



HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 25-0020R

Informational Hearing – Well-being of Gay Men in Baltimore

Committee: Public Health and Environment
Chaired by: Councilwoman Phylicia Porter

Hearing Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Time (Beginning): 11:10 AM

Time (Ending): 11:30 AM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 65 In-Person
Approximately 15 Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

Phylicia Porter Mark Conway
Ryan Dorsey Mark Parker
Odette Ramos John Bullock

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Agency reports read.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Alexis Blackmon, Office of LGBTQ Affairs
- Zachary Wellman, Office of Equity and Civil Rights
- Major Jenkins, Baltimore City Police Department
- Melissa Broome, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Keisha Howard, Mental Health Coordinator
- K. Holt, Speaker
- L. Smith, Speaker

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilwoman Porter, primary sponsor of the Resolution gave opening remarks.
 2. Chairwoman Porter went over the agency reports and/or had discussion with the agency representatives.
 3. Approximately two (2) attendees gave public testimony. Some highlighted comments and/or topics of discussion were:
 - Talked about some of the hateful attacks and/or crimes occurring
 - Dangerous encounters
 - We are your uncles, nephews and/or etc.
 - We need action
 - Rental assistance and/or home ownership
 - HIV funding
 - We need for you to see us!
 - We will not be erased!
 - Supports Resolution
 - Concern: Sexual health disparities – Also see committee request below
 4. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, and made comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion, comments and/or concern were:
 - Question(s)
 - Some discussion regarding training availability within the police academy
 - Comments:
 - To the community: “We (Council) will protect you!
 - The Council is committed to all communities in the City!
 - Baltimore is a welcoming City to all people and is proud of same!
 - Several committee/councilmembers thanked the attendees and agency representatives for attending the hearing.
 5. Hearing recess, per Chairwoman Porter will reconvene sometime within the next six months or so.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe.

1. Committee Requests:

a. By Chairwoman Porter: to Health Department

- i. Provide an update and/or list of the chronic health disease in the gay community, to include what is being done to address same.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff
cc: Bill File

Date: June 12, 2025



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Resolution: Informational Hearing – Well-being of the Transgender Community in Baltimore	Resolution # 25-0015R
Committee: Public Health and Environment	Chair: Phylicia Porter
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025	Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Council Chambers	

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			Te	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email		For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tica	Torres	1422 Darley Ave Baltimore, MD 21213		✓			✓

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Testimony

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Lonny	Smith	NA bureau@icloud.com						
Keesha	Howard	816 N. Collington Ave Baltimore, MD 21223						

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Subject: Resolution: Informational Hearing – Well-being of Lesbian Women in Baltimore	Resolution # 25-0021R
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City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Health & Environment Committee

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

10:00 AM
Virtual Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall, Phone:
#1-408-418-9388, Access code: 2338 341 4799, Password:
Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=m0a2a9a9d2bef03bab887c1ce4d96ef33)
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Resolutions 25-0015R, 25-0020R and 25-0021R

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Phylcia Porter, Mark Conway, Mark Parker, Ryan Dorsey, John Bullock, and Odette Ramos
Absent 1 - James Torrence

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

25-0015R Informational Hearing – Well-being of the Transgender Community in Baltimore

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City Public School System, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights, the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Maryland Department of Health, and Behavioral Health Systems Baltimore to update the Council on services provided to, and the general well being of, the transgender community in Baltimore.

Hearing called to recess.

25-0020R Informational Hearing – Well being of Gay Men in Baltimore

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City Public School System, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil

Rights, the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Maryland Department of Health, and Behavioral Health System Baltimore to update the Council on services provided to, and the general well being of, gay men in Baltimore.

Hearing called to recess.

25-0021R

Informational Hearing – Well being of Lesbian Women in Baltimore

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Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT