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July 17, 2020

VIA SHAREPOINT

The Division of Administrative Law 1020 Florida Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: In the Matter of Alexis Kendrick

Agency Tracking No.: 2019-689

Dear Ms. Duhon:

On behalf of the Louisiana Board of Ethics, please file the attached *Charges* in the referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 225-219-5619, and thank you.

Kindest regards,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Elizabeth W. Darranquere

Elizabeth Barrouquere Staff Paralegal

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Alexis Kendrick (via certified mail no. 70191120000179772781)

STATE OF LOUISIANA

THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

CHARGES

The Louisiana Board of Ethics ("BOE") voted on July 2, 2020 to and **DOES HEREBY** file the following charge:

1.

Alexis Kendrick ("Ms. Kendrick") was employed by the Mary D. Coghill Charter School ("School") as a Resource Specialist from March 13, 2019 until January 8, 2020.

2.

The Better Choice Foundation registered with the Louisiana Secretary of State as a nonprofit corporation on May 25, 2011. On December 5, 2012, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education ("BESE") approved the Better Choice Foundation's application for a Type 5 charter school. The Better Choice Foundation Board ("Board") is in charge of operating the School.

3.

Cathy Kendrick was appointed to the Board on June 27, 2017 and remains a member of the Board to date. Cathy Kendrick is Ms. Kendrick's mother.

4.

La. R.S. 42:1102(3) defines "agency head" as the chief executive or administrative officer of an agency or any member of a board or commission who exercises supervision over the agency.

5.

La. R.S. 42:1119(A) states that no member of the immediate family of an agency head

shall be employed in his agency.

6.

Based on the foregoing facts, Ms. Kendrick may have violated La. R.S. 42:1119(A) by

virtue of her employment as a Resource Specialist with the School while her mother, Cathy

Kendrick, was a member of the Board that governed the School.

7.

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:1141(C)(3)(b)(iv), the BOE designates LaToya D. Jordan and

Tracy M. Barker as the BOE's trial attorneys in this matter.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana Board of Ethics respectfully requests that the Ethics

Adjudicatory Board: (1) conduct a hearing on the foregoing charge; (2) determine that Alexis

Kendrick violated La. R.S. 42:1119(A); and, (3) assess the appropriate penalties in accordance with

the recommendation of the Louisiana Board of Ethics to be submitted during the public hearing on

this matter or at another time deemed appropriated by the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Robert V. McAnelly, Chairman

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Charges* have been served on the Respondent by U.S. Registered or Certified Mail this 17th day of July 2020.

Alexis Kendrick

RESPONDENT: 5918 Haynes Boulevard

New Orleans, Louisiana 70126

ATTORNEY: None at this time.

LATOYA D. JORDAN Trial Attorney