



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 24-0488

Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – M-R: Arts and Culture - \$581,334

Committee: Ways and Means

Chaired by: Eric Costello

Hearing Date: Monday, March 12, 2024

Time (Beginning): 10:20 AM

Time (Ending): 10:40 AM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 20 in-person
Approximately 05 virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

Ryan Dorsey Robert Stokes, Sr.

Eric Costello

Danielle McCray – **excused absence**

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
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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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.)

Andrew Chaveas, Baltimore Office of Promotion & Arts (BOPA)

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Costello went over the agency reports with agency representatives.

2. Andrew Chaveas from BOPA gave a powerpoint presentation highlighting the agency's accomplishments in FY24, including \$500k of grants and prizes distributed to the arts community.
3. The presentation focused on creating BOPA's Interim Board, including the members, their responsibilities, composition, size, goals, and commitments.
4. Councilman Stokes asked if artists must be on the Board, and if there is a city residency requirement for members. BOPA noted that there will be artists on the Board, but noted they aim for a balance of artists and community members. BOPA was unsure if members must live in the city, but Councilman Stokes asked for a follow up.
5. Councilman Dorsey asked "Who sits on the BOPA Board?". He noted that he doesn't want to vote on it until the Committee knows who is on the Board and mentioned that artists should be included.
6. BOPA is currently finalizing the Board members and will finalize it in 2 days. The agency will share a list with the Committee, which will be internal only.
7. Chairman Costello asked for a timeline of the Board confirmations. BOPA noted they have 10 commitments for the Board, but they need to confirm them. This will be done in 2 days or by Thursday of this week.
8. There are no plans as to how to publicly announce the Board yet.
9. Chairman Costello and Councilman Stokes thanked Todd Yuhanick for his collaboration and work in BOPA's progress, and welcomed Rachel Graham as BOPA's next CEO.
10. Hearing recessed. A voting session is scheduled for Monday, March 18th.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

N/A

Niya N. Garrett

Niya N. Garrett, Committee Staff
 Cc: Bill File
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Date: March 12, 2024



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Ordinance	Bill #: 24 - 0488
Committee: Ways and Means	Chair: Eric Costello
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024	Time: 10:01 AM
Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Council Chamber	

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	<u>Testify</u>	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Todd	Yuhaniel	BOPA	✓				
Ja-Mel	Johnson	BO PA	✓				
Michelle	Toth	Law					

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Meeting Minutes

Ways and Means

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

10:01 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall, Phone:
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 3 - Eric T. Costello, Ryan Dorsey, and Robert Stokes Sr.

Excused 1 - Danielle N. McCray

Absent 3 - Kristerfer Burnett, Sharon Green Middleton, and Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation - M-R: Arts and Culture - \$581,334

For the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$581,334 to M-R: Arts and Culture - Service 824 (Events: Art: Culture: and Film), to provide funding for general operations; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

Hearing was called to a Recess

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