

Resolution 2024-25:57

Approval to Release Architect RFP for the Frederick Douglass Campus

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 requires Architectural Services for the Phase 3D reconstruction project at Frederick Douglass Campus; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s Phase 3 Program Manager has prepared a request for proposals for Architectural Services for the Frederick Douglass Campus project (the “RFP”), provided the draft of the RFP to the RJSCB for review, and it is ready to be issued; and

WHEREAS, the Chair and Phase 3 Program Manager have recommended that the RJSCB approve the issuance of the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB discussed and considered the RFP and the recommendations at its regular monthly Board meeting on May 12, 2025, and now acts as follows.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby approves the RFP for Architectural Services for the Frederick Douglass Campus project and authorizes the Program Manager to issue the RFP on May 13, 2025; and
2. The RJSCB, as a whole, or the MWBE and Services Procurement Committee, on behalf of the RJSCB, is authorized, with the advice and recommendations of the Program Manager, to review responses to the Frederick Douglass Campus Phase 3D Architectural Services RFP, select finalists, conduct interviews of finalists, and recommend to the RJSCB the most qualified candidate to provide such services.

Second by Board Member Jesse Dudley

