

## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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### HEARING NOTES

#### Legislative Oversight: LO21-0007

#### Baltimore City Children and Youth Fund – An Update

**Committee:** Education, Workforce, and Youth  
**Chaired by** Robert Stokes, Sr.

**Hearing Date:** Thursday, September 28, 2023  
**Time (Beginning):** 10:00 AM  
**Time (Ending):** 10:45 AM  
**Location:** Council Chambers  
**Total Attendance:** Approximately 12

#### Committee Members in Attendance:

Robert Stokes, Sr.      James Torrence  
John Bullock          Phylicia Porter  
Zeke Cohen            Sharon Green Middleton

Antonio Glover –absent

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Final vote taken at this hearing? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a

#### Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Alysia Lee, President, Baltimore City Children and Youth Fund (BCYF)
- Larry Simmons Jr., Board Chair, Baltimore City Children and Youth Fund (BCYF)
- Nellie Power, Board Member, Baltimore City Children and Youth Fund (BCYF)



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## Major Issues Discussed

Ms. Lee introduced new Board Members for the Baltimore Children Youth Fund (BCYF). These Board Members were chosen through a six-month interview process based on their commitment to the values of BCYF, including racial justice.

The meeting celebrated the passion, hard work, and milestones of the Office of Aging in supporting older adults. The importance of reducing youth violence and promoting restorative practices was emphasized, along with the need for appropriate programming and recreational centers for young people.

Ms. Lee notes that BCYF is working on creating programs that young people will enjoy and securing funding and space for these programs.

The council is supportive and encourages feedback from the community. They are also exploring the possibility of creating a permanent home for the youth program and using Charm TV to promote programs and funding opportunities.

### Questions, Comments and Concerns

1. Councilman Bullock asks Britt Hayes about her inspiration for joining the Baltimore Children and Youth Fund.
2. Councilman Bullock asks Tierra Hawkes, Esquire, about her motivation to join the fund and how she can contribute.
3. Councilman Bullock asks for details about how the new Board members were recruited.
4. Councilman Bullock asks how many applications were received and about the current board's size and target size.
5. Councilman Bullock asks Reverend Robert Turner about his interest in being part of the Children Youth Fund.
6. Councilwoman Porter asks about leveraging the network of leadership participants within the Board of Directors and previous leadership classes throughout the state of Maryland.
7. Councilman Cohen inquires about the possibility of the youth fund supporting restorative practices and anti-violence efforts in response to the challenges of youth violence in the city.
8. Councilman Bullock mentions the idea of using Charm TV to interview and showcase the programs and organizations funded by the Baltimore City Children Youth Fund, suggesting that this could help raise awareness and interest in these programs.
9. Councilman Stokes raises the question of whether the Youth Fund has explored partnerships with the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks (Rec and Parks) to utilize existing infrastructure for youth programs. He also suggests that some organizations may need space for their programs and could potentially partner with Rec and Parks.

10. Councilman Cohen asks about the number of young people currently on the Board of the Baltimore City Children Youth Fund and inquires about the process of onboarding and supporting young board members.
11. Council Vice President Middleton mentions the need for permanent space for non-profit organizations working with youth and suggests that this is a common challenge for these organizations. She also discusses various organizations and initiatives that are working to benefit Baltimore's youth, such as Southwest Sports and Fitness, the Pratt Library, the Sankofa Children's Museum, and Chew Smith's Communniversity Center.

Chair Stokes ends the hearing by thanking the attendees for their commitment and mentions the recess of the meeting, inviting any additional comments from his colleagues.

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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe.

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*Deontre Hayes*

Deontre L. Hayes, Committee Staff

Date: October 2, 2023

cc: Bill File  
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# Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: <b>Legislative Oversight</b> – Baltimore City Children and Youth Fund – An Update	LO 21-0007
Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth	Chair: Robert Stokes, Sr.
Date: <b>Thursday, September 28, 2023</b>	Time: 10:00 AM
Location: <b>WebEx Meeting</b>	

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**CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY**

First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	 <b>Testify</b>	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alysia	Lee						
Larry	Simmons						
Chansse	Page						
Nellie	Power						
Brett	Hayes						
Tiera	Hawkes						

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City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Education Workforce and Youth

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Thursday, September 28, 2023

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, City Hall, 4th Floor, Phone:  
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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Present** 6 - Robert Stokes Sr., John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Sharon Green Middleton, Phylcia Porter, and James Torrence  
**Absent** 1 - Antonio Glover

#### **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

**LO21-0007** **Baltimore City Children and Youth Fund**  
For the purpose of holding a committee hearing to give updates on the status of and/or activities associated with the fund.

Recessed

#### **ADJOURNMENT**