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HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO21-0003

Budget Briefing – Baltimore City Public School (BCPS)

Fiscal Year 2022 – 2nd Quarter Projection

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Robert Stokes, Sr.

Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022
Time (Beginning): 11:10 AM
Time (Ending): 11:35 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

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.)

- Melissa Broome, Baltimore City Public Schools
Courtenay Desabaye, Baltimore City Public Schools
Chris Doherty, Baltimore City Public Schools

Major Issues Discussed

1. Mr. Desabaye gave a PowerPoint presentation. **A copy is on file.**
 2. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns and made comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion and/or concern were:
 - Budget Cuts by General Assembly/Governor Hogan
 - Can you talk about these cuts, how it will impact the schools and/or your budget? **Answer:**
 - Was taken by surprise by this action; blind-sided
 - It is a significant amount of money; \$99 million
 - Appreciates all the support everyone is extended
 - Are there any anticipated negative impact(s) on our young folks? **Answer: Yes, but we are waiting on more information; you can't "nip and tuck" around \$99 million dollars. We are awaiting an opinion from the Attorney General; it only affects this school year. We are watching very closely.**
 - Where would the \$99 million normally be allocated? Do you know? Is any of these funds allocated to school maintenance? **Answer: The cut will impact all schools; the answer is broad for how it will be allocated.**
 - Will teachers and staff be affected by the cuts? Such as moved to other locations/schools or let go?
 - How can the Council be more supportive?
 - School Dropouts
 - What are we doing to re-engage these students? What are some of your outreach efforts?
 3. Hearing called to recess.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: February 11, 2022

cc: Bill File
OCS Electronic File

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

10:20 AM Webex Hearing: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access Code:
179 198 2096, Password: Public, Link:
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Baltimore City Public Schools - Fiscal Year 2022 - 2nd Quarter

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 regular budget oversight hearings for Baltimore City Public Schools to improve transparency and accountability in the allocation of over a billion dollars in public funding for the vital task of educating Baltimore's children.

Hearing was recessed.

ADJOURNMENT



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Legislative Oversight – Budget Briefing – BCPS – 2nd Quarter Projection	Bill #: LO21-0003
Committee: Ways and Means	Chair: Eric T. Costello
Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022	Time: 10:30 AM
Location: Virtual “WebEx” Meeting	

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	<u>Testify</u>	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		See hearing Notes					

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