

September 28, 2023

PERMANENT DEBARMENT OF TYRONE HINES AND BOARD VENDOR NO. 94491

THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago (Board) permanently debar Respondents Tyrone Hines and his music instrument selling business operating as Board vendor 94491. The Board's Chief Procurement Officer mailed a notice of proposed debarment to Respondents on November 2, 2022, initiating debarment proceedings against Respondents based on Section 2(k) of the Board's debarment policy and the Board's former policy against sexual harassment. Respondent Hines was employed by the Board for over three decades. He retired from the Board in December 2006 in lieu of termination.

The Board's Chief Operating Officer (COO) recommends that Respondents be debarred because Hines engaged in sexual abuse and inappropriate behavior with a CPS student and he personally drove CPS students' home in his car after school without parental permission.

Respondents' attorney submitted a written response to the Board's notice. In the response, Hines denied any inappropriate sexual conduct with a CPS student. But Hines admitted that he "may have" driven CPS students' home from school in his car. The COO 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 COO recommends that (1) all existing contracts between the Board and Respondents be terminated; (2) Respondents be barred from doing business with CPS or otherwise working on CPS property; (3) Respondents be barred from participating as a subcontractor, vendor or supplier under any Board contract; (4) Respondents be barred from being hired or employed by CPS; and 5) Respondents be declared ineligible for the award of any new Board business.


The Board adopts and approves the recommendation of the COO.


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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