

(1/25/10): Cinti NAACP, Baptist Ministers Conference Will Attend CPS Board Meeting--Demand Inclusion

Tonight at 7:00 pm the Cincinnati NAACP and Baptist Ministers Conference will return to the CPS board meeting at 2651 Burnet Avenue to Demand Inclusion and Accountability for its \$1 billion of construction. The Cincinnati NAACP suggest that African American contractors and workers who want gainful employment attend the meeting tonight.

January 25, 2010 Cincinnati NAACP Media Release. The Cincinnati Public School (CPS) Board meets tonight to discuss the poor minority inclusion numbers on \$1 billion of construction. The CPS Board knows the minority inclusion number is not 12%. The 12% number in fact was made up which is fraud. African American contractors did not receive 2% of the total contracts awarded to date. "The sad part about what the Cincinnati NAACP has found is the incompetence and fraud by an institution charged with educating children. This financial incompetence of the School Board to provide basic oversight could explain the broader failure of the board to manage the Cincinnati Public School budget," Christopher Smitherman President of the Cincinnati NAACP says. . Tonight at 7:00 pm the Cincinnati NAACP will return to the CPS board meeting at 2651 Burnet Avenue. The Cincinnati NAACP suggest that African American contractors and workers who want gainful employment attend the meeting tonight. The School Board must understand that breaking their promise to include African Americans in building Cincinnati Public Schools is unacceptable. The School Board Members did not ask one question of Turner, DAG, or TYS at the last CPS Board meeting. "The people that CPS has paid millions of dollars to oversee this billion project must be called on the carpet tonight for their failure and intention(s) to deceive the seven members of the CPS board," Smitherman says. . Contractors who plan to attend please email back your confirmation.