

# THE BERDO REVIEW BOARD



The BERDO Review Board is a first-of-its kind, community-driven governing body that oversees the implementation of BERDO. This public board ensures that building decarbonization benefits all communities in Boston, especially Environmental Justice communities.

## WHO IS ON THE BERDO REVIEW BOARD?

The BERDO Review Board includes eight community members from Boston appointed by the Mayor and one City Councilor or their designee.

### BOARD MEMBERS MUST HAVE EXPERTISE IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Environmental justice
- Affordable housing
- Labor rights
- Workforce development
- Building engineering and energy
- Real estate
- Public health
- Hospitals
- Architecture
- Historic preservation



#### 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

## WHAT DOES THE REVIEW BOARD DO?



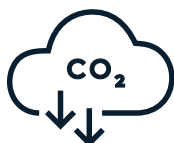
Approve flexibility measures, such as Building Portfolios, Individual Compliance Schedules, and Hardship Compliance Plans.



Enforce BERDO by issuing fines and penalties.



Decide on how to spend the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund.



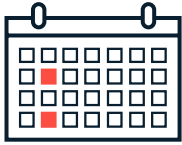
Propose updates to Emissions Standards and Alternative Compliance Payments (ACPs).



Recommend changes to compliance mechanisms and regulations.



Represent community interests and priorities as BERDO is implemented citywide.



The Review Board generally meets every second and fourth Monday of the month, from 4:30–6:30pm ET. Meetings are held virtually via Zoom.

#### **SEE THE FULL SCHEDULE OF HEARING DATES** ➤

The BERDO Review Board posts notices 10 days before each meet at [boston.gov/public-notice](https://boston.gov/public-notice).

## **WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS?**

Public bodies can hold both public hearings and public meetings, but there are some slight differences between the two.

### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- Focused on general business of a public body
- May or may not accept public comment
- Generally less formal than public hearings

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- Focused on making a decision or judgment
- Public typically invited to provide comment and/or testimony

## **I SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION, WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?**

### **THIS WILL CHANGE BASED ON THE APPLICATION TYPE YOU SUBMIT, BUT GENERALLY YOU CAN EXPECT THE FOLLOWING:**

1. The BERDO team within the City will review your application and notify you if it is complete or needs updates.
2. You will be notified of the date and time of the public meeting or hearing where your application will be evaluated by the Review Board.
3. At the hearing, you may be asked to present your application and answer questions. The Review Board may consider feedback from the general public.
4. The Review Board will discuss and vote on a decision.
5. You will receive a copy of the Review Board's decision within seven days.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- [Sign up for the Review Board Newsletter](#)
- [Meeting minutes and recordings](#)
- [Review Board hearing schedule](#)
- [Timelines for each application type](#)

➤ [Review Board Notice of Accommodation for hearings](#)  
*Interpretation, translation, and disability accommodation services are available to you at no cost by the City. If you need them, please contact us.*



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