



**HEARING NOTES**

**Legislative Oversight: LO21-0003**

**Budget Briefing – Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR)**

**Committee:** Ways and Means  
**Chaired by:** Councilman Eric T. Costello  
**Hearing Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021  
**Time (Beginning):** 11:35 AM  
**Time (Ending):** 12:40 PM  
**Location:** Virtual "WebEx" Meeting  
**Total Attendance:** Approximately 40

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Eric T. Costello                      Kristerfer Burnett  
Robert Stokes, Sr.                  Ryan Dorsey  
Danielle McCray                    Sharon Green Middleton  
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

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Video or audio-digitally recorded? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
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Evidence of notification to property owners? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
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.)*

- Robert (Bob) Cenname, Finance Department

**Major Issues Discussed**

1. The representative from the Finance Department gave a PowerPoint presentation based on data collected through September 30, 2021. *A copy is on file.* The Department is projecting a \$59.9 million surplus based on the data collected during this period.

2. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns and asked Mr. Cenname to chime in with answers and/or comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion and/or concern were:
- CDL Drivers
    - Where are we with them? Are we hiring and is the salary a priority?
    - Part of the problem is for towing; requires that drivers have CDL license
  - Aviation Unit
    - What is the total cost for the four (4) helicopters?
    - Some of the cameras on the helicopters needs to be updated/replaced.
    - The floor at Martin's Airport needs painting. Once it is done it will help the useful life of helicopters.
  - Health Department
    - Projected deficit – How will other related departments be affected by this deficit, such as homeless services?
  - Department of Public Works
    - Concern: Over 100 vacant positions, there is a dire need to fill them
  - Disbursement of Rental Assistance
    - There was an article in the media regarding missing disbursements.
    - How does this affect the disbursement/reporting process?
    - **Requested by Burnett:** Would like to have something in writing regarding a solution for same.
    - Some landlords are non-supportive to the disbursements. Can you speak to this? Per Finance Department, "Our department did not have a role in the policies for same."
  - Vehicle Citations
    - Concern: Projected versus Actual Revenue
      - The citation amount issued versus amount paid; how do you project this?
  - Front Line Workers
    - Salaries for our front-line workers needs to be increased – is of concern
  - Matrixes
    - Are you rethinking the performance matrixes? **Answer: Yes**
  - **Requested by Ramos and Middleton:** Please invite the Office of Performance and Innovation to the next briefing
3. Hearing called to recess.

### Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe. See requests noted in "Red and Yellow highlights" in the Major Issues Discussed section above.

*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: November 16, 2021

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

<b>Subject:</b> <span style="background-color: yellow;">Legislative Oversight – Budget Briefing – BBMR – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Projection</span>	<b>Bill #:</b> LO21-0003
<b>Committee:</b> Ways and Means	<b>Chair:</b> Eric T. Costello
<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, November 9, 2021	<b>Time:</b> 10:30 AM
<b>Location:</b> Virtual "WebEx" Meeting	

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		See hearing notes					

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Ways and Means

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Tuesday, November 9, 2021

10:30 AM Virtual Webex Hearing: 1797145443@bmore.webex.com,  
Access Code: 179 714 5443, Password: Public, Link:  
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Bureau of Budget and Management Research- 1st Quarter Projection

Rescheduled from 10:00 A.M

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Present 7 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.

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

##### LO21-0003

##### **Budget Briefing**

For the purpose of calling on regular budget oversight hearings for Baltimore City Public Schools to improve transparency and accountability in the allocation of over a billion dollars in public funding for the vital task of educating Baltimore's children.

Hearing recessed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**