

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0525
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: President Mosby

Introduced and read first time: May 16, 2024

Assigned to: Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of Equity and Civil Rights, Office of the Comptroller, Office of the Mayor, Board of Elections, City Administrator

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Board of Finance - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the membership of the Board of Finance; establishing terms for
4 appointed members of the Board; providing for the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair;
5 establishing rules for quorum and voting; and submitting this amendment to the qualified
6 voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

7 BY proposing to amend

8 Article VII - Executive Departments

9 Section 20

10 Baltimore City Charter

11 (1996 Edition)

12 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
13 City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

14 **Baltimore City Charter**

15 **Article VII. Executive Departments**

16 **§ 20. Board of Finance: Composition.**

17 (a) *Members; DESIGNEES; Salary.*

18 (1) The Board shall consist of [five] 7 members:

19 (I) the [Mayor,] MAYOR;

20 (II) THE [Comptroller,] COMPTROLLER;

21 (III) THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL;

22 (IV) THE CITY SOLICITOR; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (v) [three members; who shall be appointed, must be confirmed, and shall serve,
2 pursuant to Article IV, Section 6] 3 MEMBERS, EACH OF WHOM SHALL BE
3 APPOINTED TO THE BOARD SEPARATELY BY THE MAYOR, THE COMPTROLLER,
4 AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

5 (2) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS MAY SELECT A DESIGNEE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD IN
6 THEIR PLACE WHEN THE MEMBER IS UNAVAILABLE:

7 (I) THE MAYOR;

8 (II) THE COMPTROLLER;

9 (III) THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL; AND

10 (IV) THE CITY SOLICITOR.

11 (3) [(2)] City officials serving on the Board shall not receive any additional salary for
12 such membership.

13 (B) *TERMS.*

14 THE TERMS OF THE 3 APPOINTED MEMBERS SHALL EXPIRE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR
15 IN WHICH THE TERM OF THE MAYOR BEGINS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, § 1 {"ELECTION,
16 TERM, ETC."}.

17 (C) [(b) *President; Mayor's designee*] *OFFICERS; QUORUM; VOTING; ETC..*

18 [The Mayor shall serve as the President of the Board.]

19 [The mayor may designate a representative to represent the mayor in the Mayor's
20 absence. In that event, the Board's Vice President shall exercise the powers of the Board
21 President.]

22 (1) *CHAIR.*

23 THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD
24 FROM AMONG THE 3 MEMBERS APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1)(V) OF THIS
25 SECTION.

26 (2) *VICE-CHAIR.*

27 THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE
28 BOARD FROM AMONG THE 3 MEMBERS APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1)(V) OF
29 THIS SECTION.

30 (3) *QUORUM.*

31 A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CONSTITUTES A QUORUM FOR THE
32 TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

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1 (4) *VOTING.*

2 AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY THE MAJORITY OF A QUORUM IS NEEDED FOR ANY OFFICIAL
3 ACTION.

4 (5) *ABSENCE OF THE CHAIR.*

5 IN THE EVENT OF THE CHAIR’S ABSENCE, THE VICE-CHAIR SHALL EXERCISE THE
6 POWERS OF THE BOARD CHAIR.

7 (D) [(b)] *Clerk.*

8 The Board shall designate a clerk to the Board who shall keep its accounts and a record of
9 its proceedings.

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this proposed amendment to the City
11 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection,
12 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the
13 City Solicitor.