



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 24-0523

**Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year
Ending June 30, 2025**

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Eric Costello

Hearing Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024
Time (Beginning): 3:03 PM
Time (Ending): 3:38 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 20 in-person
Approximately 05 virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:
Danielle McCray Ryan Dorsey
Eric Costello

- Bill Synopsis in the file? YES NO N/A
- Attendance sheet in the file? YES NO N/A
- Agency reports read? YES NO N/A
- Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?..... YES NO N/A
- Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?..... YES NO N/A
- Evidence of notification to property owners? YES NO N/A
- Final vote taken at this hearing? YES NO N/A

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Chris Doherty, City Schools CFO
Alison Perkins-Cohen, Chief of Staff

Major Issues Discussed

1. CFO Doherty presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Baltimore City Public School System FY2025 budget and investment highlights.

2. Councilman Cohen asked BCPSS to confirm if all schools, by September, will have air-conditioning. BCPSS noted that all classrooms will have air-conditioning by June 1st, but there are still schools that lack HVAC systems and there is underfunding in the capital budget. Classrooms will have air-conditioners, but these systems do not expand throughout the hallways, so there are limitations.
3. Councilman Cohen asked if there is a projected timeline to have universal pre-kindergarten for three-year-olds. BCPSS noted that funding is an obstacle. BCPSS will follow up with an analysis of the funding gap. They noted that there is already a pre-existing funding gap for 4-year-olds.
4. Hearing recessed.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

N/A

Niya N. Garrett

Niya N. Garrett, Committee Staff

Date: May 16, 2024

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City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 3 - Eric T. Costello, Ryan Dorsey, and Danielle N. McCray

Absent 4 - Kristerfer Burnett, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025
For the purpose of approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2025; providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; and providing for a special effective date.
Hearing recessed.

ADJOURNMENT