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HEARING NOTES**Legislative Oversight: LO25-0015****Briefing – City of Baltimore Tax Credits****Committee:** Budget and Appropriations**Chaired by:** Councilwoman Danielle McCray**Hearing Date:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025**Time (Beginning):** 9:10 AM**Time (Ending):** 10:15 AM**Location:** **Council Chambers****Total Attendance:** Approximately 25 In-Person
Approximately 15 Virtually**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Danielle McCray

Paris Gray

Sharon Green Middleton - **excused absence**

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| Final vote taken at this hearing? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input checked="" 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.)*

- Robert (Bob) Cenname, Department of Finance
- Faith Leach, Mayor's Office



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Major Issues Discussed

1. The representative from the Department of Finance gave a Point Presentation. **A copy is on file.**
 - o Topics Covered:
 - Workgroup
 - Background and History of
 - Mission/Goals/Scope
 - Findings 1 through 6
 - He also stated that the workgroup was getting ready to move into the deliberation stage.

2. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, and gave comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion, comments and/or concerns were:
 - o **Questions:**
 - Regarding Finding #1 and lowering property taxes under 2 percent (comments made) and asked:
 - What would be the justification(s) for lowering property taxes and where do you see the burden of doing so fall?
 - Regarding Finding #3 in the Presentation (Subsidies)
 - Other than for staffing, what are the other barriers?
 - Brownfield Tax Credits
 - What conversations are you having at the State level regarding the amount the City contributes to same?
 - Talk more about the tier tax credits proposal
 - What are some incentives offered to property owners?
 - Homestead Tax Credit
 - Outreach – What are you doing in this area to close gaps and/or to inform the public?
 - Are these initiatives ideas or actual plans?
 - Ten Year Plan – what is the timeline for when the plan comes out?
 - o **Concerns:**
 - Property tax reform – would like to see “lowering the overall burden on the city’s property owners.” Can you talk more about this?
 - Possibility of Increasing Solid Waste Fees – Who would pay this fee?
3. Hearing called to recess.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

If yes, describe.

Yes No

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff
cc: Bill File
OCS Electronic File

Date: April 24, 2025



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

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| Subject: Legislative Oversight – Agency Briefing – Tax Credits | LO#: LO25-0015 |
| Committee: Budget and Appropriations | Chair: Danielle McCray |
| Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 | Time: 9:00 AM |
| Location: Council Chambers | |

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| Bob Conname | Finance | | | | | | |
| Faith Leach | Mayor's Office | | | | | | |
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Budget & Appropriations Committee

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

9:00 AM Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall, Phone:
1-408-418-9388, Access code: 2336 046 7096

Password: Public Link:
<https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=maa5253440ecfa59ab97397545bae7bea>

LO25-0015 - Briefing - City of Baltimore Tax Credits

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 2 - Danielle N. McCray, and Paris Gray

Excused 1 - Sharon Green Middleton

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

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

LO25-0015 Briefing – City of Baltimore Tax Credits

For the purpose of inviting the City's Department of Finance to present and brief the City Council on the recommendations, outcomes and/or conclusions resulting from the Tax-Credit Task Force.

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT