer served Respondent with a Notice of Proposed Debarment on November 19, 2020, initiating debarment proceedings against Respondent based on Section 2(k) of the Board's Debarment Policy, the Board's Comprehensive Non-Discrimination Title IX and Sexual Harassment Policy and the Board's Guidelines for Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries in effect at the relevant time for engaging in inappropriate sexual conduct with a CPS student. Specifically, Respondent was found to have engaged in inappropriate sexual contact and interactions with a female student at A.G. Bell School in October and November 2018 while working as an employee of Board vendor Right At School. As a result of his conduct, Respondent was arrested and indicted on charges of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and predatory criminal sexual assault of a child. Respondent failed to submit a written response to the Notice as required by Section 4(d) of the Board's Debarment Policy. As such, all allegations in the Notice are deemed admitted. See Debarment Policy, §4(d). The Chief Operating Officer has reviewed the record (as defined in Section 4.5(10) of the Debarment Policy), including Investigative Report No. OIG 18-01595, and recommends permanent debarment.

Based on the facts set forth in the record as defined in Section 4.5(10) of the Board's Debarment Policy, the Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board permanently debar Respondent from doing any business with the Board effective immediately. All existing contracts between the Board and Respondent 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: None.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: None.

APPROVED:

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