ADVISORY OPINION OF THE
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
ETHICS PANEL

The panel is issuing this advisory opinion pursuant to Policy BCA Code of Ethics Section III(B)(5), which provides that "[a]ny Board member, student commissioner, official, employee or other person subject to the provisions of this policy may request an advisory opinion from the Ethics Panel concerning the application of this policy."

On September 19, 2019, the Ethics panel received a request for an Advisory Opinion from [redacted] regarding procurement bid # [redacted] for business management services. The Panel was asked to consider whether services could be procured from [redacted], which lists [redacted] as President. [redacted] is an official/employee of Baltimore City Public Schools.

[redacted] title is [redacted] for Baltimore City Public Schools as listed in the outlook directory.

Per Policy BCA Code of Ethics Sec. III.C.1.a. "...an official may not participate in: i) Any matter in which, to the knowledge of the official, the official or a qualified relative of the official has an interest; or ii) Any matter in which any of the following is a party: a) A business entity in which the official has a direct financial interest of which the official may reasonably be expected to know; b) A business entity for which the official or a qualified relative of the official is an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee. Clearly, [redacted] is both an officer and has a financial interest in [redacted] as noted in the request for advisory opinion.

Therefore, it would be in violation of Policy for services to be procured from [redacted]

Date: October 16, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
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