



HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO21-0003

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

Committee: Finance and Performance
Chaired by: Councilman John T. Bullock
Hearing Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024
Time (Beginning): 3:00 PM until 4:20 PM - Recessed
Time (Ending): Reconvened at 5:00 PM until 5:30 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 50 In-Person
Approximately 20 Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

John T. Bullock
Phylicia Porter

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
- Chris Ryder, Department of Planning
- Sara Paranilam, Department of Planning
- Maryann Cox, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Cyndi Smith, Baltimore City Public Schools, Facilities Planning, Design and Construction

Major Issues Discussed

1. The representatives from **BBMR** gave a PowerPoint Presentation for **Fiscal Year 2024 Closeout: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. A copy is on file.** She also talked briefly about the Supplemental Appropriations that will be submitted to the Council for approval.
2. The representative(s) from the **Department of Planning** gave brief remarks and showed a PowerPoint Presentation: **Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and Expenses. A copy is on file.**
3. The representatives from the **Baltimore City Public Schools** showed two (2) PowerPoint Presentations:
 - 1. Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Briefing Update, and
 - 2. Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Requests and Major Projects Updates
Copies are on file
4. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, and made comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion, comments and/or concern were:
 - **BBMR**
 - **Overspending** - (Supplemental Appropriations)
 - How do you plan to monitor the agencies who exceeds their budget?
 - Per Laura Larsen – (Overtime monitoring will be a challenge for some agencies)
 - **Overtime and Vacancies**
 - We know that vacancies affect overtime costs – talk about this!
 - **Policy-making decisions for fiscal year 2026** – talk about this!
 - **Year-End Fund Balance Transfers**
 - What is the source for same? Talk about this!
 - **Investment Earnings** – How do we (the City) plan to keep the surpluses in investment earnings in the future?
 - **Requested by Councilwoman Porter:**
 - Provide an update on Comcast negotiations and all meetings held thus far.
 - **Highway User Funds**
 - We need to start having more conversations about these funds
 - We need to start talking now! – Talk a little more about these funds
 - **Actual Budget versus Actual Spending versus Projected Spending**
 - How are you changing your methodology over time to address changes in spending and/or projections? Such as having certain checkpoints for same!
 - **Capital Budget**
 - **Requested by Councilwoman Ramos:**
 - What is the possibility of moving funding (transfer) around? And, if so, what would be the process?
 - After evaluating the possibility of moving/transfer funding around – **Provide what the process for same will be.**
 - **Suggestion/Request:**
 - The City Council should be more active in the CIP budget process; in a more proactive way; to be able to ask questions before the process is over!

- **Baltimore City Public Schools**
 - Air Conditioning in City Schools
 - What is the status of the air conditioning? (Answer: All city schools now have air conditioning in the buildings)
 - City College – What is the status of the upgrades there? Such as: windows, air, and etc.)?
5. Hearing called to recess.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

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

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: October 9, 2024

cc: Bill File

OCS Electronic File



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Legislative Oversight – Budget Briefing – BBMR, Capital and BCPS	#LO21-0003
Committee: Finance and Performance	Chair: John T. Bullock
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024	Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Council Chambers	

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

What is your position on this bill?

Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*

CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY



First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	<u>Testify</u>	For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Josh	Wilson	MORP					
Brandon	Prise	MORP					
Elizabeth	Tatum	MORP					
Winnie	McCray	MORP					
Rouse	Alex	MORP					
Kyle	Long						

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Performance Committee

Thursday, October 3, 2024

3:00 PM Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall, Phone:
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BBMR - Quarterly Budget Briefing for FY ending June 30, 2024 and Capital Budget
Update

BCPSS - Quarterly Budget Briefing

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 2 - John T. Bullock, and Chair Phylcia Porter

Excused 1 - Chair Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

Absent 2 - Chair Eric T. Costello, and Chair Danielle N. McCray

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.

BRIEFING

ADJOURNMENT