



## HEARING NOTES

### Mayor and City Council Resolution: 20-0533

#### Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

**Committee:** Budget and Appropriations  
**Chaired By:** Councilmember Eric T. Costello  
**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020  
**Time (Beginning):** 3:10 PM  
**Time (Ending):** 4:50 PM  
**Location:** Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber  
**Total Attendance:** Approximately 60

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Eric Costello                      Shannon Sneed  
Leon Pinkett                     Danielle McCray  
Sharon Middleton                Bill Henry  
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

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
Agency reports read? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a

NOTE: Resolution will remain active throughout the term; no vote will be taken.

### Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Linda Chinnia, Board of School Commissioners
- Sonja B. Santelises, CEO, Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPSS)
- Mary Anne Cox, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Alice Perkins-Cohen, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Chris Doherty, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Jeremy Grant-Skinner, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Sarah Heaton, Baltimore City Public Schools

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### Major Issues Discussed

1. A virtual WebEx meeting was held simultaneously for this Resolution along with three additional Bills and/or Resolutions:
  - 17-0003R – Quarterly Budget Briefing – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Projection
  - 17-0004R – (This Resolution) – Budget Oversight Hearings for the Baltimore City Public Schools
  - 20-0527 – Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 – **Budget Overview**
  - 20-0533 – Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 – **Budget Overview**
2. A representative from the Board of School Commissioners gave opening remarks. Some highlights from her conversation were:
  - Talked about some of the fiscal challenges projected for the current fiscal year and for fiscal 2021
  - BCPSS is waiting to see where their short falls will be
  - Talked about the Governor vetoing the funding recommended by the Kirwan Commission and stated that she hopes our State partners will override same
  - The Pandemic exposed:
    - a. Technology deficiencies, and
    - b. Health deficiencies
3. A PowerPoint presentation was shared by representatives from the BCPSS. **A copy is on file.**
4. The committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, and etc. Some highlights of same were:
  - The Title I Improvement Grant
    - a. This a significant increase; can you speak about this increase? Can we expect this same pattern going forward? And,
    - b. Is there something we are going differently? If so, we need to keep doing it!
  - Do we make up 5% of the State's lower performance schools?
  - Title Schools
    - a. We use to have 139 schools now we have only 111, why?
  - Technology/Virtual Learning
    - a. Please talk about what you are doing to fill this gap.
5. No public testimony. Hearing called to recess.

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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe.

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff  
cc: Bill File

Date: June 3, 2020



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

<b>Subject:</b> Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021		<b>Bill #</b> 20-0533
<b>Committee:</b> Budget and Appropriations		<b>Chair:</b> Eric T. Costello
<b>Date:</b> Wednesday, May 27, 2020		<b>Time:</b> 3:03 PM
<b>Location:</b> Virtual "WebEx" Meeting		

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	<b>Testify</b>	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
See hearing notes							

\*NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST. REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AND IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ETHICS.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/](https://ethics.baltimorecity.gov/) OR CALL: 410-396-4730

# City of Baltimore

City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Budget and Appropriations Committee

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Wednesday, May 27, 2020

3:03 PM  
Virtual Webex Hearing: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access Code:  
717 277 890, Password: Public,  
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#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Member Eric T. Costello, Member Leon F. Pinkett III, Member Bill Henry, Member Danielle McCray, Member Sharon Green Middleton, Member Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Member Shannon Sneed

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

20-0533

##### Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

For the purpose of approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2021; providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

Hearing called to recess.

#### ADJOURNMENT

### BUDGET OVERVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021