



**HEARING NOTES**

**Resolution: 22-0111R**

**Informational Hearing – Addressing Youth Violence in Baltimore City**

**Committee:** Education, Workforce, and Youth

**Chaired by:** Robert Stokes, Jr.

**Hearing Date:** Thursday, August 25, 2022

**Time (Beginning):** 5:05 PM

**Time (Ending):** 7:30 PM

**Location:** **Council Chambers**

**Total Attendance:** Approximately 90 In-person  
Approximately 15 Virtually

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Robert Stokes, Sr.      Phylcia Porter  
John Bullock            Sharon Green Middleton  
Antonio Glover        Zeke Cohen

Excused Absence:

James Torrence

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 type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a

**Major Speakers**

*(This is not an attendance record.)*

- Sonja B. Santelises, CEO Baltimore City Public Schools
- John Davis, Baltimore City Public Schools

- Chief Hamm, School Police, Baltimore City Public Schools
  - Commissioner Harrison, Police Department (BPD)
  - Donald Walker, State's Attorney's Office
  - Christopher Quintyne, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success (MOCFS)
  - Shantay Jackson, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE)
  - Andre Bundley, Mayor's Office of African-American Male Engagement (MOAAME)
  - Letitia Dzirasa, Health Commissioner (BCHD)
  - Mackenzie Garvin, Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED)
  - Dan Hymowitz, Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation
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### Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Stokes, primary sponsor of the Resolutions gave opening remarks.
2. The hearing for both Resolutions, #22-0107R – Informational Hearing - School Safety and #22-0111R – Informational Hearing – Addressing Youth Violence in Baltimore City were held simultaneously.
3. Two (2) PowerPoint Presentations were shown: **(Copies are on file)**
  - **Entitled** – Informational Hearing on School Safety and Youth Violence presented by representatives from **Baltimore City Public Schools**
  - **Entitled** – 22-0111R - Informational Hearing – Addressing Young Violence in Baltimore City; the PowerPoint Presentation was presented in conjunction with representatives from the following city agencies:
    - MONSE
    - MOCFS
    - MOAAME
    - BPD
    - BCHD
    - MOED
4. The committee/councilmembers asked questions, stated concerns, and asked for clarification for some issues. Some highlights from same were:
  - **Comments/Remarks/Concerns/Questions**
    - **School Safety/Issues – Resolution 22-0107R**
      - Each agency representative was asked to comment on:
        - Equity and resource availability in schools
      - **Mental Health Issues**
        - Are there any plans to add more social workers in schools?
      - **Absenteeism**
        - What are your best practices for getting students back in school?
        - What do you think are some of the causes for absenteeism?
      - **Truancy**
        - Who is accountable for truancy issues?
        - What is the processes for same?
      - **External Threats**
        - How can the students/children be protected from external threats?

- Equity
    - How do we get to the point where equity is in all fifty-three (53) schools?
  - School Culture and Climate
    - What are some of the components of school culture?
  - Bringing Youth to the Conversation
    - How are we and/or you pulling our young folks into these conversations?
  - Addressing Youth Violence in Baltimore City - Resolution 22-0111R
    - Several agency representatives talked about this subject matter during the PowerPoint Presentation shown – a copy is on file.
5. No one signed up for public testimony. **Chairman Stokes stated, “At the next hearing member(s) of the Baltimore City Youth Commission will be invited to attend.”**
6. Hearing(s) called to recess; to reconvene at a later date.
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### Further Study

Was further study requested

Yes  No

If yes, describe. See comments in number #5 above.

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite Murray Currin, Committee Staff

Date: August 30, 2022

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File

# City of Baltimore

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, August 25, 2022

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#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 6 - Robert Stokes Sr., John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Antonio Glover, Sharon Green  
Middleton, and Phylcia Porter  
**Excused** 1 - James Torrence

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

22-0111R

##### **Informational Hearing - Addressing Youth Violence in Baltimore City**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Police Commissioner; the State's Attorney for Baltimore City; the Chief Academic Officer of the Baltimore City Public School System; the Deputy Commissioner of Youth Wellness & Community Health from the Baltimore City Health Department; the Chief of Police for the Baltimore City School Police; the Director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement; the Director of the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success; the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development; the Director of the Mayor's Office of African-American Male Engagement; the Director of the Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation; and interested members of the Baltimore City Youth Commission to come before the City Council to discuss the increase in youth violence across the city; and the risk factors that are driving these incidents.

**Sponsors:** Robert Stokes, Sr., John T. Bullock, Phylcia Porter, Sharon Green Middleton, Mark Conway, Odette Ramos, Eric T. Costello, Antonio Glover, Zeke Cohen, James Torrence

Hearing called to recess.

#### ADJOURNMENT