

## CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT, Mayor



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### HEARING NOTES

#### Legislative Oversight: LO21-0005

#### Baltimore Children's Cabinet 2021 Action Plan

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

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

**Hearing Date:** Thursday, March 4, 2021

**Time (Beginning):** 10:30 AM

**Time (Ending):** 11:45 AM

**Location:** Virtual "WebEx" Meeting

**Total Attendance:** Approximately 95

#### Committee Members in Attendance:

Robert Stokes, Sr.	James Torrence
John Bullock	Sharon Green Middleton
Antonio Glover	Zeke Cohen
Phylicia Porter	

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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.)

- Tisha Edwards, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success (MOCFS)
- Khalilah Slater Harrington, Family League
- Joni Holifield, Panelists/Speaker
- Katie Yorick, Homeless Services
- Julia Baez, Baltimore's Promise



- Kyla Liggett-Creel, University of Maryland
  - Monique Brown, Baltimore Police Department
  - Ricard Neal, We Will All Rise Organization
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## Major Issues Discussed

1. Tisha Edwards, (MOCFS) along with several other panelists presented the 2021 Action Plan to the committee. *A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file. Some of the highlighted topics of discussion were:*
  - *Importance of serving our youth*
  - *14 key action plans starting in 2021*
  - *Comment: "Our children are 'right now,' as well as our future"*
  - *Comment: The work associated with the Children's Cabinet is "about literacy for life"*
  - *Background associated with the Children's Cabinet*
  - *How trauma affects youth*
  - *Talked about:*
    - *Programs, strategies, services available, workgroups, analyses*
    - *About the importance of hearing the voices of our youth*
    - *Police Department's patrol support and about how officers are trained to interact with youth*
2. The committee members asked questions, made comments, and etc. Some highlighted topics of discussion were
  - *Concern(s)*
    - *Systemic racism in the city*
  - *Literacy*
    - *Comments regarding literacy*
    - *Suggestion: To use older students to help the younger students with reading challenges*
    - *Suggestion: To use retirees from the school system in the classroom to help teach literacy*
    - *Question: How can we increase literacy in high school given the current curriculum as it is?*
    - *Comment: The importance of youth becoming self-sufficient; (i.e. jobs, bank accounts, etc.)*
  - *Trauma*
    - *Comments regarding trauma*
    - *Comment about the importance of the different systems and about the importance of "our role in/with these systems"*
  - *Questions and Comments*
    - *Questions:*
      - *College is not for everyone! What opportunities are available for those students who elect not to go to college?*
      - *Is Loving Arms Inc. a part of the work done through Homeless Services?*
      - *Does the Youth Commission participate in your work and/or are they a part of the Plan?*

○ *Comments/Remarks Regarding the Action Plan*

- *Several committee members thanked the panelists for the Presentation and gave commendable comments, such as:*
  - *The workgroup consists of a great cross-section of people*
  - *The plan is just wonderful and it is the perfect timing for it*
  - *Giving access to opportunity is what you all are doing and I am ready to work with you if needed*
  - *The workgroup is committed to collaboration and have brought great people together!*

3. The chairman gave brief closing remarks, thanked everyone for participating and stated, "Your work is making a difference." Meeting adjourned.

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**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**If yes, describe.**

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite Murray Currin, Committee Staff

Date: March 5, 2021

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File




# Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: <b>Legislative Oversight</b> – Baltimore Children's Cabinet 2021 Action Plan	LO#21-0005
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Date: <b>Thursday, March 4, 2021</b>	Time: 10:30 AM
Location: <b>WebEx Meeting</b>	

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

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				What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	 Testify	For	Against	Yes	No
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		<i>See hearing Notes</i>					

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Education Workforce and Youth

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Thursday, March 4, 2021

10:30 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, City Hall, 4th Floor: Phone:  
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Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=ec835749e50532f7189319f0d56a59bac)  
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#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Robert Stokes Sr., John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Antonio Glover, Sharon Green  
Middleton, Phylicia Porter, and James Torrence

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

##### LO21-0005

##### **Baltimore Children's Cabinet 2021 Action Plan**

For the purpose of the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success will come before the committee to present the Children's Cabinet 2021 Action Plan.

Hearing Concluded.

#### ADJOURNMENT