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ETHICS COMMISSION REPRIMANDS COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR ETHICS VIOLATION

Ohio Ethics Commission Executive Director Paul M. Nick announced today that the Commission has resolved its investigation of Columbus City School District (CCSD) Board Member Hanifah Kambon through its settlement authority. The Commission's investigation found that Mrs. Kambon had a prohibited interest in the profits and/or benefits of four contracts between the CCAD and the Virtual Leadership Institute (VLI), a sole proprietorship operated by Mrs. Kambon's husband, Ako Kambon.

The Commission issued a public reprimand to Mrs. Kambon and she has agreed to pay full restitution to CCSD in the amount of \$11,750. The Commission found settlement appropriate because Mrs. Kambon did not use the authority of her public position to approve or otherwise participate in the authorization of the contracts between CCSD and VLI. Further, VLI and Ako Kambon provided services to CCSD for approximately 12-13 years prior to Mrs. Kambon becoming a CCSD Board Member.

A copy of the settlement agreement is available on the Commission's web site.