



HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO21-0003

Budget Briefing – Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR)
Status of Fiscal Year 2022 and 1st Quarter Projection for Fiscal Year 2023

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023
Time (Beginning): 10:25 AM
Time (Ending): 11:10 AM
Location: Virtual “WebEx” Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 30 In-Person
Approximately 10 Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
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Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a

This legislative oversight will remain open throughout the legislative term; no vote will be taken; quarterly budget hearings.

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Robert (Bob) Cename, Finance Department (BBMR)
- Laura Larsen, BBMR

Major Issues Discussed

1. The representative from BBMR gave a PowerPoint presentation. However, just before giving the Presentation Mr. Cenname informed the committee that Closeout for Fiscal Year 2022 is not yet finalized. A copy of the Presentation is on file. The Presentation included the following:
 - The status of fiscal year 2022 (ended June 30, 2022)
 - Revenue
 - Expenditures
 - Trends
 - Closeout Actions Required to date
 - Carry-Forward
 - Contingency Fund
 - Supplementals
 - Transfer
 - Legal Liabilities
 - First (1st) Quarter Projection for Fiscal Year 2023; ending September 30, 2022
 - Currently projecting a \$30.5 million surplus
 - Revenue is strong; but is steadily coming back to normal
2. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns and made comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion and/or concern were:
 - Homeless Shelter – Page 11 of Presentation
 - Why is homeless shelter cost still under the Health Department instead of under Homeless Shelter?
 - Vandalism/Vacant Buildings
 - This is of concern
 - Comment: We need to invest in cameras for this issue
 - Affordable House Trust Fund
 - Requested by councilmember Ramos: Please submit the amount of revenue received for this fund
 - Vacancies
 - How have inflation impacted wages and is there any additional costs to the City?
 - Wage Study:
 - Is there any data available for this study?
 - Response: Per Ms. Larsen – Will gather the information on these types of studies and submit to committee.
3. Hearing called to recess.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

1. See 'yellow highlighted' areas in the Major Issues section above.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

cc: Bill File

Date: February 17, 2023



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: **Legislative Oversight** – Budget Briefing – BBMR – FY 2022 Closeout/1st Quarter Projection – FY 2023 **Bill #:** LO21-0003

Committee: Ways and Means **Chair:** Eric T. Costello

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 **Time:** 10:00 AM

Location: Council Chambers

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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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bob	Cennname	BBMR					
Laura	Lawson	BBMR					

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

Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

10:01 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall: Phone:
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(Budget Briefing - Baltimore City Public Schools)

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 the Director of the Finance Department's Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) as well as the Director for the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS) to brief the City Council on how the City's actual finances and School's finances compare to its budget projections.

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT