

DEPARTMENT OF DERRICK HARRIS and NORTH LAWNSDALE LSC FEDERATION**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") fully and permanently debar DERRICK HARRIS ("Derrick Harris) and NORTH LAWNSDALE LSC FEDERATION from doing any business with the Board.

On November 22, 2011, the Board's Chief Purchasing Officer filed and served on Harris and NLLF (collectively "Respondents") a Notice of Proposed Debarment ("Notice"), initiating constraints and a debarment proceeding against them, based upon Respondents' (1) failure to cooperate with an investigation of the Office of the Inspector General ("OIG"), in violation of 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1(d) and (2) failure to provide records supporting expenses allegedly incurred by Respondents and which would support payments made by the Board to Respondents. Respondents filed a response to the Notice admitting that Harris, NLLF's principal, told the OIG that the OIG's requests were a "waste of time" and that Harris "would not participate in an interview" with the OIG ("Response"). The Board filed and served its reply in support of the Notice on January 24, 2012 ("Reply"). The alleged conduct of Respondents was so egregious that the Notice sought to fully and permanently debar them.

On January 26, 2011, the Board resolved and ratified that, as of December 15, 2010, any reference to Chief Administrative Officer in any Board Rule, Policy or guideline constitutes a reference to Chief Executive Officer or designee. B.R.11-0126-RS1.

Based on admissions in court, debarment by the City, and admission of the facts set forth in the Notice, the Chief Administrative Officer, Tim Cawley, recommends that the Board fully and permanently debar Derrick Harris and North Lawnsdale LSC Federation from doing any business with the Board.

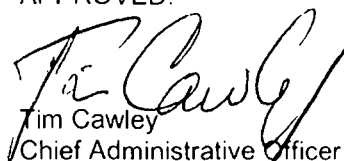
LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Affirmative Action review is not applicable to this report.

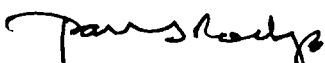
FINANCIAL: None.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: None.

APPROVED:


Tim Cawley
Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


PATRICK J. ROCKS
General Counsel *WRM*

WITHIN APPROPRIATION:


DAVID WATKINS
Chief Financial Officer