

December 11, 2019

DEBARMENT OF AMBER BEDOLLA

THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

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

The Board's Chief Procurement Officer served Respondent with a Notice of Proposed Debarment on September 6, 2019, initiating debarment proceedings against Respondent based on Sections 2(g) and 2(k) of the Board's Debarment Policy for her refusal to cooperate with the Board's investigation and for conduct deemed to affect the responsibility of the Respondent. Specifically, Respondent was found to have engaged in inappropriate contact with a student while Respondent was serving as a vendor employee at Benito Juarez Community Academy. Further, Respondent was found to have avoided contact with CPS Law Department Investigations Unit during its investigation of this matter. 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. 8469, 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:



ARNALDO RIVERA
Chief Operating Officer

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



JOSEPH T. MORIARTY
General Counsel