

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: SELECTION COMMITTEES

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY AND STABILITY**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) is in charge of certifying Small and Micro Business Enterprises (SBE/MBE) and Minority/Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) as well as administering the district's current SBE/MBE policy and its upcoming MWBE policy. Their mission is to promote the development of SBE/MBEs and MWBEs, by ensuring maximum business opportunities with M-DCPS. To accomplish this, the OEO's efforts must be as pervasive and rigorous as any other office in our school system.

Several School Board policies require selection committees to review and make recommendations on competitive solicitations. In order for the OEO to be more effective in promoting SBE/MWBE companies, the OEO should have broader participation in the District's competitive selection process. While an OEO representative is a voting member of the Professional Services Contract Committee pursuant to Board Policy 6320, this Item requests that the Superintendent initiate rulemaking procedures to ensure the inclusion of an OEO representative as a voting member on all competitive selection committees.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to amend School Board Policies to ensure that the Office of Economic Opportunity is represented as a voting member on all competitive selection committees.