



BERDO REVIEW BOARD Info and Q&A Session

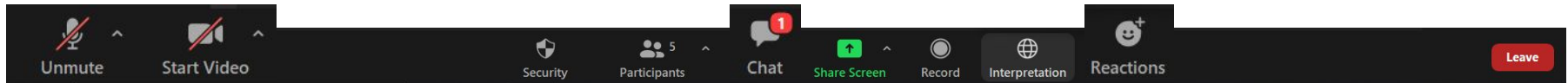
March 2, 2023



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Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Review Board Overview**
 - *Requirements*
 - *Responsibilities and expectations*
 - *Nomination process*
- **Q&A Session**

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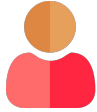
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Review Board Overview

Requirements, responsibilities, and nomination process

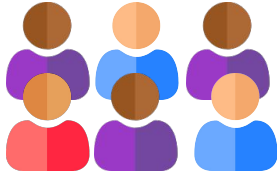
Review Board Requirements

These requirements are set in the Ordinance



1 SEAT FOR CITY COUNCILOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE

The City Councilor must be the Chair of the Environment, Resiliency And Parks Committee



6 SEATS FOR INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED BY QUALIFIED COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBOs)



2 ADDITIONAL SEATS FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE SELF-NOMINATED AND/OR NOMINATED BY ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY.

Community-Based Organization (CBO) Definition

According to BERDO and its adopted regulations

A CBO is a not-for-profit organization that is driven by Boston* residents, whose majority of the governing body and staff consists of residents of Boston and Greater Boston**, whose main operating offices are in Boston, whose priority issue areas are identified and defined by Boston residents, whose solutions to address priority issues are developed with Boston residents, and whose program design, implementation, and evaluation components have Boston residents intimately involved and in leadership positions.

* Boston means the City of Boston

** Greater Boston means the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's [Inner Core Committee subregion](#) (colored in orange in the map on the right).



Source: [MAPC](#)

Applications to Qualify as a Nominating CBO Close Tomorrow

Link to online application form also available on boston.gov/berdo



BERDO 2.0 Nominating Community-Based Organizations Qualification Form

Please use this form to submit an application to qualify as a nominating Community-Based Organization (CBO) under BERDO 2.0. Qualified nominating CBOs will be able to nominate individuals to serve as members of the BERDO 2.0 Review Board, subject to the Mayor's selection and the City Council's approval.

APPLY [HERE](#) TO QUALIFY AS A NOMINATING CBO.

Applications to qualify as a nominating CBO are open until **March 3, 2023**.

Applications will not open again until 2028.

Outreach to Community-Based Organizations

Outreach began in December 2022.

- *Direct invitations to community-based organizations that have engaged with BERDO in the past.*
- *Invitations sent to list of community-based organizations that have engaged with the Environment Department.*
- *BERDO Newsletter.*
- *Air Pollution Control Commission public hearings.*
- *Outreach by Mayor's Office & Office of Neighborhood Services.*



Qualified CBOs

As of March 2, 2023

- Alternatives for Community & Environment
- Allston Brighton Health Collaborative
- Boston Climate Action Network
- Chinese Progressive Association
- Codman Square NDC
- GreenRoots
- Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay
- New England United 4 Justice,
- Piers Park Sailing Center
- Reclaim Roxbury

+5 organizations under review

These qualified CBOs can nominate one or more individuals to serve for the six seats of the Review Board. However, no more than two individuals nominated by the same CBO can serve at the same time.

Review Board Requirements and Expectations

For more information regarding these requirements, please visit boston.gov/berdo or boston.gov/berdo-regulations.

- All members must be **residents of the City of Boston** at the time of their appointment and for the duration of their term in the Review Board.
- All members must have **expertise in at least one of the following areas**:
 - *Environmental justice, affordable housing, labor and workers' rights, workforce development, building engineering and energy, real estate development and management, public health and hospitals, architecture and historic preservation.*
 - *Expertise can be demonstrated through academic degrees, professional experience, volunteer experience, or lived experience.*
- Preference will be given to nominees that demonstrate **more than one of the required expertise areas** and that **bring diversity** to the Review Board, including experience, expertise, geography, and background.
- All nominees will need to be **selected by the Mayor and approved by City Council** before being seated on the Review Board.
- All members should expect to commit to participate in **at least one monthly meeting**, but the volume of meetings may be higher at the beginning (e.g., biweekly, several hours).
- All members shall serve for terms of 3 years. Individuals may serve for up to 3 consecutive terms, provided that they go through the nomination and selection process for each term.
- All members who are eligible for and request compensation shall receive a **stipend** of \$200 per day of service, up to a maximum of \$4,800 per year.

Review Board Responsibilities

These responsibilities are detailed in the Ordinance



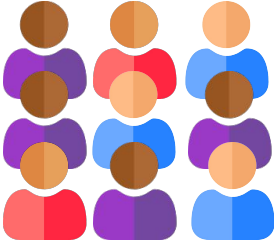
Decide on how to spend the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund



Approve flexibility measures (building portfolios, hardship compliance plans, individual compliance schedules)



Propose updates to Emissions Standards and Alternative Compliance Payments (ACPs)



Enforce the ordinance and issue fines and penalties



Recommend changes to compliance mechanisms and regulations

Review Board Responsibilities

Review Board members will make decisions dealing with the nuts-and-bolts of building decarbonization

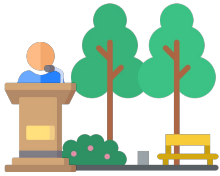
Possible examples of Review Board decisions:

- *Hospitals must remain operational 24/7 and they often operate with combined heat and power systems that depend on fossil fuels. How can BERDO recognize the high energy needs of hospitals without compromising emissions reductions? How will the Review Board assess these technical difficulties and determine whether they justify having a hardship compliance plan?*
- *A manufacturing facility comes to the Review Board to seek an individual compliance schedule. The annual energy use will depend on the quantity of manufactured goods in a given year. How should the Review Board consider manufacturing process loads that are not tied to square footage in the same way as other buildings?*
- *Historic landmark buildings have restrictions to maintain their historic building designation. How could historic buildings comply with BERDO? What would be an acceptable hardship compliance plan for these buildings?*
- *Building decarbonization will inevitably cost money. The Review Board will be asked to evaluate financial hardship. How should financial hardship be evaluated? Who should receive a penalty waiver or reduction?*
- *What projects should be prioritized for funding from the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund?*
- *In all BERDO decisions, what protections for environmental justice populations are needed?*

Review Board Nomination and Selection Process

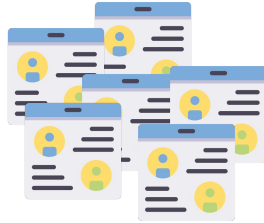
This process is spelled out in the adopted regulations and policies for BERDO.

The Chair of the City Council's Environment, Resiliency and Parks Committee, or their designee shall serve as a member of the Review Board.



- This is required by the Ordinance.

STEP 1
Individuals can nominate themselves and/or be nominated by any individual, organization, and/or qualified CBO.

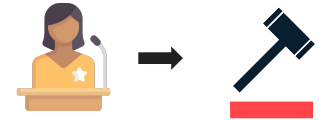


- Use online nomination form available on boston.gov/berdo

STEP 2
The Environment Department reviews nominations to ensure all nominees meet the requirements established by the Ordinance and sends list of nominees to the Mayor.



STEP 3
Mayor appoints 8 members from the list of nominees (6 nominated by CBOs and 2 nominated by anyone) and sends the appointees for approval by the City Council.



- If nominations are not approved by the City Council within 3 months, they are presumed to be acceptable and approved de facto.

Review Board Member Nominations are Open

Link to the online nomination form also available on boston.gov/berdo



BERDO 2.0 Review Board Member Nomination Form

Please use this form to nominate an individual to serve as a member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure (BERDO) Review Board. This form collects information to assess whether and how nominees meet the requirements for Review Board members defined by Section 7-2.2(s) of the Ordinance and adopted regulations.

NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE FOR THE BERDO REVIEW BOARD [HERE](#)

Nominations for Review Board members are open until **March 10, 2023**. After this date, nominations will be accepted on a rolling basis.

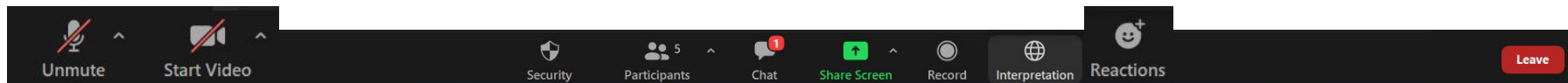
This means that the first set of nominees will be reviewed right after the deadline and on a rolling basis afterwards.

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Public Q&A

How to Participate

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Resources

Visit boston.gov/berdo for more information on the BERDO Review Board.

- *Sign up for the BERDO newsletter to be notified of latest updates.*
- *Upcoming events including regular reporting office hours.*
- *Recorded webinars on BERDO basics, how to report, building decarbonization strategies, and more!*

Visit boston.gov/berdo-regulations for more information on Review Board regulations and the BERDO regulations development process.

- *Process updates, events, and opportunities to engage.*

THANK YOU!

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