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HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: Quarterly Community Forum Of The Consent Decree

LO21-0014

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Chaired By: President Mosby

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Time (Beginning): 7:00PM

Time (Ending): 9:05PM

Location: Other (Virtual)

Total Attendance: 30

Committee Members in Attendance:

Zeke Cohen	Phylicia Porter	
Ryan Dorsey	Robert Stokes	
Antonio Glover	Odetta Ramos	
Kristerfer Burnett	Danielle McCray	James Torrence
John Bullock	Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer	

Bill Synopsis in the file? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Motioned by: .....	Councilmember		
Seconded by: .....	Councilmember		
Final Vote: .....			

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Kenneth Thompson, Monitor, Consent Decree Monitoring Committee
- Seth Rosenthal, Deputy Monitor, Consent Decree Monitoring Committee

- Commissioner Charles Ramsey, Principal Deputy Monitor, Consent Decree Monitoring Committee
- Deputy Commissioner Nola Joyce, Consent Decree Monitoring Committee
- Sean Smoot, Consent Decree Monitoring Committee
- Dr. Randolph Dupont, Consent Decree Monitoring Committee

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### Major Issues Discussed

1. One major issue discussed was the attrition rate at the Baltimore City Police Department. Many experienced officers are opting to either retire or seek employment at other law enforcement agencies in the DMV area.
2. A councilmember questioned the staffing make-up of the Consent Decree Monitoring Team and the dollar amount the City pays each year for the work the committee is doing. It was mentioned by a member of the committee that they employ about 25 people and that number includes the members of the Consent Decree Committee.
3. A question arose regarding the staffing shortage within the BPD and what is the plan in place to deal with the shortage of officers particularly as the department is experiencing problems with recruiting applicants to join the force.
4. It was pointed out that the Consent Decree Monitoring Team has been working diligently to ensure revised policies and procedures regarding the "stop and frisk" is no longer a tool officers can use to stop and search citizens without legal justification.
5. The committee stated that a review of BPD's investigations revealed that they were poorly executed and files were in poor condition. The Consent Decree Committee has made tremendous improvements in area of investigations.
6. It was mentioned by the Consent Decree Committee that the Public Integrity Bureau will be evaluated this year.
7. New strategies and skills are being developed to deal with citizens who have physical and mental challenges. The policy revisions are due in part to community input and participation.
8. The Committee will draft a final report at the end of its work.
9. The Committee of the Whole is now in recess.

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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe. The Consent Decree Monitoring Committee will meet quarterly with the Committee of the Whole to provide updates and answer questions and concerns the COW may have.

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### Committee Vote:

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Larry E. Greene, Committee Staff *LEG*

Date: October 20, 2021

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: <b>Legislative Oversight: Quarterly Community Forum of the Consent Decree</b>	Bill #: <b>LO21-0014</b>
Committee: <b>Committee of the Whole</b>	Chair: <b>President Mosby</b>
Date: <b>Wednesday, October 20, 2021</b>	Time: <b>7:00 PM</b>
Location: <b>WebEx Meeting</b>	

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY			What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*		
<b><u>CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY</u></b>			<b>Testify</b>	For	Against	Yes	No
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email					
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  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Committee of the Whole

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Wednesday, October 20, 2021

7:00 PM  
Webex Hearing: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access Code:  
2333 609 2903, Password: Public, Link:  
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CHARM TV 25

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

Present 12 - Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, James Torrence, John T. Bullock, Kristerfer Burnett, Odette Ramos, Phylcia Porter, President Nicholas J. Mosby, Robert Stokes Sr., Ryan Dorsey, Zeke Cohen, Danielle N. McCray, and Antonio Glover  
Absent 3 - Sharon Green Middleton, Mark Conway, and Eric T. Costello

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

LO21-0014      **Quarterly Community Forum of the Consent Decree -**  
For the purpose of the Committee of the Whole of the Baltimore City Council to host the Quarterly Community Forum of the Consent Decree Monitoring Team.  
Hearing recessed to reconvene at the next quarterly meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**City of Baltimore**  
**Meeting Agenda – Final**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**  
**7:00pm-8:30pm**  
**Legislative Oversight: LO21-0014**  
**Charm TV 25**

**Call to Order**

**Introductions**

**Attendance**

**Item Scheduled for Public Hearing**

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**Introduction of Consent Decree Monitoring Team**

Ken Thompson	Monitor
Seth Rosenthal	Deputy Monitor
Commissioner Charles Ramsey (ret.)	Principal Deputy Monitor
Chief Hassan Aden (ret.)	Deputy Monitor
Deputy Commissioner Nola Joyce (ret.)	
Sean Smoot	
Dr. Randolph Dupont	

**THIS VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**<https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=ebb2d727025277b68702cac3680343820>**

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