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HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO21-0003

Budget Briefing
Bureau of Budget and Management Research
Capital Budgeting
Baltimore City Public Schools

Committee: Finance and Performance
Chaired by: Councilman John T. Bullock

Hearing Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023
Time (Beginning): 3:05 PM through 3:45 PM - hearing recessed.
Time (Ending): Hearing reconvened at 4:15 PM through 4:40 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 45 In-Person
Approximately 05 Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

- John T. Bullock
Eric T. Costello
Danielle McCray
Phylicia Porter

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer - excused absence

Table with 3 columns: Question, yes, no, n/a. Rows include Bill Synopsis in the file?, Attendance sheet in the file?, Agency reports read?, Video or audio-digitally recorded?, Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?, Evidence of notification to property owners?, Final vote taken at this hearing?

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.)

- Laura Larsen, Bureau of Budget and Management Research - BBMR
 - Nichole Stewart, Planning (Capital Budget)
 - Maryann Cox, Baltimore City Public Schools
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Major Issues Discussed

1. The representatives from BBMR, Capital Budgeting and BCPS all gave a PowerPoint Presentation. **Copies are on file.** Following are notes from the hearing.
 - **BBMR**
 - The representative from BBMR gave a briefing regarding the first quarter spending for Fiscal Year 2024 – July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.
 - **Capital Budget**
 - The Presentation included information about the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2024
 - Including Recommendations for the six (6) year Capital Improvement Program
 - Capital Budget and Expenditure Analysis Limitations
 - Handout displaying (list of Projects, project numbers and the Agencies receiving capital projections) a summary of FY2024 1st Quarter Spending
 - **BCPS**
 - The Presentation included data for revenue and expenditures through September 30, 2023; 1st quarter of Fiscal Year 2024.
 2. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, and made comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion, comments and/or concern were:
 - **BBMR**
 - Chairman Bullock asked the representative from BBMR to talk more about the decline in revenue from Property tax collection, what caused the decreased, he asked.
 - A committee member inquired about the status Highway User Revenue
 - Department of Transportation - DOT
 - Snow cost for DOT, what is budgeted?
 - Are you anticipating exceeding their budget for snow costs this year?
 - Department of Public Works
 - Contractual expenses – talk more about these expenses.
 - Fire Department
 - Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 budget (Service 609)
 - Why was the budget increased so much?
 - **Capital Budget**
 - Question(s)
 - None
 - **BCPS**
 - Question(s)
 - None
 3. Hearing called to recess.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?
If yes, describe.

Yes No

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff
cc: Bill File
OCS Electronic File

Date: December 8, 2023



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Legislative Oversight – Budget Briefing – Finance, Capital Budget and Baltimore City Public Schools	#LO21-0003
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What is your position on this bill?	Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*
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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
James	Matz	BCFD					
Maryanne	Cox	City Schools					
Melissa	Broome	City Schools					
James	Fischer	BCFD					

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Performance Committee

Thursday, December 7, 2023

3:00 PM Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall, Phone:
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

- Present** 4 - John T. Bullock, Chair Eric T. Costello, Chair Danielle N. McCray, and Chair
Phylicia Porter
- Excused** 1 - Chair Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

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 recessed.

ADJOURNMENT