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HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO21-0003

Budget Briefing – Baltimore City Public School (BCPS)
Fiscal Year 2022 – Financial Summary/Closeout

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023
Time (Beginning): 11:10 AM
Time (Ending): 11:45 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 25 In-Person
Approximately 10 Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

Table with 7 rows of questions and 3 columns of 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.)

- Chris Doherty, Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS)
Alison Perkins-Cohen, BCPS

## Major Issues Discussed

1. The representative from BCPS gave a PowerPoint presentation. **A copy is on file.** The Presentation included the following topics:
  - Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Revenues as of June 30, 2022
  - Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Expenditures as of June 30, 2022
  - Fiscal Year 2022 Summary of GF Revenue and Expenditures as of June 30, 2022
2. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns and made comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion and/or concern were:
  - Behavioral Health Services
    - Committee member McCray stated that she is concerned about the behavioral health services that are provided in schools in the Frankford Area of the City; services relating to:
      - Trauma
      - Mental Health
      - Uptick in Youth Violence
    - **Requested by member McCray: Submit in writing, what the BCPSS is spending on behavioral health.**
    - **Requested by member Stokes – Provide the above data for all BCPS(s).**
      - **Per Mr. Doherty, he will gather the information relating to behavioral health services provided in schools and submit same to committee.**
  - COVID/Pandemic – Backlash Associated with Same
    - What have the BCPSS done to help students with their academics? To getting them back to standards! What are some of your plans for same?
      - **Some answers given were:**
        - **Extended School Days**
        - **Summer Programs, and**
        - **Homegrown Tutoring Programs**
  - Teacher Shortages
    - A representative from the BCPSS talked about the staffing shortages. Some comments were:
      - Teacher shortage is a national problem
      - The BCPSS had approximately 1,300 vacancies this school year; up from 600 vacancies to 1,300!
      - But have hired 700 more teaches this year; but it is not enough!
  - Day Care in BCPS
    - A committee member commented, “day care is important for students who are parents!” Where is BCPS on this issue?
      - **Response given: Day Care is in some of the school buildings but BCPS does not run them!**
  - Older School Buildings
    - Are you looking at all school buildings to see which ones may need additional funding?
  - Partnerships
    - **Suggestion:** BCPS should reach out to some of the organizations within the City for partnerships, such as the Family League.

3. Hearing called to recess.

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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe.

1. See 'yellow highlighted' areas in the Major Issues section above.
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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: February 17, 2023

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

**Subject:** Legislative Oversight – Budget Briefing – BCPS – FY 2022 Closeout/FY 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Projection **Bill #:** LO21-0003

**Committee:** Ways and Means **Chair:** Eric T. Costello

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 **Time:** 10:01 AM

**Location:** Council Chambers

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY**

First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	<u>Testify</u>	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CHRIS	DOHERTY	200 E. North Ave BALT, MD 21202 CDdoherty <i>bcps.k12.md.us</i>	✓				

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City Hall, Room 408  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Ways and Means

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Tuesday, February 7, 2023

10:01 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall: Phone:  
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**Legislative Oversight: LO21-0003**  
**(Budget Briefing - Baltimore City Public Schools)**

#### **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) as well as the Director for the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS) to brief the City Council on how the City's actual finances and School's finances compare to its budget projections.

**Hearing called to recess.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**