

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG, Mayor



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To: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary, Office of the President
From: *M. M. Currin*
Marguerite M. Currin, Analyst, Executive Appointments Committee
Date: April 22, 2020
Subject: Second Reader

The Executive Appointments Committee has requested that the nomination listed below be placed on **Second Reader** at the City Council meeting scheduled for **April 27, 2020**.

- EA20-0268 – Eric Stephenson

The nomination is **FAVORABLE**.

Attached is (1) one packet. Thank you.

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

The (Appointment or Reappointment) of ERIC STEPHENSON (EA20-0268)

As a Member

Of the Planning Commission

For A TERM EXPIRING December 31, 2022

received by the City Council from the Mayor on April 13, 2020

and referred to the Committee on Executive Appointments on April 13, 2020

Said Committee held hearing on said Appointment on April 22, 2020

The Committee on Executive Appointments on April 22, 2020

having carefully considered said nomination, recommends that the City Council (confirm or refuse to confirm) said nomination.

Robert Stokes / m.m.c.
Chairman

Two horizontal lines for signature or date.

As a timely confirmation hearing by the Committee on Executive Appointments was rendered impossible by the occurrence of circumstances unrelated to the merit of the nomination in question, said Committee recommends that the City Council rejects without prejudice the nomination of

Chairman

To Her Honor the Mayor

The City Council of Baltimore has (confirmed or refused to confirm) the above on , and the vote being: aye, nay, passed.

Brandon J. ... President

The City Council of Baltimore having received the above mentioned on , this will advise your Honor that three regular succeeding meetings have been held by said City Council thereafter without either confirming or refusing to confirm said nomination in accordance with Section 6, Article IV, Charter of Baltimore City (1964 Revision).

**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
VOTING RECORD**

DATE: April 22, 2020

BILL NUMBER: EA 20-0268

BILL TITLE: Eric Stephenson – Member – Planning Commission

MOTION BY: Clarke SECONDED BY: Burnett

- FAVORABLE FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
 UNFAVORABLE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Stokes, Robert S., Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnett, Kristerfer -Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clarke, Mary Pat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cohen, Zeke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schleifer, Isaac "Yitzy"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TOTALS	<u>5</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

CHAIRPERSON: Robert Stokes, Robert Stokes/m.m.c.

COMMITTEE STAFF: Marguerite M. Currin Initials: M.M.C.

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HEARING NOTES

Bill: EA20-0268

Eric Stephenson – Member – Planning Commission

Committee: Executive Appointments
Chaired By: Councilmember Robert Stokes
Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020
Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM
Time (Ending): 10:25 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 15

Committee Members in Attendance:

Robert Stokes Zeke Cohen
Mary Pat Clarke Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Kristerfer Burnett

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Agency reports read? [] yes [] no [X] n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? [X] yes [] no [X] n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [] yes [] no [X] n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? [] yes [] no [X] n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Motioned by: Councilmember Clarke
Seconded by: Councilmember Burnett
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Eric Stephenson – Nominee
Chris Ryer – Planning Commission
Sean Davis – Speaker

Major Issues Discussed

1. Both Chris Ryer and Sean Davis gave opening remarks in support of Mr. Stephenson’s nomination. They talked briefly about the nominee’s background, experiences, community involvement and resume’.
2. The chairman asked Mr. Ryer, “What is the Planning Commission’s role in training the community? Do you think you could train some of the community leaders?”
3. Mr. Ryer talked about how the Commission plans to expand their training academy for employees. Committee member Clarke stated that she would like to see the agenda for the training academy and that she might be interested in sitting in and/or attending some of the training offered.
4. The Chairman asked Mr. Stephenson to talk about his background, experience and vision for the Commission.
5. Mr. Stephenson talked briefly about his background and experience. Some highlights of his conversation were:
 - Is a city resident – Sandtown area
 - Is honor to be here and is looking forward to serving on the Commission
 - Background is in “construction management and community organizing”
6. Committee member Burnett asked Mr. Stephenson, “What are some things you think the Commission can do to help elevate the community? **Mr. Stephenson replied, “By continuing to hold open meetings and to make reports and other material available to the public.”**
7. Several committee members thanked Mr. Stephenson for his willingness to serve on the Commission. Vote taken.

Further Study

**Was further study requested?
If yes, describe.**

Yes No

Committee Vote:

R. Stokes:..... **Yea**
 K. Burnett: **Yea**
 M. Clarke:..... **Yea**
 I. Schleifer: **Yea**
 Z. Cohen: **Yea**

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: April 22, 2020

cc: Bill File
OCS Chrono File



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Executive Nomination – Eric Stephenson	EA# 20-0268
Committee: Executive Appointments	Chair: Robert Stokes
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020	Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Virtual "Webex" Meeting	

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY			What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*		
<u>ATTENDANCE ONLY</u>							
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email		For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eric	Stephenson						
Chris	Ryer	Planning					
Laurie	Feinberg	Planning					
Sean	Davis						

*NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST. REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AND IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ETHICS.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/](https://ethics.baltimorecity.gov/) OR CALL: 410-396-4730

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Executive Appointments Committee

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

10:00 AM

Virtual Hearing

EA20-0268

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Eric Stephenson
Member - Planning Commission - District 9

ADJOURNMENT

THIS VIRTUAL MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Executive Appointments Committee

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

10:00 AM Virtual Webex Hearing: Access code: 718 407 594, Event
password: 5591

United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388

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EA20-0268

CALL TO ORDER

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Present 5 - Member Robert Stokes Sr., Member Kristerfer Burnett, Member Zeke Cohen,
Member Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Member Mary Pat Clarke

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

EA20-0268

Eric Stephenson

Member - Planning Commission - District 9

A motion was made by Member Clarke, seconded by Member Burnett, that
Executive Nomination EA20-0268 be recommended favorably. The motion
carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Member Stokes Sr., Member Burnett, Member Cohen, Member "Yitzy" Schleifer,
and Member Clarke

ADJOURNMENT