



## 2019 Baltimore Teachers Union Committees

All committees meet at BTU (5800 Metro Drive, 21215) unless another location is stated.  
If you are interested in joining a committee, please email the committee's email address.

Committee	Description	Meeting Dates	Committee Leaders
<b>Safety Committee</b> <a href="mailto:safetycommittee@baltu.org">safetycommittee@baltu.org</a>	This committee addresses and responds to conditions that affect the physical safety of BCPSS worksites; develop and implement short-term and long-range plans to eliminate violent and disruptive behavior in the BCPSS; involve segments of the community so every child has the opportunity to learn in a safe environment.	<b>Every 4th Tuesday at 4:30pm</b> Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 26, Dec 17, Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 24, Apr 21, May 26	<b>Teacher Chair</b> Brittany Johnstone  <b>PSRP Chair</b> Sita Chaitram  <b>BTU Staff</b> Cliff Denby
<b>COPE (Committee on Public Education)</b> <a href="mailto:cope@baltu.org">cope@baltu.org</a>	Promotes COPE, reviews voting records, recommends political endorsements, runs voter registration, education, and the get-out-the vote drives (meets with Legislative Committee).	<b>Every 3rd Wednesday at 5pm</b> Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, Jun 17	<b>Teacher Chairs</b> Corey Debnam Caroline Schmidt Harry Preston, V Zach Taylor  <b>PSRP Chairs</b> Darlene Brown Shawn McKay  <b>BTU Staff</b> George Hendricks

<p><b>Legislative Committee</b>  <a href="mailto:legislativecommittee@baltu.org">legislativecommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>Inform members about legislation in Maryland General Assembly that impacts education and educators (meets with COPE).</p>	<p><b>Every 3rd Wednesday at 5pm</b>  Oct 16, Nov 20  Dec 18, Jan 15  Feb 19, Mar 18  Apr 15, May 20  Jun 17</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chairs</b>  Corey Debnam  Caroline Schmidt  Harry Preston, V</p> <p><b>PSRP Chairs</b>  Darlene Brown  Shawn McKay,</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>  George Hendricks</p>
<p><b>Organizing Committee</b>  <a href="mailto:organizingcommittee@baltu.org">organizingcommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>Works with BRs and field representatives on school based and district wide educational issues.</p>	<p><b>Every 2nd Wednesday at 5:15pm</b>  Sep 17, Oct 9  Nov 13, Dec 11  Jan 8, Feb 12  Mar 11, Apr 8  May 13, Jun 10</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chairs</b>  Corey Gaber  Irene Booze</p> <p><b>PSRP Chair</b>  Larry Gaines</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>  Natalia Bacchus</p>
<p><b>Special Education Committee</b>  <a href="mailto:specialeducationcommittee@baltu.org">specialeducationcommittee@baltu.org</a></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.</p>	<p><b>Every 2nd Thursday at 4:30pm</b>  Oct 10, Nov 14  Dec 12, Jan 9  Feb 13, Mar 12  Apr 2, May 14  Jun 11</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chair</b>  Steve Mednick  Tangie Smith</p> <p><b>PSRP Chair</b>  Sandra Davis</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>  John Casey</p>

<p><b>Civil, Human and Women's Rights Committee</b>  <a href="mailto:civilhumanandwomensrightscommittee@baltu.org">civilhumanandwomensrightscommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>Identifies and supports issues and events relating to civil, human, and women's rights.</p>	<p><b>Every 3rd Monday at 4:30pm</b>          Sep 23, Oct 21          Nov 18, Dec 16          Jan 21, Feb 18          Mar 16, Apr 20          May 18</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chairs</b>          Carla McCoy          Shelly-Ann Higgins</p> <p><b>PSRP Chairs</b>          Deborah Crockett          Sophia Carroll          Darlene Brown</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>          Sandra Davis</p>
<p><b>New Teacher Steering Committee</b>  <a href="mailto:newteachersteeringcommittee@baltu.org">newteachersteeringcommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>This action group works to identify and concerns of new teachers and implement organizing solutions to those concerns.</p>	<p><b>Every 1st Saturday at 11:00am</b>          Sep 7, Oct 5,          Nov 2, Dec 7,          Jan 4, Feb 1,          Mar 7, Apr 4,          May 2, Jun 6</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chairs</b>          Geralda Thompson          Melissa McDonald</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>          Cindy Sjoquist</p>
<p><b>Educational Issues Committee</b>  <a href="mailto:educationalissuescommittee@baltu.org">educationalissuescommittee@baltu.org</a></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><b>Every 3rd Thursdays at 4:30pm</b>          Oct 17, Nov 21          Dec 19, Jan 16          Feb 20, Mar 19          Apr 16, May 21          Jun 18</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chair</b>          Cristina Duncan Evans</p> <p><b>PSRP Chair</b>          Sophia Carroll</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>          Wanda Dew</p>
<p><b>Public Outreach/ Community Relations</b>  <a href="mailto:publicoutreachcommunityrelationscommittee@baltu.org">publicoutreachcommunityrelationscommittee@baltu.org</a></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><b>Every 1st Tuesday at 5:00pm</b>          Oct 1, Nov 5          Dec 3, Jan 7          Feb 4, Mar 3          Apr 7, May 5          Jun 2</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chair</b>          Antonio Mason</p> <p><b>PSRP Chair</b></p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>          Chandra Carriere</p>

<p><b>International Committee</b>  <a href="mailto:internationalcommittee@baltu.org">internationalcommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>Meet with BCPSS officials periodically to keep union informed on progress made to renew visas of international teachers. Also assist international teachers with problems on the job and in the community.</p>	<p><b>Every 1st Thursday at 4:30pm</b>  Oct 3, Nov 7  Dec 5, Jan 2  Feb 6, Mar 5  Apr 2, May 7  Jun 4</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chairs</b>  Rogie Legaspi  Diana Desierto</p> <p><b>PSRP Chair</b>  Sita Chaitram</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>  Natalia Bacchus</p>
<p><b>Clerical Committee</b>  <a href="mailto:clericalcommittee@baltu.org">clericalcommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>Discuss issues and concerns of clericals, and identify solutions to organize around.</p>	<p><b>Every 3rd Wednesday at 5:15pm</b>  Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20,  Dec 18 Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, Jun 17</p>	<p><b>PSRP Chairs</b>  Terry Harper  Celia Elliott</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>  Jessica Aldon-Jackson</p>
<p><b>Charter School Committee</b>  <a href="mailto:charterschoolcommittee@baltu.org">charterschoolcommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>Address issues impacting charter schools and monitor proposed charter school legislation.</p>	<p><b>Every 3rd Thursday at 5:00pm</b>  Sep 19, Oct 17  Nov 21, Dec 19  Jan 16, Feb 20  Mar 19, Apr 16,  May 21, Jun 18</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chairs</b>  Corey Gaber  Raymond “Jay” English</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b> Natalia Bacchus</p>
<p><b>SRP</b>  <a href="mailto:srpcommittee@baltu.org">srpcommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>Address concerns and problems confronting SRPs and construct workshops and seminars to enable PSRPs to be more effective.</p>	<p><b>Every 1st Wednesday at 4:30pm</b>  Oct 2 at PDC, Nov 6, Dec 4  Jan 1, Feb 5, Mar 4, Apr 1  May 6, Jun 3</p>	<p><b>PSRP Chairs</b>  Donte Givens  LaKeisha Purnell</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>  Sandra Davis</p>
<p><b>Teacher Negotiations Committee</b>  <a href="mailto:negotiationscommittee@baltu.org">negotiationscommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>This committee designs and implements the strategy, research and organizing necessary to maximize the power of collective bargaining. (For Teachers)</p>	<p><b>Every 1st Wednesdays at 4:30pm</b>  Oct 2, Nov 6  Dec 4, Jan 1  Feb 5, Mar 4  Apr 1, May 6  Jun 3</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chairs</b>  Zach Taylor  Angela Campbell</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>  Chandra Carriere</p>

<p><b>Publications</b>  <a href="mailto:publicationscommittee@baltu.org">publicationscommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>This committee coordinates and liaises with the other committees to promote union activities and increase member engagement.</p>	<p><b>Every 3rd Monday at 4:30pm</b>          Sep 23, Oct 21          Nov 18, Dec 16          Jan 21, Feb 18          Mar 16, Apr 20          May 18</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chair</b>          Jocelyn Providence</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>          Candance Greene</p>
<p><b>Benefits</b>  <a href="mailto:benefitscommittee@baltu.org">benefitscommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>This committee conducts research on member concerns related to benefits, and proposes solutions pursued through collective bargaining.</p>	<p><b>Every 2nd Wednesday at 4:15pm</b>          Nov 13, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12          Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chair</b>          Ara Shishmanian</p> <p><b>PSRP Chair</b>          Tiffanie Murray</p> <p><b>BTU Staff</b>          Marisha Ingram</p>
<p><b>Fundraising Committee</b>  <a href="mailto:fundraisingcommittee@baltu.org">fundraisingcommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>Plans and coordinates fundraising efforts for the union.</p>	<p><b>Every 3rd Thursday at 4:30pm</b>          Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19, Jan 16          Feb 20, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21          Jun 18</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chairs</b>          Harry Preston, V          Antonio Mason</p> <p><b>PSRP Chairs</b>  <b>Arshay Bacon</b>          Shawn McKay          Kellie Knight          Juanita Ware          Tangela Moore</p>
<p><b>Special Events Committee</b>  <a href="mailto:specialeventscommittee@baltu.org">specialeventscommittee@baltu.org</a></p>	<p>This committee plans the Holiday Party, Casino Night, Spring Break Cruise, and other special events.</p>	<p><b>Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 6:30pm</b>          Feb 6, March 5, April 2,          May 7, June 4</p>	<p><b>Teacher Chair</b>          Harry Preston, V</p> <p><b>PSRP Chair</b>          Sandra Davis</p>