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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0041

Board of Estimates - Basic Organization and Procurement Thresholds

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Time (Beginning): 10:30 AM
Time (Ending): 10:50 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Eric T. Costello
Robert Stokes, Sr.
Danielle McCray
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Kristerfer Burnett
Ryan Dorsey
Sharon Green Middleton

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Agency reports read? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [ ] yes [ ] no [X] n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? [ ] yes [ ] no [X] n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? [ ] yes [X] no [ ] n/a
Motioned by:
Seconded by:
Final Vote:

Major Speakers
(This is not an attendance record.)

- Bill Henry, Comptroller
• Elena DiPietro, Law Department
• Mara James, Finance Department

**Major Issues Discussed**

1. The City’s Comptroller, primary sponsor of the bill gave opening remarks. Some highlights from his remarks were:
  - The bill was introduced last term; is being re-introduced
  - Talked about the purpose of the bill
  - Staff in the Comptroller’s Office has been restructured
  - The legislation is an effort to make the City Code a little more flexible to assign duties to staff
  - Legislation also defines the responsibilities of the Clerk and sets procurement thresholds
2. The chairman went over the agency reports with the attending representatives. The representative from the Law Department talked about their proposed amendments.
3. The representative from the Department of Finance stated, “It is possible that the thresholds for procurement will go up in the future.
4. Two (2) amendments proposed by the Law Department were voted on and the motion was favorable.  
**The hearing was called to recess. To reconvene at a later date.**

**Further Study**

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe.

**Committee Vote: Not Applicable**

- E. Costello: .....
- K. Burnett: .....
- R. Dorsey: .....
- D. McCray:.....
- S. Green Middleton: .....
- I. Schleifer: .....
- R. Stokes, Sr.:.....

*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: April 29, 2021

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

<b>Subject:</b> <b>Council Bill</b> – Board of Estimates – Basic Organization and Procurement Thresholds	<b>Bill #:</b> 21-0041
<b>Committee:</b> Ways and Means	<b>Chair:</b> Eric T. Costello
<b>Date:</b> <b>Tuesday, April 27, 2021</b>	<b>Time:</b> 10:01 AM
<b>Location:</b> <b>WebEx Meeting</b>	

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		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

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Ways and Means

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Tuesday, April 27, 2021

10:01 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall: Phone:  
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 129 289 6888, Password:  
Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=e61f829fb45314ba96b4273f98b871b76)  
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#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

21-0041

**Board of Estimates - Basic Organization and Procurement Thresholds**  
For the purpose of repealing City Code, Article 5, Subtitle 1 {"City Comptroller"}; designating the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee to be the clerk of the Board of Estimates; requiring the Clerk of the Board of Estimates coordinate reports required to be filed with the Board of Estimates; requiring the Comptroller to retain the reports for an appropriate period of time; and establishing certain contract and procurement thresholds pursuant to City Charter Article VI, Section 11(b).

Sponsors: City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)

Hearing recessed; to reconvene at a later date.

#### ADJOURNMENT