



HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO22-0021

Baltimore City Public Schools

Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth  
Chaired by: John T. Bullock

Hearing Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022  
Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM  
Time (Ending): 11:00 AM  
Location: Council Chambers  
Total Attendance: Approximately 15

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock                      Sharon Green Middleton  
Antonio Glover                 James Torrence  
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

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Sonja B. Santelises, CEO Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS)
- Tina Hike-Hubbard, Baltimore City Public Schools
- John Davis, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Joan Dabrowski, Baltimore City Public Schools

## Major Issues Discussed

1. CEO Santelises introduced her team/staff and gave opening remarks. She also stated, I appreciate all BCPS employees for all the hard work they have done! It has been a very hard school year because of the pandemic. Some of the areas to be discussed today will be:
  - Provide updates on their plans
  - Strategies and etc.
    - School learning plan completed by the students
    - Tutoring program, (over 12,000 student participants)
    - Have over 22,000 summer slots for student learning/tutoring
    - Staff wellness – initiated some half days off for staff wellness
2. Several representatives from the BCPS participated in presenting a PowerPoint Presentation. *A copy is on file.*
3. The committee members asked questions, made comments, and etc. Some highlighted topics of discussion were:
  - Air Conditioning/HVAC
    - How many buildings are currently without air conditioning?
  - Computers/Lab Tops/Devices
    - When our seniors graduated from high school what happens to the devices they used?
  - Student Wellness and Support Teams
    - Talk more about this
  - Comment
    - Talked about the importance of building morale and recognizing staff
  - Request(s)
    - Requested by committee member Middleton: Submit a list of all the schools that have Health Suites. Per John Davis, will submit.
    - Per committee member Middleton, having the above-referenced list can help us connect with other potential partnerships and non-profits.
    - Requested by committee member Torrence: Submit the numbers and/or data for the movement of the students who are tutored.
    - Requested by committee member Middleton: In your next quarterly report please have some information regarding financial literacy
  - Hiring
    - What and/or where are you with hiring security positions?
  - Mental Health/Health Care
    - Importance of having Nurses in schools
    - Comments regarding the importance of having Social Workers in neighborhoods that are experiencing high trauma
      - Talk about this issue, what are you doing to address same?
    - How do you communicate health care needs to families?
  - After-School Programs
    - What are you doing in this area? Talk about this. What programs are offered?
  - Financial Literacy/Mathematics
    - What are your doing in this area?
    - Students need guidance on financial literacy before graduating high school, all students should have a bank account by the time he/she graduates

- Suggestion: Start with a pilot program that offers credits
    - Think it would be an attention getter for students
  - School Advisor(s) and Clubs
    - Comments regarding having school advisors and school clubs
    - Do you have any school clubs?
  - Homeless Students
    - Can you talk about this?
4. The chairman thanked CEO Santelises for all the work that she does. Hearing recessed.
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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe. See **yellow highlights** in "Major Issues Discussed Section" above.

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite Murray Currin, Committee Staff

Date: May 24, 2022

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: <b>Legislative Oversight</b> – Baltimore City Public Schools	LO #22-0021
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Location: <b>Council Chambers</b>	

<b>PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY</b>			What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*		
<b><u>CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY</u></b>							
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	<b>Testify</b>	For	Against	Yes	No
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Sophie	Gebve	MOGR					
Snyder	Santelmas	CEO, BCPS					

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Education Workforce and Youth

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Thursday, May 19, 2022

10:00 AM

Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Present** 5 - John T. Bullock, Antonio Glover, Sharon Green Middleton, Phylicia Porter, and James Torrence

**Absent** 2 - Robert Stokes Sr., and Zeke Cohen

#### **ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

##### LO22-0021

##### **Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS)**

For the purpose of holding periodic hearings to review education and performance data for BCPS and to monitor the impact of the pandemic on the progress of the Blueprint for Success.

Hearing was called to recess.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**