

September 28, 2022

PERMANENT DEBARMENT OF AZANTE WASHINGTON

THE INTERIM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago (“Board”) permanently debar Azante Washington (“Respondent”) from doing any business with the Board.

The Board’s Chief Procurement Officer mailed a Notice of Proposed Debarment to Respondent on May 6, 2022 initiating debarment proceedings against Respondent based on Section 2(k) of the Board’s Debarment Policy and the Board’s Guidelines Regarding Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries in effect at the relevant time. Respondent was found to have made an inappropriate comment to a student in or around the fall of 2019 while he was working at Kate Starr Kellogg Elementary School for a vendor.

Respondent failed to submit a written response to the Notice as required by Section 4(d) of the Board’s Debarment Policy. All allegations in the Notice are therefore admitted. See Debarment Policy, §4(d). The Interim Chief Operating Officer has reviewed the record (as defined in Section 4.5(10) of the Debarment Policy), including Investigative Report No. OIG 20-00097, 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 Interim Chief Operating Officer recommends that: (1) Respondent be permanently barred from doing business with CPS or otherwise working on CPS property; (2) Respondent be barred from participating as a subcontractor, vendor, or supplier under any Board contract; (3) Respondent be barred from being hired or employed by CPS; and (4) Respondent be declared ineligible for the award of any new Board business.

The Board adopts and approves the recommendation of the Interim 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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