

Resolution 2025-26: 05

Award of Architectural Services Contract for Frederick Douglass Campus Project

By Board Member Kim Jones

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (the “Act”) established the Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (“RJSCB” or “Board”), a seven voting member board consisting of equal representation by the City of Rochester (“City”) and the Rochester City School District (“District”), as well as a member jointly selected by the City and the District; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the RJSCB has certain enumerated powers to act as agent for the District, the City, or both; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Act by enacting Chapter 533 of the Laws of 2014 (“Amended Act”), thereby providing alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 26 projects for a total cost of \$435,000,000 for Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Amended Act by enacting Chapter 614 of the Laws of 2021 (“Second Amended Act”) to authorize additional oversight, transparency, and accountability by the New York State Education Department to ensure projects are completed on time and within budget, and to provide alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 12 projects for a total cost of \$475,000,000 for Phase III; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB issued a request for proposals for Architectural/Engineering (“A/E”) Services (the “RFP”) for the Frederick Douglass Campus project (the “Douglass Project”) in Phase 3D of the RSMP; and

WHEREAS, the Program Manager received two proposals as of the date and time specified in the RFP, and promptly distributed those proposals to the RJSCB members; and

WHEREAS, a selection committee made up of RJSCB and RCSD Facilities Department representatives, the Independent Compliance Officer and the Program Manager extensively reviewed the submitted proposals from the two firms and then on June 18, 2025 conducted interviews of those two firms; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation by the selection committee, the firm of SWBR was identified as being highly qualified and fiscally responsive to the RJSCB’s RFP for the Douglass Project.

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2025, the selection committee and Program Manager provided their recommendation to the Board that SWBR be retained by the RJSCB to provide A/E Services for the Douglass Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board discussed and duly considered the recommendation for the award of the A/E Services contract for the Douglass Project at its regular Board meeting on July 15, 2025, and now acts as follows.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby approves SWBR to provide Architectural/Engineering Services as indicated above for the Frederick Douglass Campus Project in Phase 3D of the RSMP; and

2. The Chair is hereby authorized, in the name and on behalf of the RJSCB, to execute and deliver an agreement with the firm named above in substantially the form previously approved by the RJSCB as an attachment to the RFP, with such changes as the Chair may approve (his signature thereon being conclusive evidence of such approval) on the advice of the Program Manager, the ICO and the RJSCB's general counsel.

Second by Board Member Ronald Gaither

Adopted: 8-0