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HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO21-0003

Budget Briefing – Baltimore City Public School (BCPS)
Fiscal Year 2021 Closeout

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Time (Beginning): 11:45 AM
Time (Ending): 12:25 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Eric T. Costello
Robert Stokes, Sr.
Danielle McCray
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Kristofer Burnett
Ryan Dorsey
Sharon Green Middleton

Table with 7 rows of questions and checkboxes for 'yes', 'no', and 'n/a'.

This legislative oversight will remain open throughout the legislative term; no vote will be taken; quarterly budget hearings.

Major Speakers
(This is not an attendance record.)

- Christopher Doherty, Chief Financial Officer, BCPS
Courtenay Desabaye, Acting Budget Director, BCPS
Alison Perkins-Cohen, BCPS

Major Issues Discussed

1. Representatives from BCPS gave a PowerPoint presentation. **A copy is on file.**
 2. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns and made comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion and/or concern were:
 - School Police
 - Concern: Cost related to overnight work for school police
 - Concern: School police have a wide range of duties whereas they have no expertise; we need more mental health practitioners on-call instead of the school police
 - How much would it cost to actually do this?
 - Statement: Don't believe we should be employing school police all night long and wonder why other arrangements are not possible
 - Fund Balance
 - The fund balance increased from the previous fiscal year 2020
 - The \$55 million fund balance – What can you use it for? Or what are other things it can be used for other than what is listed in your Presentation?
 3. Hearing called to recess.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: October 29, 2021

cc: Bill File
OCS Electronic File



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Legislative Oversight – Budget Briefing – BCPS – Fiscal Year 2021 Closeout	Bill #: LO21-0003
Committee: Ways and Means	Chair: Eric T. Costello
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021	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>CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY</u>			Testify	For	Against	Yes	No
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email					
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		<i>See hearing Notes</i>					

*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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100 North Holliday Street
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

10:00 AM Webex Hearing: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access Code:
179 450 4650, Password: Public, Link:
[https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb3017c7d3b6f58997e5602787864fd39)
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Baltimore City Public Schools - Fiscal Year 2021 - Closeout
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

LO21-0003

Budget Briefing

For the purpose of calling on the Director of the Finance Department's Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) to brief the City Council on how the City's actual finances compare to its budget projections.

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT