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HEARING NOTES

City Council Resolution: 17-0004R

Budget Oversight Hearings for Baltimore City Public Schools

Committee: Budget and Appropriations
Chaired By: Councilmember Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Thursday, October 15, 2020
Time (Beginning): 2:55 PM
Time (Ending): 3:30 PM
Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber
Total Attendance: Approximately 35

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric Costello Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Leon Pinkett Danielle McCray
Sharon Middleton Bill Henry

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Agency reports read? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [ ] yes [ ] no [X] n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? [ ] yes [ ] no [X] n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? [ ] yes [ ] no [X] n/a

NOTE: Resolution will remain active throughout the term; no vote will be taken.

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Alison Perkins-Cohen, Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPSS)
Chris Doherty, BCPSS

## Major Issues Discussed

1. Two (2) representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System testified. *A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file.* Some highlights from their testimony were:
    - Discussed fiscal year 2020 closeout
    - Talked about some of the major investments
    - Talked about the installation of air filters in schools
    - Gave an update on “virtual learning”
    - Discussed:
      - a. CARES Act Reimbursements
      - b. FEMA Reimbursements
      - c. Last Quarter was a COVID environment (COVID Heavy)
      - d. PPE equipment/distribution
      - e. Importance of keeping the children and buildings safe
      - f. Implementation of hiring freeze
      - g. Transportation
        - i. No more transportation used to transport students since the COVID lockdown
        - ii. Re-negotiated the transportation contracts
    - Comments:
      - a. For the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) time in six (6) years the teacher of the year is from Baltimore city; to include this year. It is an honor!
      - b. Fiscal Year 2022 will be an extraordinary challenge; it right around the corner!
      - c. Concerned about Kirwan funding
    - Audits:
      - a. For eleven (11) years the BCPSS external audits (financial statements) have been clean!
  2. Per the Chairman, within the next 4 to 6 weeks, representatives from the BCPSS will be scheduled to come back before the committee (along with the Finance Department) to give an update on COVID expenditures.
  3. No public testimony. Hearing was called to recess.
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## Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe.

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff  
cc: Bill File

Date: October 19, 2020



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

<b>Subject:</b> Council Resolution – Budget Oversight Hearing for Baltimore City Public Schools	<b>Resolution #17-0004R</b>
<b>Committee:</b> Budget and Appropriations	<b>Chair:</b> Eric Costello
<b>Date:</b> Thursday, October 15, 2020	<b>Time:</b> 2:15 PM
<b>Location:</b> Virtual "WebEx" Meeting	

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**ATTENDANCE ONLY**

First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email		What is your position on this bill?	Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com			
		See Hearing Notes			

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City Hall, Room 408  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Budget and Appropriations Committee

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Thursday, October 15, 2020

2:45 PM  
WebEx Virtual Hearing: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access Code:  
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#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

- Present** 6 - Member Eric T. Costello, Member Leon F. Pinkett III, Member Bill Henry, Member Danielle McCray, Member Sharon Green Middleton, and Member Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
- Absent** 1 - Member Shannon Sneed

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

17-0004R      **Budget Oversight Hearings for Baltimore City Public Schools**  
For the purpose of calling for 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.

**Sponsors:** Eric T. Costello, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Mary Pat Clarke, President Young, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Leon F. Pinkett, III, John T. Bullock, Bill Henry, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Shannon Sneed, Brandon M. Scott

Hearing called to recess.

#### 4TH QUARTER PROJECTION FY2020 and FY2020 CLOSEOUT

#### ADJOURNMENT