

JUNE 23, 2021

PERMANENT DEBARMENT OF ANTONIO ALQUISIRA

THE ACTING CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

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

The Board's Chief Procurement Officer served Respondent with a Notice of Proposed Debarment on February 9, 2021, initiating debarment proceedings against Respondent based on Section 2(b) and (k) of the Board's Debarment Policy, CPS Policy Manual, Section 5.11.1(1)(D) Board Report 18-0627-PO3 (June 27, 2018), the CPS Comprehensive Non-Discrimination Title IX and Sexual Harassment Policy, and CPS Guidelines Regarding Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries in effect at the relevant time, for grooming, sexual harassment, and failure to maintain appropriate and reasonable boundaries between staff and students. Specifically, Respondent was found to have engaged in an extended multi-year pattern of inappropriate behavior towards a CPS student, which constituted grooming of the student, as defined by CPS policy. Respondent was also found to have sexually harassed this student and one other student. 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 Acting Chief Operating Officer has reviewed the record (as defined in Section 4.5(10) of the Debarment Policy), including Investigative Report No. OIG 18-0133, 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 Acting 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 Acting 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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