



# Board of Education

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## Board Report

25-0424-OP6

Agenda Date: 4/24/2025

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### **RATIFY RENEWAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH URBAN PREP ACADEMIES FOR THE FORMER ENGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, 6201 S. STEWART AVENUE**

#### **THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify the renewal of a lease agreement with Urban Prep Academies for use of the former Englewood High School building located at 6201 S. Stewart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for use as a charter school. A written lease agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written lease agreement is not executed within 120 days of the date of this Board Report.

**TENANT:** Urban Prep Academies  
420 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois  
Contact Name: Dennis Lacewell, Chief Academic Officer  
Phone: 312-276-0259

**LANDLORD:** Board of Education of the City of Chicago

**PREMISES:** Tenant shall be the sole occupant of the former Young Men High School Englewood school building, located at 6201 S. Stewart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois as set forth in the lease agreement, unless otherwise permitted by Landlord. The renewal of Tenant's current Charter School Agreement is scheduled to be authorized by the Board on the date hereof.

**USE:** Tenant shall use the Premises to operate a charter school and related educational and community programs and for no other purpose.

**ORIGINAL LEASE AGREEMENT:** The original lease agreement (authorized by Board Report 11-0622-OP8) commenced on July 1, 2011 and ended on June 30, 2015. The lease was subsequently renewed (authorized by Board Report 15-0527-OP8) for a term that commenced on July 1, 2015 and ended on June 30, 2018. The lease was again renewed (authorized by Board Report 17-1206-OP8) for a term that commenced on July 1, 2018 and ended on June 30, 2021. The lease was again renewed (authorized by Board Report 21-0127-OP1) for a term that commenced on July 1, 2021 and ended on June 30, 2022.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The lease renewal shall be renewed for a term that commenced on July 1, 2022 and continues through the expiration of Tenant's charter school agreement, which is being considered for renewal on the same date hereof. If Tenant's Charter School Agreement is terminated, the renewal lease agreement shall also terminate.

**RENT:** One dollar (\$1.00) per year.

**OPERATING AND UTILITIES EXPENSES:** Tenant shall procure all operating services from Landlord, unless otherwise permitted by Landlord. Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for operating services provided by Landlord at Landlord's then-current rates and costs and in accordance with Landlord's then-current procedures. The charter shall be assessed to reflect this option.

**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Except as specifically modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the lease shall remain in full force and effect.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal lease agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the renewal lease agreement. Authorize the Chief Operations Officer to execute any and all ancillary documents related to the renewal lease agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Exempt.

**LSC REVIEW:** Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:** Rent payable to the General Fund.

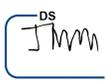
**GENERAL CONDITIONS:** The agreement shall contain general conditions including but not limited to the following: Inspector General provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1; Conflicts provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3; Indebtedness provision, in accordance with the Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 pursuant to Board Report 96-0626-PO3; Ethics provision, in accordance with the Board's Ethics Code as amended, and a Contingent Liability provision.

**Approved for Consideration:**

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