



HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 23-0164R

Informational Hearing - Board of School Commissioners - Reporting and Structure

Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth
Chaired by: Robert Stokes, Sr

Hearing Date: November 2, 2023
Time (Beginning): 5:00 PM
Time (Ending): 6:10 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 20
Committee Members in Attendance:
Robert Stokes John Bullock
James Torrence Sharon Green Middleton

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| 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 |
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| Final vote taken at this hearing? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| Motioned by: | Bullock | | |
| Seconded by: | Torrence | | |
| Final Vote: | Favorable | | |

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Ronald McFadden (Chair, Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners)
- Shantel Roberts (Vice Chair, Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners)
- Dawana Sterrette (Director, Legislative and Government Affairs, Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners)

Major Issues Discussed

1. Education System Structure: The hearing primarily discussed the structure of the Baltimore City School Board, its role, and the composition of its members. The focus was on understanding the board's functions and responsibilities.
 2. Achievement and Learning Gaps: There was an emphasis on addressing achievement and learning gaps among students, particularly in light of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 3. Student Safety: The board addressed safety concerns in schools and discussed strategies to enhance safety measures, given recent incidents, including shootings affecting students.
 4. Partnerships and Collaborations: The board highlighted efforts to collaborate with various stakeholders, including community organizations and law enforcement, to address safety and student well-being.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

1. The committee requested more information on the board's strategies for addressing achievement and learning gaps, safety measures, and community collaborations.
 2. Councilman Torrence inquired about potential changes in charter law to retain charter school concepts for families when schools close or end a program.
 3. expressed the need to expand school-based health centers and suggested exploring ways to secure funding for these centers, especially in healthcare deserts.
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Committee Vote:

R. Stokes: Yea
J. Bullock: Yea
Z. Cohen: Yea
A. Glover: Yea
S. Middleton: Yea
J. Torrence: Yea
P. Porter: Absent

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Committee Staff: Deontre L. Hayes

Date: November 3, 2023

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BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION, WORKFORCE, AND YOUTH COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD

DATE: November 2, 2023

RESOLUTION #: 23-0164R

RESOLUTION TITLE: Informational Hearing – Board of School Commissioners
- Reporting and Structure

MOTION BY: Bulluck SECONDED BY: Torrence

- FAVORABLE FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
 UNFAVORABLE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

| NAME | YEAS | NAYS | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
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| Stokes, Sr., Robert - Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bullock, John | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cohen, Zeke | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Glover, Antonio | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Middleton, Sharon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Porter, Phylicia | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Torrence, James | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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CHAIRPERSON: Robert Stokes, Sr. *Roberts*

COMMITTEE STAFF: Tre Hayes Initials: TH



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

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| Subject: Council Resolution – Informational Hearing – Board of School Commissioners – Reporting and Structure | 23-0164R |
| Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth | Chair: Robert Stokes, Sr. |
| Date: Thursday, November 2, 2023 | Time: 5:00 PM |
| Location: Council Chambers | |

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| ROBERT | Salley | 100 E North Ave Commissioner rsalley@peps.k12.md.us | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Jennifer | Judkins | 2001 Aliceanna St., Baltimore Board Exec. Officer jjjudkins@peps.k12.md.us | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
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City of Baltimore

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City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Education Workforce and Youth

Thursday, November 2, 2023

5:00 PM/Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, City Hall, 4th Floor, Phone:
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 2344 041 6906, Password:
Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=m3c7d86e8048df2f8ee7a95160633489d)
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

- Present** 5 - Robert Stokes Sr., John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Sharon Green Middleton, and James Torrence
- Absent** 2 - Antonio Glover, and Phylicia Porter

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

23-0164R

Informational Hearing - Board of School Commissioners - Reporting and Structure

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners and other relevant stakeholders to brief the City Council on the current structure of the Board of School Commissioners, including member responsibilities and reporting practices.

Sponsors: Robert Stokes, Sr.

A motion was made by Bullock, seconded by Torrence, that this City Council Resolution be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Stokes Sr., Bullock, Middleton, and Torrence

Absent: 2 - Glover, and Porter

Out-Chamber: 1 - Cohen

ADJOURNMENT

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC