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HEARING NOTES

Bill: LO25-0019

Title: Joint Hearing - Legislative Oversight - Summer Youth Program

Committee: Housing & Economic Development

Chaired by: John Bullock & Mark Conway

Hearing Date: May 1, 2025

Time (Beginning): 4:15 PM

Time (Ending): 7:00 PM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex

Total Attendance: Approximately 60

Committee Members in Attendance:

Cohen, Conway, Bullock, Glover, Ramos, Blanchard, Parker, Jones, Parker

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
Hearing televised 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Motioned by:	N/A		
Final Vote:	N/A		

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Ty'lor Schnella – Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Noell Lugay - Deputy Mayor, Equity, Health, and Human Services

Stephanie Mavronis – Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement

McKenzie Garvin - Mayor's Office of Employment Development

Alicia Lee – Baltimore Children & Youth Fund

Dr. Sonja Santelises- CEO, Baltimore City Public Schools

Julia Biaz – CEO Baltimore's Promise

Major Issues Discussed

- Chairs Conway & Bullock started the hearing, introducing members of the committee and reading the purpose statement of the LO into the record.
- President Cohen began with an opening statement
- Chair Bullock made an opening statement
- Chair Conway made an opening statement
- The floor was open to public testimony (see attendance record on file)
- The floor was open to reports from invited agencies and other participants, including (presentations in the bill file):
 - City Agencies (opening remarks from Deputy Director Schnella, presentation from Director Mavronis)
 - MONSE
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 - BCRP
 - BPD (presentation submitted but not presented in the hearing)
 - Baltimore City Public Schools
 - Baltimore City Youth Fund
 - Baltimore's Promise
- The floor was open to questions from the committee members. Topics included:
 - What is the gap in seats from last year to this year
 - Youth Works – summer '25 13000 applications submitted 8500 seats vs. summer '24 9,313 seats with 8200 completing the 5-week session
 - City Schools – 20k seats in summer 24 vs 12500 in summer 25
 - Baltimore's Promise – 7500 in summer 24 vs 3000 in summer 25 (conservative projection)
 - Youth Fund – represented in the summer collaborative, unsure how many seats this supported
 - Where did additional funding in the general fund come from and are there any gaps created by its use? Does the money from the BCYF create any gaps in the programs it funds?
 - This was an allocation from the general funds
 - For the Children & Youth Fund, this is coming from the Fund Balance (cumulative principal balance held for the BCFY, which they normally expend 6-7 million a year)
 - Disparity in participation in Youth Works in Districts 8 & 9 v other districts in the city. What is being done to address this?
 - Working to put the information on all social media and other forms of advertising. Council asking for a focus on the 8th & 9th districts, particularly
 - How do we measure quality, and if programs in the summer are effective
 - Baltimore's Promise has initial grant reviewers and follows up with satisfaction surveys, but the Youth Data Hub currently being implemented will allow for integration of data between institutions to help understand how many young people are being served and what outcomes they are experiencing. Initial report due fall 2025.

- MONSE – evaluating arrest, numbers, outcomes of interactions, and survey data from programs like Rock the Block. During deployment, partners huddle every Tuesday to evaluate the week before for needed redeployment.
- Engagement and outreach with Latinx communities – how do we reach out to them, what has been our experience, and what lessons have we learned?
 - Partnership with MIMMA, but antidotally so far this spring, not a lot of opportunity to engage. The Movement Team has also hired outreach workers who are Spanish speakers and are looking to use this as a model.
- How can the Council help support these? Can we get materials to the Council for promotion early so they can help promote it?
- Triggering of the transfer of funds from the Youth Fund to Youth Works – based on an emergency trigger? How did this work?
 - Ordinance does not have a trigger for a cut of funding from the state or federal level.
- The floor was open to public testimony
- Closing Comments from the Chairs
- Hearing was recessed

Further Study

Was further study requested?

☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If yes, describe.

- Total number of seats in BCRP Summer Programs
 - can this be broken down by program and location?
- Total number of participants
- The number of residents participating in camps & the number of non residents participating
 - can this also be broken down by program and location
- How does BCRP plan to engage low population areas with BCRP assets that may previously had programs but now do not (such as and particularly Harlem Park)
- How will BCRP address under enrollment of residents especially low income residents.

Committee Vote:

Cohen President	N/A
Conway Co-Chair:	N/A
Bullock Co-Chair	N/A
Ramos:	N/A
Blanchard:	N/A
Glover:	N/A
Middleton	N/A
Porter	N/A
McCray	N/A

Parker	N/A
Schleifer	N/A
Gray	N/A
Torrence	N/A
Jones	N/A

Anthony Leva, Committee Staff

Date: May 15, 2025

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