
CITY OF BALTIMORE

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HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO25-0001

Budget Briefing

Bureau of Budget and Management Research
Capital Budget
Baltimore City Public Schools

Committee: Budget and Appropriations
Chaired by: Councilwoman Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Time (Beginning): 9:10 AM
Time (Ending): 10:45 AM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 95 In-Person
Approximately 35 Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danielle McCray Sharon Green Middleton
Paris Gray

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
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Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.)

- Laura Larsen, Bureau of Budget and Management Research – BBMR
- Sara Paraniham, Department of Planning
- MaryAnne Cox, Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS)

Major Issues Discussed

1. The representative from **BBMR** gave a PowerPoint Presentation. **A copy is on file.**
 - Topic: Third Quarter Projection; through March 31, 2025
 - Revenue and expenditure overview
 - Handout – By Agency and Service
 - Surplus/Deficit Projection - **A copy is on file.**
2. The representative from the **Planning Department** gave a PowerPoint Presentation. **A copy is on file.**
 - Capital Improvement Program – Third Quarter
 - Handout - Capital Projects – Appropriations & Expenditures through FY25Q3 - **A copy is on file.**
3. The representative from the **Baltimore City Public Schools** - gave a PowerPoint Presentation. **A copy is on file.**
 - Third Quarter Briefing
3. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, and made comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion, comments and/or concern were:
 - **BBMR**
 - **Agencies With Projected Deficits**
 - At the last budget briefing (2nd Quarter) you talked about the agencies who are projecting deficits.
 - What is the update and/or status of these agencies?
 - What is being done to slow down the cost of expenses?
 - What is the process for when those agencies want to fill vacancies?
 - Discretionary overtime spending – talk about this.
 - **Vacancies**
 - Comments and some concerns expressed about filling versus freezing positions
 - Concern: How will the City continue providing the necessary services with the number of vacancies we have?
 - **Requested by Committee member Gray: Provide a breakdown for all vacancies by agency to include sworn officers.**
 - **Collaboration between Agencies**
 - How are agencies collaborating together due to the freeze on vacancies to provide necessary city services?
 - **Capital Budget**
 - Delayed Projects – talk about this
 - Concerned about the timeliness of completing projects!
 - Comments regarding investments and projects
 - Comment: Want to ensure each district receives equitable capital improvements!

o **Baltimore City Public Schools**

- Student Help Services
- What are some ways the City Council members can help?

o **Requested by Committee/Councilwoman Middleton**

- Provide the number of grants received for Community Services
- Provide information regarding the number of nurses you have in Health Services

4. Hearing called to recess.

Further Study

Was further study requested?
If yes, describe.

☒ Yes ☐ No

1. See all requests above highlighted in both "red and yellow" above.
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Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff
cc: Bill File

Date: May 15, 2025



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Legislative Oversight – Quarterly Budget Briefings - 3 rd Quarter (BBMR and Planning/Capital, BCPS)	LO#: LO25-0001
Committee: Budget and Appropriations	Chair: Danielle McCray
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025	Time: 9:00 AM

Location: **Council Chambers**

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What is
your
position on
this bill?

Lobbyist:
Are you
registered in
the City?*

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email		For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Janelle	Munney	DPW					
Christine	Laffin	DPW					
Garret	Halbach	DPW					
Lauren	Byrd	WUFI	✓				

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Budget & Appropriations Committee

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

9:00 AM Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall, Phone:
1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 2347 217 1002 Password:
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LO25-0001 - Quarterly Budget Briefings - BBMR, Capital and BCPS

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 3 - Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, and Paris Gray

Absent 2 - Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Antonio "Tony" Glover

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

LO25-0001 Quarterly Budget Briefings

For the purpose of calling on representatives from the Finance Department's Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR), the Department of Planning (Capital Budget), and Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS) to provide a briefing to the City Council on the financial performance and level of spending against the approved budgets.

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT