June 22, 2022

PERMANENT DEBARMENT OF MARCOS CONTRERAS

THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

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

The Board's Chief Procurement Officer mailed a Notice of Proposed Debarment to Respondent on October 5, 2021 initiating debarment proceedings against Respondent based on Section 2(i)(9) and (k) of the Board's Debarment Policy, CPS' Comprehensive Non-Discrimination Title IX and Sexual Harassment Policy, and the Guidelines Regarding Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries in effect at the relevant time, for Respondent's inappropriate conduct and remarks towards students. Respondent was found to have made sexual advances or attempts to flirt with students, inappropriate comments, inappropriate touching, and to target particular students for attention or friendship beyond the normal staff member-student relationship. Respondent submitted a written response on November 22, 2021. Respondent's written response failed to respond to each specific allegation, failed to produce any documents to support his assertions, and failed to make a compelling argument for an in-person hearing. As such, all allegations in the Notice are deemed admitted. *See* Debarment Policy, §4(d). The Interim