

March 3, 2024

The Honorable Craig J. Zucker
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Capital Budget Subcommittee
The Honorable Mark S. Chang
House Appropriations Committee
Capital Budget Subcommittee
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Baltimore City Community College Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget

Dear Chairman Zucker and Chairman Chang:

The Governor's budget demonstrates Maryland's commitment to Baltimore City Community College (BCCC). The College provides the students of Baltimore City and surrounding areas with affordable and accessible higher education and maintains a steady focus on the ultimate goals of college completion or workforce training leading to an industry recognized credential. According to the Facility Inventory submitted annually to the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), "BCCC has the second-largest percentage of gross square feet constructed before 1971 of any Maryland community college, at 15% of total campus gross square footage." Decades have passed without the significant state investment into the College facilities. Addressing the facility needs in an energy efficient and fiscally responsible manner will attract talented faculty and students by creating an energized and healthy environment for learning and socialization. The 10-year Master Plan, completed in 2020, incorporated the facilities assessments, including the deferred maintenance needs, as well as major renovations and additions for the learning commons, nursing, facilities, and wellness center to name a few. This transformation of the College infrastructure and operations must come about because that is what the city, state and our students deserve.

BCCC's 2019 facilities assessment identified \$41.3 million in deferred maintenance needs, \$31 million of which were classified as immediate needs requiring attention within one to three years. Immediate needs include improved mechanical, electrical, plumbing, windows, and life-safety projects. Coupling the age of the facilities with the lack of routine funding for repairs and projects, immediate safety upgrades and major replacements of most building systems are now required. The Department of General Services and the College have collaborated on critical maintenance projects to swiftly reduce the deferred maintenance backlog in FY2022-FY2024, and 27 individual projects have been initiated or are now completed. We appreciate the state's investment in deferred maintenance and continue this effort to eliminate the backlog with additional funding requests in the FY2025 budget.

The College is committed to supporting the City of Baltimore and providing vital educational and training opportunities. Thank you for your continued support of higher education and Baltimore City Community College.

Sincerely,



Debra L. McCurdy, PhD
President

cc:

Members of the House Appropriations Capital Budget Subcommittee
Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Capital Budget Subcommittee

Board of Trustees

Mr. Kurt L. Schmoke, Esq, Chair
Ms. MacKenzie Garvin, Esq
Ms. Lelia Parker, Esq
Dr. Rachel Y. Pfeifer, PhD
Ms. Leonor Tannhauser Blum
Ms. Tanya Jones Terrell
Dr. Roger J. Ward, EdD, JD, MSL, MPA
Mr. John Carroll “JC” Weiss III

Executive Leadership

Dr. Debra L. McCurdy, President
Mr. Aubrey Bascombe, Vice President, Finance & Administration
Mr. Gussener Augustus, Vice President, Advancement
Ms. Becky L. Burrell, Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness, Research & Planning
Ms. Lyllis Green, Chief Internal Auditor
Dr. Jacqueline A. Hill, Vice President, Academic Affairs
Mr. Michael Rading, Chief Information Officer
Ms. Maria Rodriguez, Esq, General Counsel
Ms. Donna E. Thomas, Interim Vice President, Student Affairs
Mr. Michael Thomas, Vice President, Workforce Development & Continuing Education

Mission

Baltimore City Community College provides quality, affordable, and accessible education meeting the professional and personal goals of a diverse population, changing lives, and building communities.

Vision

Baltimore City Community College is an innovator in providing quality career pathways and educational opportunities for a diverse population of learners to exceed the challenges of an ever-changing competitive workforce and environment.



**Baltimore City Community College
Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget
Response to Department of Legislative Services Analysis**

**House Appropriations Committee
Capital Budget Subcommittee
Mark S. Chang
Monday, March 4th, 2024**

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Capital Budget Subcommittee
Craig J. Zucker
Tuesday, March 5th, 2024**

Deferred Maintenance

1. DBM should comment on the status and anticipated timeline of the release of the previously authorized PAYGO funds to BCCC.

Response (DBM): The FY 2023 funds are currently in the Dedicated Purpose Account (DPA). Funds in the DPA must be transferred to state agencies via budget amendment. DBM typically initiates the transfer of funds as they are needed according to project schedule and funding need. Funds for various state agencies' facility renewal/deferred maintenance programs were intended to supplement other fund sources. Therefore, DBM has asked agencies to exhaust other fund sources prior to using funds from the DPA. As of January 31, 2024, BCCC has the following fund sources available, which may be encumbered for approved capital deferred maintenance projects.

	Fund Source	Unencumbered Balance
FY 2023	GO	\$63,583
FY 2024	GO	\$3,542,614
FY 2024	SF-FRF	\$4,000,000

The timeline for transfer, encumbrance, and expenditure of the FY 2024 general funds is dependent upon BCCC's individual Deferred Maintenance project schedules and funding needs. DBM recognizes several agencies have supplemental facility renewal/deferred maintenance funds in the DPA and will continue to work with agencies and revisit this process to best meet the needs of the State.

FY 2024 special funds from the Fiscal Responsibility Fund must be transferred to BCCC's operating budget (R95C00.37 - Unrestricted Revenue) by the General Accounting Division. As of February 28, 2024, the General Accounting Division has transferred \$3,000,000. The remaining \$1,000,000 is scheduled to be transferred on April 1, 2024.

GO Bond Recommended Actions

1. Approve all authorizations for Baltimore City Community College.

Response: The College concurs with the recommended action.