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HEALTH, WORKFORCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
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*Mission Statement*

On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the mission of the Health, Environment, and Technology (HET) Committee is to study, review, and recommend policies to improve overall public health and welfare, achieve environmental justice and sustainability, and promote the adoption of, and equitable access to, technology to better meet the needs of all City residents.

**The Honorable Danielle McCray  
Chair**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Wednesday, NOVEMBER 8, 2023  
10:01 AM**

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*Legislative Oversight LO22-0019*

**Quarterly Legislative Oversight Hearing - Department of Public  
Works**

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## BILL SYNOPSIS

**Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology**

**Legislative Oversight: LO22-0019**

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### Quarterly Legislative Oversight Hearing - Department of Public Works

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**Sponsor:** Councilmember McCray

**Introduced:** December 8, 2022

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of calling for quarterly oversight hearings for the Department of Public Works regarding agency operations, staffing, safety of fleet, facilities, and equipment, and other responsibilities to improve transparency and accountability in serving the residents of Baltimore City and others.

**Effective:** N/A

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### Agency Reports

Department of Public Works	None as of writing
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### Analysis

The Department of Public Works' three major divisions are the Bureau of Solid Waste, the Bureau of Water and Wastewater, and the Surface Water Service. The Bureau of Solid Waste is responsible for providing waste collection and disposal services, recycling services, vacant and abandoned property maintenance, rat control services, and public right-of-way cleaning. The Bureau of Water and Wastewater is responsible for providing drinking water as well as wastewater collection and treatment for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region. The Surface

Water Service performs all stormwater related functions, including the watershed liaison office, stormwater management and sediment and erosion control, storm drain engineering, storm drain and waterway maintenance, water quality monitoring and inspections, and environmental engineering.

This hearing was last conducted on August 9, 2023 and was recessed.

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### **Additional Information**

**Fiscal Note:** The Department's fiscal year 2022 budget included 2,700 staff positions, an operating budget of over \$657 million, and a capital budget of over \$279 million. The Department's operations are primarily funded through the Water Utility, Wastewater Utility, Stormwater Utility, and the City's General Fund.

**Information Source(s):** Reporting Agencies Report

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