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

The Ethics 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 July 9, 2020, the Ethics panel received a request for an Advisory Opinion from regarding Prequalified Selection Qualification . The Panel was asked to consider whether services could be procured from which lists as Founder and Executive Director. is an official/employee of Baltimore City Public Schools.

position is currently at School in Baltimore City Public Schools.

Per Policy BCA Code of Ethics Section 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.” Further, the Code indicates in Section III(C)(2)(b) “…an official may not: i.) Be employed or have a financial interest in an entity that is doing business with the Board or City Schools.” Clearly is both an officer and has a financial interest in as noted in both current Financial Disclosure Statement and the request for advisory opinion.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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