

# CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT, Mayor



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### HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 21-0022R

#### Assisting Baltimore City Artists

Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth  
Chaired by: Robert Stokes, Sr.

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021  
Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM  
Time (Ending): 11:15 AM  
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting  
Total Attendance: Approximately 55

#### Committee Members in Attendance:

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

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Motioned by: .....	Councilmember Middleton		
Seconded by: .....	Councilmember Glover		
Final Vote: .....	Favorable		

#### Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Jacquelyn Downs, Baltimore Promotion and the Arts
- Nicholas Cohen
- Alanah Davis, Artist and Student



- Eze Jackson, Member of the Art Community
  - John Tyler
  - Adam Holofcenter
  - Camille Kashaka
  - Jessica Solomon
  - Luis Cardona, Baltimore Development Corporation
  - Jeannie Howe
  - Maggie Villegas
  - Ronald Burr, Artist
  - Lenora Henry
  - S. Rasheem
  - Sarah Gibbons
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### Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilman Dorsey, primary sponsor of the Resolution gave opening remarks, he talked about what the Resolution does and the importance of additional funding for the art community.
  2. The public along with several representatives testified; all in support of the Resolution. Some highlighted topics and/or comments made were:
    - The impact COVID had on Artists/Art Community in general
    - The need for support and funding for Artists
    - Believes there is an opportunity to do more for the art community
    - Some background information about the art community
    - The importance (reasons for) of supporting Artists/Art Community
  3. Several committee members asked questions and gave remarks. Some highlights from same were:
    - Support Artists/Art Community
      - All supported the Resolution
      - Comments regarding the importance of supporting Artists
      - Comment: "We hear you (the art community) loud and clear, said one committee member!"
    - Other Comments/Concerns
      - If funding becomes available how will the funds be distributed to the Artists in need and in an equitable manner?
      - There is a need for long term investments in the art community
      - Concern: Systemic racism – need to be addressed
      - When coming out of this pandemic believes this will be an opportunity to help Artists!
  4. Vote taken. Hearing adjourned.
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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe.

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**Committee Vote:**

R. Stokes, Sr.....	Yea
J. Bullock .....	Yea
Z. Cohen.....	Yea
A. Glover .....	Yea
S. Green Middleton.....	Yea
P. Porter .....	Absent
J. Torrence .....	Yea

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite Murray Currin, Committee Staff

Date: March 17, 2021

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File

# BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL

## EDUCATION, WORKFORCE, AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

### VOTING RECORD

DATE: March 11, 2021

RESOLUTION #: 21-0022R

BILL TITLE: Assisting Baltimore City Artists

MOTION BY: Middleton SECONDED BY: Glover

- ☒ FAVORABLE  
☐ UNFAVORABLE

☐ FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS  
☐ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Stokes, Sr., Robert - Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bullock, John	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cohen, Zeke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glover, Antonio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middleton, Sharon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Porter, Phylicia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Torrence, James	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TOTALS	<u>6</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>

CHAIRPERSON: Robert Stokes, Sr., Robert Stokes

COMMITTEE STAFF: Marguerite M. Currin Initials: mmc



# Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: <b>Council Resolution</b> – Assisting Baltimore City Artists	Resolution#: 21-0022R
Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth	Chair: Robert Stokes, Sr.
Date: <b>Thursday, March 11, 2021</b>	Time: 10:00 AM
Location: <b>WebEx Meeting</b>	

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY**

			What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	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

### Education Workforce and Youth

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Thursday, March 11, 2021

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, City Hall, 4th Floor: Phone:  
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 129 418 8100, Password:  
Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=ea5930af414c85dfbea8a73add8ff05f8)  
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21-0022R

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

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

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

##### 21-0022R

##### **Assisting Baltimore City Artists**

For the purpose of calling on the Administration, if the City receives additional COVID-19 relief funds from the United States Congress, to invest at least \$1 million of those funds to establish an emergency fund to assist Baltimore City artists.

**Sponsors:** Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Sharon Green Middleton

A motion was made by Member Middleton, seconded by Member Glover, that Resolution 21-0022R be recommended favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Stokes Sr., Bullock, Cohen, Glover, Middleton, and Torrence

**Absent:** 1 - Porter

#### ADJOURNMENT