



**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
COMMITTEE**

**Mission Statement**

*On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the Public Safety and Government Operations Committee will be responsible for matters concerning public safety, including, but not limited to; emergency preparedness, police services, fire/EMS, and the executive, administrative, and operational functions of the city government and libraries.*

**The Honorable Mark Conway  
Chair**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2023  
5:00 PM  
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**LO22-0033**

***Legislative Oversight - Local Control of the Baltimore Police  
Department***

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## **LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT**

**Committee: Public Safety and Government Operations**

**LO22-0033**

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### **Legislative Oversight – Local Control of the Baltimore Police Department**

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**Purpose:**

For the purpose of reviewing the legislation currently before the local control board in Annapolis, to allow community response, and to provide a general overview of the process and procedure that the board plans to move forward with regarding implementation of the above mentioned legislation.

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### **REPORTING AGENCIES**

Police Department  
Office of Equity and Civil Rights  
Local Control Advisory Board

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### **BACKGROUND**

In 2021, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation to make the Baltimore Police Department an agency of Baltimore City, transferring control from the State. The legislation was contingent on the voters of Baltimore City approving an amendment to the City's Charter providing for the transfer of control. Baltimore City voters approved the Charter amendment in November 2022. The State legislation also created the Local Control Advisory Board to study and make recommendations on issues related to the transition. Recently, the Board discussed a timeline for implementation that would complete the transfer of control to Baltimore City in October 2024.

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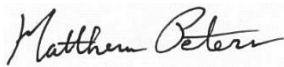
## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Fiscal Note:** None

**Information Source(s):**

- Local Control Advisory Board, <https://mayor.baltimorecity.gov/bc/boards/local-control-advisory-board>
- Baltimore Sun, Baltimore voters overwhelmingly approved local control of city police. So why could it get delayed to 2024?, <https://www.baltimoresun.com/politics/bs-md-ci-baltimore-local-control-delay-20230209-c2v5aysjarborf4zmf3zkiveqm-story.html>

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# City of Baltimore

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City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### Public Safety and Government Operations

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Tuesday, February 21, 2023

5:00 PM

Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

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#### Legislative Oversight: LO23-0033

#### ***CALL TO ORDER***

#### ***INTRODUCTIONS***

#### ***ATTENDANCE***

#### ***ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING***

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#### ***ADJOURNMENT***

**THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**