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**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Call for Committee on Education and Child Development to hold public hearing concerning contract oversight at Chicago Public Schools

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Education and Child Development

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the last previous Chief Executive Office of Chicago Public Schools was indicted, and has pleaded guilty, to steering no-bid contracts to a consulting firm to which she was connected, and that consulting firm had promised lucrative kick-backs and perks in return for those no-bid contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, those contracts were approved by staff charged with reviewing no bid contracts and approved 6-0 without discussion by the Chicago Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, those contracts were worth more than \$23 million and came at a time when CPS was allegedly so short on cash that the CBE voted to close 49 schools; and

**WHEREAS**, some principals have criticized the work done by the consultants as almost worthless; and


**WHEREAS**, our schools must operate as efficiently and effectively as possible in this time of great financial need, as budgets are being cut and support staff are being laid off; and

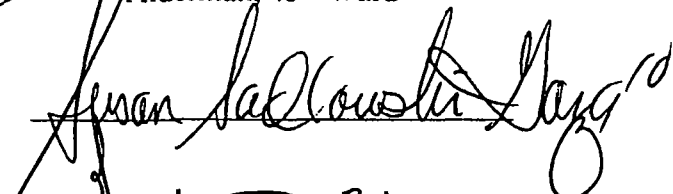
**WHEREAS**, no elected body provided oversight of the contracts in question in the indictment; and

**WHEREAS**, changes must be made at CPS to ensure that malfeasance like this is prevented in the future; and

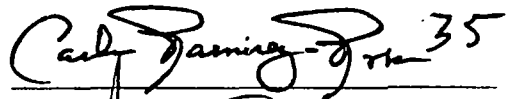
**WHEREAS**, administrators at CPS have not provided detailed information on what changes have been made, or are in the process of being made, to tighten controls over no-bid and single source contracts;

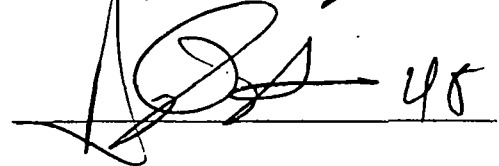
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chicago City Council conduct a public hearing before the Committee on Education and Child Development to hear testimony from the current Chicago Public Schools CEO, Board of Education President, Inspector General Ferguson, and Chief Procurement Officer Jamie Rhee into how previous oversight attempts failed and what changes have been made, or are being made, in response to the indictment and guilty plea of the previous CEO, Barbara Byrd-Bennett.

  
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