



**HEARING NOTES**  
**Resolution: 21-0056R**

**Informational Hearing – From Front Door to Schoolhouse Door**

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

**Hearing Date:** Thursday, December 16, 2021  
**Time (Beginning):** 5:00 PM  
**Time (Ending):** 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Virtual “WebEx” Meeting  
**Total Attendance:** Approximately 75

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Robert Stokes, Sr.      Zeke Cohen  
John Bullock            Sharon Green Middleton  
Antonio Glover         Phylcia Porter

**Per Chairman Stokes – James Torrence – Excused**

Bill Synopsis in the file? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
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
Video or audio-digitally recorded? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a

**Major Speakers**

*(This is not an attendance record.)*

- Victor Tervalá, Law Department
- Kelleigh Eastman, Health Department
- Liam Davis, Department of Transportation
- Lynette Washington, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Holly Arnold, Maryland Department of Transportation
- Kwane Wyatt, Fund for Educational Excellence
- Roslyn Johnson, Speaker
- Cleopatra Martey, Speaker

- Danielle Sweeney, Speaker
  - Matthew Rodriguez, Speaker
  - Sadie Baker, Speaker
  - Meredith Shaw, Speaker
  - Madeleine Monson-Rosen, Speaker
  - Jerome Howard, Mass Transit Administration (Police)
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### Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilwoman Ramos, primary sponsor of the Resolution gave opening remarks. Some highlighted remarks/comments were:
  - Talked about a recent study produced by the Fund for Educational Excellence
  - Talked about why the Resolution was introduced; background associated with same
  - Concern: The number of vacant properties in the city
  - Goal is to keep our students safe and getting them to school on time
2. The representative from Baltimore City Public Schools gave a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "From Front Door to Schoolhouse Door." **A copy is in the bill file**
3. The representative from the Maryland Department of Transportation gave a PowerPoint Presentation. **A copy is in the bill file.**
4. The representative from the Fund for Educational Excellence also showed a PowerPoint Presentation.
5. The representative for the MTA Police talked about how their officers operate, their duties, responsibilities and processes
6. Approximately seven (7) people gave public testimony; (students, parents, grandparents, teachers, etc.) to share some of their concerns and experiences.
7. The committee/council members asked questions, made comments and etc. Some highlights of same were:
  - Comment/Concern:
    - With many of our school closing some students were relocated
      - Concern: Keeping areas in city clean and safe for students who walk to school. Is there any discussion about keeping the areas clean and safe?
    - Inspire Program:
      - Talked about this program and asked, "Are you thinking about using some of the ARPA funding to help?"
    - Comment
      - Is glad to see our young people using their voice!
    - Concerns:
      - Students being sexual harassed and getting to school late as well
    - Question:
      - Is it true that that the Mass Transit Administration can't provide separate service for schools? **Answer: Yes, it's true**
    - Transit Buses/Bus Routes:
      - Data was distributed for which buses comes near schools! I believe the data is incorrect! How can it be corrected?
8. Councilwoman Ramos gave closing remarks and stated, "An efficient, effective and safe transit system is needed." Chairman Stokes thanked everyone for attending. Hearing recessed.

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**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?**

Yes  No

**If yes, describe.**

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite Murray Currin, Committee Staff

Date: December 21, 2021

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

<b>Subject:</b> <span style="background-color: yellow;">Resolution</span> – Informational Hearing - From Front Door to Schoolhouse Door	Resolution #21-0056R
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**Location:** WebEx Meeting

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<u>CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY</u>			Testify	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email		For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		See hearing Notes					

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Education Workforce and Youth

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Thursday, December 16, 2021

5:00 PM Virtual Webex Hearing: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access Code:  
2349 905 7505, Password: Public, Link:  
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#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 6 - Robert Stokes Sr., John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Antonio Glover, Sharon Green  
Middleton, and Phylicia Porter  
**Excused** 1 - James Torrence

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

##### 21-0056R

##### **From Front Door to Schoolhouse Door**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Transportation, Department of Health, Baltimore City Public Schools, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success and Office of Equity and Civil Rights to discuss our children's commute to school.

**Sponsors:** Odette Ramos, Sharon Green Middleton, Zeke Cohen, Phylicia Porter, Kristerfer Burnett

Hearing recessed.

#### ADJOURNMENT