

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 24-0526  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: President Mosby

Introduced and read first time: May 16, 2024

Assigned to: Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of Equity and Civil Rights, Office of the Comptroller, Office of the Mayor, Board of Elections, City Administrator

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

**Charter Amendment – Board of Estimates – Membership**

FOR the purpose of amending the membership of the Board of Estimates; making conforming changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

BY proposing to amend

Article VI - Board of Estimates

Section 1

Baltimore City Charter

(1996 Edition)

**SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

**Baltimore City Charter**

**Article VI. Board of Estimates**

**§ 1. Establishment.**

(a) *In general.*

(1) *MEMBERS.*

There shall be a Board of Estimates composed of the Mayor, President of the City Council, [Comptroller, City Solicitor, and Director of Public Works,] AND COMPTROLLER, none of whom shall receive any additional salary as members of the Board.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (2) *OFFICERS.*

2 (I) The President of the City Council shall be President of the [Board, and one of the  
3 members shall act as Secretary.] BOARD.

4 (II) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACT AS SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

5 (3) *STAFF.*

6 The Board may employ such employees as may be necessary to discharge its duties;  
7 their number and compensation shall be fixed in the Ordinance of Estimates.

8 (b) *Meetings.*

9 (1) *FIRST MEETING.*

10 The first meeting of the Board in every year shall be called by notice from the Mayor  
11 or President of the City Council AND personally served upon members of the Board.  
12 Subsequent meetings shall be called as the Board may direct.

13 (2) *QUORUM.*

14 A QUORUM OF THE BOARD CONSISTS OF ALL 3 MEMBERS OR THE MEMBERS'  
15 DESIGNEES, AS PERMITTED BY THIS SECTION.

16 (3) *RULES OF PROCEEDINGS.*

17 THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS PROCEEDINGS, WHICH MAY  
18 BE MODIFIED OR REPEALED BY ORDINANCE. THE RULES SHALL BE IN WRITING AND  
19 WHEN ADOPTED SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD AND  
20 SHALL BE A PUBLIC RECORD. A COPY OF THE RULES AND ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE  
21 RULES SHALL BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.

22 (c) *Representatives.*

23 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

24 If a member is unable to attend a Board meeting, that member's representative, as  
25 designated [in the Charter,] BELOW, may attend and exercise the powers of the  
26 member.

27 (2) *DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES.*

28 (I) [The Mayor may designate a municipal officer or member of the Mayor's personal  
29 staff to represent the Mayor and exercise the Mayor's power at Board meetings in  
30 the Mayor's absence.] THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL BE THE CITY  
31 ADMINISTRATOR.

32 (II) THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE SHALL BE THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE  
33 CITY COUNCIL.

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1 (III) THE COMPTROLLER’S DESIGNEE SHALL BE THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER.

2 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this proposed amendment to the City  
3 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection,  
4 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the  
5 City Solicitor.