

June 26, 2019

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT EXCLUSION OF TRACI BURGESS

THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") accept Traci Burgess's ("Respondent") agreement to a voluntary permanent exclusion from participating in the negotiation, execution, or implementation of Board contracts or related transactions as set forth in the Board's Debarment Policy ("Policy") (Board Report No. 08-1217-PO1, Adopted Dec. 17, 2008).

Following the Office of the Inspector General's ("OIG") March 8, 2018, recommendations in Report 15-00005, the Board's Chief Procurement Officer ("CPO") served Respondent with a Notice of Proposed Debarment and Interim Constraints ("Notice") on July 6, 2018. The Notice initiated debarment proceedings against Respondent based on the OIG's finding that, in her capacity as the Executive Vice President of Sales for a Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") vendor, Respondent violated CPS's ethical standards and undermined CPS's procurement processes by engaging in an ongoing pattern of treating CPS officials and staff to dinners while soliciting and receiving business from CPS. The CPO and Respondent have agreed to settle the debarment proceedings through a voluntary permanent exclusion. Section 4.7(a) of the Policy provides that, subject to the Board's approval upon Board Report, "Board Counsel or the CPO, and a Respondent, may settle a Debarment proposal through Voluntary Exclusion" as defined in Section 1.4(t) of the Policy.

The Chief Administrative Officer has reviewed OIG Report 15-00005 and the record (as defined in section 4.5(i)(10) of the Policy) and recommends that the Board accept Respondent's voluntary permanent exclusion in settlement of the debarment proceedings against Respondent.

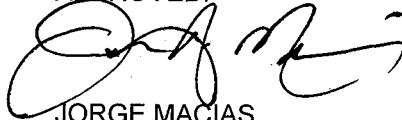
LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

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

FINANCIAL: None.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: None.

APPROVED:



JORGE MACIAS
Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



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