



Board of Education

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Board Report

25-0626-OP5

Agenda Date: 6/26/2025

PERMANENT DEBARMENT OF JAYLA COOPER

THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago (Board) permanently debar Jayla Cooper (Respondent) from doing any business with the Board.

The Board's Chief Procurement Officer mailed a Notice of Proposed Debarment to Respondent on April 10, 2024, initiating debarment proceedings against Respondent based on the Board's Debarment Policy, Comprehensive Non-Discrimination Title IX and Sexual Harassment Policy, and the Guidelines Regarding Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries. Respondent was an employee of Board vendor SCR Medical Transport Company during the 2022-2023 school year. SCR provides transportation for mobility-challenged individuals. On or near April 19, 2023, Respondent was in an altercation with STUDENT A while Respondent was transporting STUDENT A.

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 Chief Operating Officer has reviewed the record (as defined in Section 4.5(10) of the Debarment Policy) and recommends permanent debarment.

Based on the facts in the record as defined in Section 4.5(10) of the Board's Debarment Policy, the Chief Operating Officer recommends (1) that all existing contracts between the Board and Respondent be terminated; (2) that Respondent be barred from doing business with CPS or otherwise working on CPS property; (3) that Respondent be barred from participating as a subcontractor, vendor, or supplier under any Board contract; (4) that Respondent be barred from being hired or employed by CPS; and (5) that Respondent be declared ineligible for the award of any new Board business.

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.

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