



HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 22-0107R

Informational Hearing – School Safety

Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth

Chaired by: Robert Stokes, Jr.

Hearing Date: Thursday, August 25, 2022

Time (Beginning): 5:05 PM

Time (Ending): 7:30 PM

Location: **Council Chambers**

Total Attendance: Approximately 90 In-person
Approximately 15 Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

Robert Stokes, Sr. Phylicia Porter
John Bullock Sharon Green Middleton
Antonio Glover Zeke Cohen

Excused Absence:

James Torrence

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 type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" 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.)

- Sonja B. Santelises, CEO Baltimore City Public Schools
- John Davis, Baltimore City Public Schools

- Chief Hamm, School Police, Baltimore City Public Schools
 - Commissioner Harrison, Police Department (BPD)
 - Donald Walker, State's Attorney's Office
 - Christopher Quintyne, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success (MOCFS)
 - Shantay Jackson, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE)
 - Andre Bundley, Mayor's Office of African-American Male Engagement (MOAAME)
 - Letitia Dzirasa, Health Commissioner (BCHD)
 - Mackenzie Garvin, Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED)
 - Dan Hymowitz, Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation
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Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Stokes, primary sponsor of the Resolutions gave opening remarks.
2. The hearing for both Resolutions, #22-0107R – Informational Hearing - School Safety and #22-0111R – Informational Hearing – Addressing Youth Violence in Baltimore City were held simultaneously.
3. Two (2) PowerPoint Presentations were shown: **(Copies are on file)**
 - **Entitled** – Informational Hearing on School Safety and Youth Violence presented by representatives from **Baltimore City Public Schools**
 - **Entitled** – 22-0111R - Informational Hearing – Addressing Young Violence in Baltimore City; the PowerPoint Presentation was presented in conjunction with representatives from the following city agencies:
 - MONSE
 - MOCFS
 - MOAAME
 - BPD
 - BCHD
 - MOED
4. The committee/councilmembers asked questions, stated concerns, and asked for clarification for some issues. Some highlights from same were:
 - Comments/Remarks/Concerns/Questions
 - **School Safety/Issues – Resolution 22-0107R**
 - Each agency representative was asked to comment on:
 - Equity and resource availability in schools
 - Mental Health Issues
 - Are there any plans to add more social workers in schools?
 - Absenteeism
 - What are your best practices for getting students back in school?
 - What do you think are some of the causes for absenteeism?
 - Truancy
 - Who is accountable for truancy issues?
 - What is the processes for same?
 - External Threats
 - How can the students/children be protected from external threats?

- Equity
 - How do we get to the point where equity is in all fifty-three (53) schools?
 - School Culture and Climate
 - What are some of the components of school culture?
 - Bringing Youth to the Conversation
 - How are we and/or you pulling our young folks into these conversations?
 - Addressing Youth Violence in Baltimore City - Resolution 22-0111R
 - Several agency representatives talked about this subject matter during the PowerPoint Presentation shown – a copy is on file.
5. No one signed up for public testimony. **Chairman Stokes stated, “At the next hearing member(s) of the Baltimore City Youth Commission will be invited to attend.”**
6. Hearing(s) called to recess; to reconvene at a later date.

Further Study

Was further study requested

Yes No

If yes, describe. See comments in number #5 above.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite Murray Currin, Committee Staff

Date: August 30, 2022

cc: Bill File
OCS Electronic File

City of Baltimore

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City Hall, Room 408
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Education Workforce and Youth

Thursday, August 25, 2022

5:00 PM Du Burns Chambers, City Hall, 4th Floor, Virtual: Phone:

+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 2334 443 4673, Password:

Public (782542 from phones), Link:

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Rescheduled from 7/14/22

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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Robert Stokes Sr., John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Antonio Glover, Sharon Green Middleton, and Phylicia Porter
Excused 1 - James Torrence

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

22-0107R

Informational Hearing - School Safety

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System, the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City School Police, the Baltimore Fire Department, including the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Division, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, the Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, and the Community Action Partnership to brief the City Council regarding safety in our schools, current safety measurers and future steps to take to keep our students and school staff safe.

Sponsors: Robert Stokes, Sr., Phylicia Porter, Odette Ramos, John T. Bullock, James Torrence, Danielle N. McCray, Mark Conway, Sharon Green Middleton, Antonio Glover

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT