



2020-2021 Baltimore Teachers Union Committees

BTU Constitution 3.d. He [The President] shall decide which committees shall be appointed, appoint members to said committees and establish the functions and duties of said committees, all with the approval of the Executive Boards.

All committees meet at BTU (5800 Metro Drive, 21215) unless another location is stated (virtually during COVID)

If you are interested in joining a committee, please email the committee's email address.

Committee	Description	Meeting Dates/Time	Leadership
Safety Committee safetycommittee@baltu.org	The mission of the Safety Committee is to respond to conditions that affect the safety of BCPSS worksites. The Safety Committee works to develop and implement short-term and long range plans to ensure every child has the opportunity to learn in a safe environment and every Teacher and PSRP has the opportunity to carry out their job duties in a safe environment. We recognize that safety encompasses not just physical safety, but emotional and psychological safety.	4th Tuesdays 4:30pm Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 22, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25, Jun 22, Jul 27, Aug 24	Lead: TBD Secretary: TBD Treasurer: TBD
COPE (Committee on Political Education) cope@baltu.org	Promotes COPE, reviews voting records, recommends political endorsements, and organizes support for endorsed candidates, runs voter registration, education, and the get-out-the vote drives	3rd Wednesdays 6:00pm Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, Jun 16, Jul 21, Aug 18	Lead: Caroline Schmidt and Angela Campbell Secretary: TBD Treasurer: Krystal Cornish
Legislative Committee legislativecommittee@baltu.org	Inform members about legislation in Maryland, General Assembly that impacts education and educators, organizes and trains members to lobby for policies that impact BCPSS and the union (Kirwan, elected school board, no strike law, etc.)	3rd Wednesdays 5:00pm Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, Jun 16, Jul 21, Aug 18	Lead: Zach Taylor Secretary: Cheryl Owens Treasurer: Tangela Moore

<p>Organizing Committee organizingcommittee@baltu.org</p>	<p>Works with BRs and field representatives on school based and district wide educational issues, organizes and mobilizes rank-and-file members, students, and parents, creates campaigns, delivers organizing trainings, fosters community partnerships, provides technical assistance to UCCs</p>	<p>2nd Wednesdays 4:30pm Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9, Jul 14, Aug 11</p>	<p>Lead: Corey Gaber Secretary: TBD Treasurer: TBD</p>
<p>Special Education Committee specialeducationcommittee@baltu.org</p>	<p>Discusses special education issues and develops policy for the BTU and in the area of special education, the Consent Decree, inclusion, and other issues, compile current issues for monthly BTU/OSE meetings</p>	<p>2nd Thursdays 4:30pm Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 12</p>	<p>Lead: Tangie Smith and Steve Mednick Secretary: Yaminah Ali Treasurer: TBD</p>
<p>Civil, Human and Women's Rights Committee civilhumanandwomensrightscommittee@baltu.org</p>	<p>Identifies and supports issues and events relating to civil, human, and women's rights</p>	<p>3rd Mondays 4:30pm Sep 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17, Jun 21, Jul 19, Aug 16</p>	<p>Lead: TBD Secretary: TBD Treasurer: TBD</p>
<p>New Educator Steering Committee neweducatorsteeringcommittee@baltu.org</p>	<p>This action group works to identify concerns of new educators (teachers and PSRPs) and implement organizing solutions to address those concerns.</p>	<p>1st Thursdays 4:00pm Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3, Jul 1, Aug 5</p>	<p>Co-Leads: Jerome Queen and Melissa McDonald Secretary: Olethia Richburg Treasurer: Shaunte Mosley BTU Field Rep: Cindy Sjoquist</p>
<p>Educational Issues Committee educationalissuescommittee@baltu.org</p>	<p>Works to discuss and disseminate research relevant to classroom practitioners. It offers opportunities for members to publicize best practices and reform issues.</p>	<p>2nd Mondays 5:00pm Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9</p>	<p>Lead: Esther Ward Secretary: Jillian Turner and Samra Mekonen Treasurer: Delana Penn</p>
<p>Public Outreach/ Community Relations publicoutreachcommunityrelationscommittee@baltu.org</p>	<p>This committee will plan and implement community outreach projects and act as a liaison between the union and student, parent and community groups with the goal of supporting grassroots organizing work in Baltimore City</p>	<p>1st Tuesdays at 5:00pm Sep 1, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 3</p>	<p>Lead: TBD Secretary: TBD Treasurer: TBD</p>

<p>International Committee internationalcommittee@baltu.org</p>	<p>Meet with BCPSS officials periodically to keep the union informed on progress made to renew visas of international teachers. Also assist international teachers and students with problems on the job, in school, and in the community</p>	<p>1st Wednesdays 4:30pm Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, Jun 2, Jul 7, Aug 4</p>	<p>Lead: Diana Desierto Secretary: Veronica Aguilo Treasurer: Mila Aguas</p>
<p>Clerical Committee clericalcommittee@baltu.org</p>	<p>Discuss issues and concerns of clericals, and identify solutions to organize around.</p>	<p>3rd Wednesdays 5:15pm Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, Jun 16, Jul 21, Aug 18</p>	<p>Lead: Renee Lang Secretary: Martise Brown Co-Treasurers: Wendi Braxton, Shimirror Riley</p>
<p>Charter School Committee charterschoolcommittee@baltu.org</p>	<p>Address issues impacting charter schools and monitor proposed charter school legislation</p>	<p>3rd Thursdays 5:00pm Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19</p>	<p>Lead: TBD Secretary: TBD Treasurer: TBD</p>
<p>PSRP (formerly SRP) Committee psrpcommittee@baltu.org</p>	<p>Address concerns and problems confronting PSRPs and construct workshops and seminars to enable PSRPs to be more effective</p>	<p>1st Wednesdays 4:30pm Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, Jun 2, Jul 7, Aug 4</p>	<p>Lead: Ashley Smith Secretary: Chris Bilal Treasurer: Larry Gaines</p>
<p>Negotiations Committee negotiationscommittee@baltu.org</p>	<p>This committee designs and implements the strategy, research and organizing necessary to maximize the power of collective bargaining.</p>	<p>1st Wednesdays 4:30pm Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, Jun 2, Jul 7, Aug 4</p>	<p>Lead: Zach Taylor Secretary: TBD Treasurer: TBD</p>
<p>Communications Committee communicationscommittee@baltu.org</p>	<p>This committee coordinates and liaises with the other committees to promote union activities and increase member engagement.</p>	<p>4th Thursdays 5pm Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 26</p>	<p>Lead: Mike Pesa Secretary: Brittany Johnstone Treasurer: Ryan Fan</p>

Benefits Committee benefitscommittee@baltu.org	This committee conducts research on member concerns related to benefits, and proposes solutions that can be pursued through collective bargaining or organizing	2nd Wednesdays 4:30pm Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9, Jul 14, Aug 11	Lead: Ron Beazer Secretary: Shari Thomas Treasurer: Peggy Gladden
Fundraising Committee fundraisingcommittee@baltu.org	Plans and coordinates fundraising efforts for the union.	3rd Thursdays 4:30pm Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19	Lead: TBD Secretary: TBD Treasurer: TBD
Special Events Committee specialeventscommittee@baltu.org	This committee plans special events.	1st Thursdays 6:30pm Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3, Jul 1, Aug 5	Lead: Kelly Hope Secretary: Shari Thomas Treasurer: Darlene Copeland

Committee Meeting Materials:

- **Committee Sign-In Sheet Template**- will include all contact information for committee members who attend each meeting such as: Name, School, Personal Email, Phone, and an option to sign up for the next upcoming BTU actions which will be shared by the Lead at each meeting.
- **Committee Report Template**- will include minutes from each meeting and only include names of committee members that consist of first name and last initial. Meeting reports will be forwarded to the Executive Board for their monthly meetings and posted to the BTU website monthly.
- **Committee Treasurer's Request**- which is a questionnaire that needs to be completed by committee Treasurers when committee funds are needed for committee activities.

Committee Reports and Sign-in Sheets are due at the end of each month to BTU's Office Manager, Tiffany McAllister at tmcallister@baltu.org.