# BERDO REVIEW BOARD MEETING FOR TENANTS

**December 9, 2024** 

Mayor Michelle Wu

## **BERDO Review Board**



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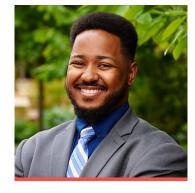


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Today's Meeting

Agenda

#### **1.** Annual Review Board Meeting for Tenants

- Introduction to BERDO and BERDO Review Board for residential tenants.
- How can Tenants Get Involved
- Share resources available for tenants:
  - Boston Community Choice Electricity (BCCE)
  - Mass Save
  - Housing Stability Supports
- Public Comment Period
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
- **3. Administrative Updates**
- 4. Meeting Adjournment

## **Annual Review Board Meeting** For Residential Tenants

### Background

#### **City of Boston Teams**

- Environment Department
- Mayor's Office of Housing

#### **Meeting Logistics**

- These meetings are recorded
- Acting Chair will moderate
- City of Boston staff will present
- During public comment periods, members of the public invited to ask questions or provide comments. May use chat or the 'raise your hand' function
- Review Board members may ask questions or provide comments

#### After the Meeting

Slide decks, recordings, and meeting minutes available at <u>boston.gov/berdo-review-board</u>.





# The Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) is a local law adopted in 2021.

This triggered the need to develop rules to implement BERDO.

# During development of these rules, advocates shared the need for more attention to tenants within BERDO.

• This resulted in the annual tenants meeting in the policies.

Thank you for attending the inaugural Review Board tenants meeting!

# What is **BERDO**?

#### How Does BERDO Impact Climate Change?

- The **Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO)** is a local building decarbonization law that addresses Boston's largest source of emissions: Buildings.
  - <sup>°</sup> Existing buildings contribute **~70%** of the total community-wide emissions in Boston.

- BERDO requires medium and large buildings in Boston to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions over time to achieve **net-zero emissions by 2050**.
  - By complying with BERDO, 5% of buildings in Boston could collectively reduce city-wide emissions by nearly 40%.

#### Which Buildings are Subject to BERDO?

#### RESIDENTIAL

#### **NON-RESIDENTIAL**

#### 35+ units Starting emissions compliance in 2025



35,000 ft<sup>2</sup> + **Starting emissions compliance in 2025** 



15 - 34 units **Starting emissions compliance in 2030** 

20,000 - 34,999 ft<sup>2</sup> Starting emissions compliance in 2030



\*Buildings have been annually reporting energy use since 2022.

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#### What are the Limits?

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2025 - 2029 2030 - 2034 2035 - 2039 2040 - 2044 2045 - 2049 2050 -

Emissions standard (kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/ft2/year)

#### What Does BERDO Require From Building Owners?







#### ANNUAL REPORTING

Report total energy and water use from the previous calendar year

#### THIRD-PARTY VERIFICATION

Third-party verify reported data on the first year of reporting and every "verification year" thereafter

#### EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Reduce annual emissions below an emissions standard (emissions limit)

## How Can Building Owners Comply?





#### **REDUCE ENERGY USE IN BUILDINGS**

Implement **building retrofits or improvements**. Examples include upgrading to high efficiency electric appliances and lighting, upgrading systems for heating, cooling, water heating, and cooking, improving insulation, tightening window seals, etc.



#### **OBTAIN RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Use on-site or off-site local renewable generation (rooftop solar, community solar, etc.).



#### **INVEST IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE PAYMENTS**

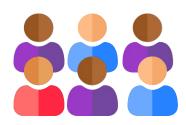
Make Alternative Compliance Payments (ACPs). ACPs are collected to mitigate emissions and funneled into the new **Equitable Emissions Investment Fund** to support building decarbonization projects that prioritize benefits to Environmental Justice communities in Boston.

# What is the Review Board?

### What Is The Berdo Review Board?



The BERDO Review Board is the governing body that oversees the implementation of BERDO. It provides community authority over the ordinance.



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



#### 1 SEAT FOR CITY COUNCILOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE.

\*The City Councilor must be the Chair of the Environmental Justice, Resiliency And Parks Committee



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

## 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

## **Approved CBOs**

CBOs who can nominate individuals to the Review Board

- 1. Allston Brighton Health Collaborative
- 2. Boston Climate Action Network
- 3. New England United 4 Justice
- 4. GreenRoots
- 5. Codman Square NDC
- 6. Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay
- 7. Chinese Progressive Association
- 8. Piers Park Sailing Center
- 9. Reclaim Roxbury

- **10**. Alternatives for Community & Environment
- **11**. Fenway CDC
- **12**. Action 4 Equity
- **13**. Jamaica Plain NDC
- 14. Dominican Development Center
- **15.** Community Labor United
- **16.** Allston Brighton CDC
- **17**. Maverick Landing Community Services (MLCS)

## **Review Board's Decision Making Power**



Roles and responsibilities include:



**Review** and **approve or deny** applications for flexibility measures.



Allocate funding from the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund.

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**Enforce** the ordinance, including issuing fines and penalties.



Recommend changes to compliance mechanisms or regulations.



**Propose updates** to Emissions Standards or Alternative Compliance Payments.



Approve the use of PPAs and on-site renewable energy systems in special circumstances.

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# How Can Tenants Get Involved With BERDO?

## Who Is Impacted By BERDO?



**Boston Residents:** Reducing emissions from buildings can improve overall air quality for everyone and mitigate the impacts of a changing climate.



Building Owners: Building owners will reduce the emissions of their buildings within Boston.



Boston Workers: More green jobs dedicated to the transition to more carbon neutral buildings.



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## How Can I Engage as a Tenant in the Near Term?

#### Identify if you live in a BERDO building

#### Understand your building's reported data

Disclosure (individual building data)

<u>
→ BERDO Emissions Calculator
</u>

#### 3. Attend Review Board hearings and share comments

- Public meeting agendas are posted 10 days in advance at <u>boston.gov/berdo-review-board</u>
- For some applications, <u>a hearing notice</u> must be posted in residential buildings

#### 4. Consider energy saving measures for your unit

- Enroll into Boston Community Choice Electricity
- Take advantage of Mass Save

## How Can I Engage as a Tenant in the Long Term?

#### **1.** Stay up to date with your building's status

- Future data disclosures will be published on **October 1** of every year
- Future versions will include approved flexibility measures

#### 2. Share concerns with the Review Board or Staff

- Submit public comments at a hearing or via email at <u>BerdoReviewBoard@boston.gov</u>
- Reach out to BERDO staff with any questions at <u>BerdoReviewBoard@boston.gov</u>
- In certain circumstances, tenants can request to terminate a flexibility measure if owner does not meet conditions

#### **3.** Keep up to date with BERDO updates

 Subscribe to <u>the BERDO</u> and <u>Review Board</u> Newsletters to learn about updates and upcoming events

#### **2025 Review Board Meeting Schedule**

Second and fourth Mondays of each month starting at 4:30pm

#### **Zoom:** Meetings are virtual via Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84619737235.

HEARING	DATES
January 13	July 14
January 27	July 28
February 10	August 11
February 24	August 25
March 10	September 8
March 24	September 22
April 14	October 13*
April 28	October 27
May 12	November 10
May 26*	November 24
June 9	December 8
June 23	December 22

\*Dates fall on a recognized holiday and may be rescheduled.

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# **Public Comment Period** Members of the public may provide public comment



# Board Q&A

Board Members may discuss and ask questions



# **Other Resources for Tenants**

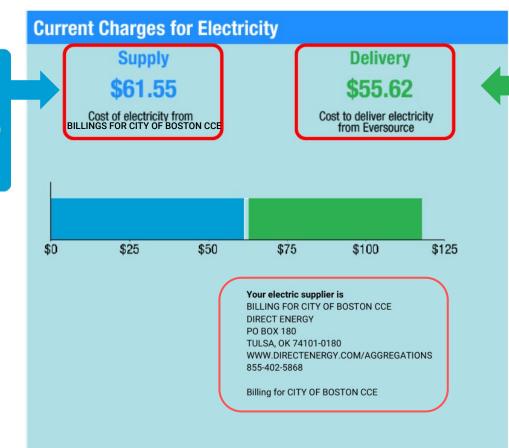
Other Boston Programs

## **BOSTON COMMUNITY Choice Electricity** BCCE

#### **HOW DOES BCCE WORK?**

#### **SUPPLY CHARGE**

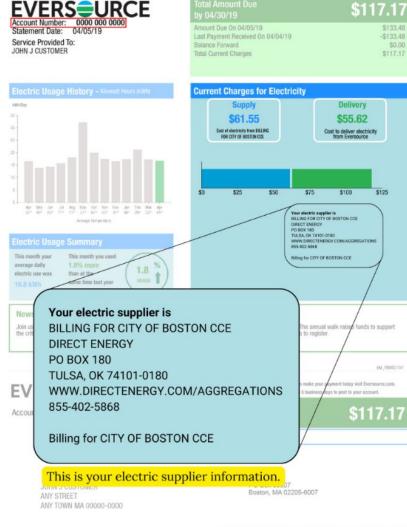
Cost of the electricity you used. Boston Community Choice Electricity (BCCE) only impacts the supply charge on your bill.



#### **DELIVERY CHARGE**

Cost to deliver your electricity & account maintenance. Eversource will continue to deliver your electricity and manage your account.

#### **ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER OPTIONS**



#### Option 1

Your electric supplier is BILLING FOR CITY OF BOSTON CCE DIRECT ENERGY PO BOX 180 TULSA, OK 74101-0180 WWW.DIRECTENERGY.COM/AGGREGATIONS 855-402-5868

Billing for CITY OF BOSTON CCE

BCCE Program Customer Bill

#### Option 2

Your electric supplier is Eversource 247 Station Drive Westwood, MA 02090

> Basic Service Customer Bill

#### Option 3

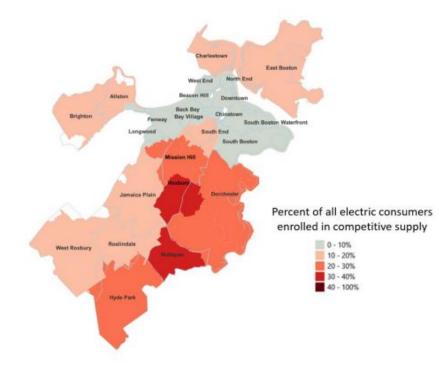
Your electric supplier is Generic Company Name 100 Corporate Rd TOWN, MA 00000 WWW.genericcompany.COM 000-000-0000

> Competitive Customer Bill

# **Competitive Suppliers Are Costing Us**

Targeting Vulnerable Communities

In just one month, **April 2023**, Boston residents spent <u>\$478,066</u> over the basic service price.

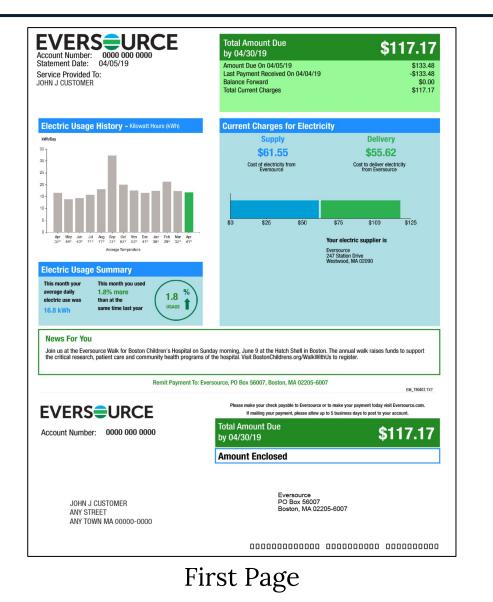


#### COMPETITIVE SUPPLIERS ARE COSTING US

<b>OPTIONAL BASIC</b>	<b>STANDARD</b> (default)	<b>OPTIONAL GREEN 100</b>
\$0.14205/ kWh	\$0.14805/ kWh	\$0.17195/ kWh
24% Renewable Energy	<b>39% Renewable Energy</b>	100% Renewable Energy

#### **CURRENT RATES THROUGH DECEMBER 2025**

#### YOUR EVERSOURCE BILL



**EVERSURCE** Total Amount Due \$117.17 by 04/30/19 Account Number: 0000 000 0000 Customer name key: CUST Statement Date: 04/05/19 Service Provided To: JOHN J CUSTOMER **Electric Account Summary** Amount Due On 04/05/19 \$133.48 Last Payment Received On 04/04/19 -\$133.48 Balance Forward \$0.00 Service Address: ANY STREET **Current Charges/Credits** ANY TOWN, MA 00000 Rate: A1 R1 RESIDENTIAL Bill Cycle: 03 \$61.55 Electric Supply Services **Delivery Services** \$55.62 Service from 03/07/19 - 04/03/19 27 Days **Total Current Charges** \$117.17 Next read date on or about: May 06, 2019 **Total Amount Due** \$117.17 Meter Previous Read Reading Type Current Read Current Number Usage otal Charges for Electricity 0000000 30596 30143 453 Actual Supplier (Billing for City of Boston CCE) Monthly kWh Use Generation Service Charge 453 kWh X .13588 \$61.55 Apr May\_Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Subtotal Supplier Services \$61.55 427 459 439 559 1035 559 463 Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr Delivery (Rate A1 R1 RESIDENTIAL) 525 562 522 677 520 453 \$7.00 Customer Charge **Distribution Charge** 453 kWh X .06396 \$28.97 **Contact Information** 453 kWh X -.00052 Transition Charge -\$0.24 Emergency: 800-592-2000 Transmission Charge 453 kWh X .02585 \$11.71 www.eversource.com CustomerServiceMA@eversource.com Revenue Decoupling Charge 453 kWh X -.00057 -\$0.26 Pay by Phone: 800-592-2000 Distributed Solar Charge 453 kWh X .00088 \$0.40 Customer Service: 800-592-2000 Renewable Energy Charge 453 kWh X .00050 \$0.23 Energy Efficiency 453 kWh X .01725 \$7.81 Subtotal Delivery Services \$55.62 **Total Cost of Electricity** \$117.17 **Total Current Charges** \$117.17 EM 190403.TXT Evensource is required to comply with Department of Public Utilities' billing and termination regulations. If you have a discute please set be bill insert for more information. Visit the "Monthly Custome Communications" sequence" My Account Them 'Billing a Apment' on Evensource comfor an electronic version of this insert. Evensource offers Payment Plans for customers with overdue bills. Budget Billing is also available to pay a more consistent bill each month. Please set the Customers and thore of the Rights Supplement for more information. Second Page

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#### Mass Save: It's our money.

- When you or your landlord pay utilities, you're contributing to Mass Save
- Mass Save offers incentives for appliances and other systems that reduce energy waste and pollution
- Rebates and discounts on:
  - DIY weatherization
  - Air conditioners and air cleaners
  - Dehumidifiers
  - Advanced power strips
  - Shower fixtures & faucet aerators
- Rental buildings in Boston can get free energy assessments and free or discounted energy upgrades like insulation and heating & cooling systems

#### **EVERSURCE**

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#### Contact Information Emergency: 800-592-2000

www.eversource.com CustomerServiceMA@eversource.com Pay by Phone: 800-592-2000 Customer Service: 800-592-2000

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Distributed Solar Charge	453 kWh X .00088	\$0.40
Revenue Decoupling Charge	453 kWh X00057	-\$0.26
Transmission Charge	453 kWh X .02585	\$11.71
Transition Charge	453 kWh X00052	-\$0.24
Distribution Charge	453 kWh X .06396	\$28.97
Customer Charge		\$7.00
Delivery (Rate A1 R1 RESIDENTIAL)		
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#### Visit

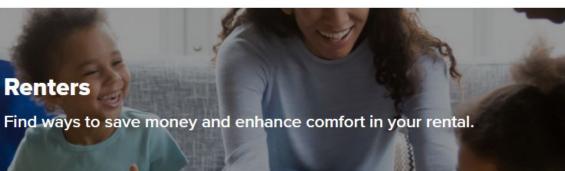
#### <u>masssave.com/renters</u> to get started and claim your incentives!

• Or scan this QR code:





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#### < Back to Residential

Webinars for Renters and Landlords: Learn about easy energy-saving tips, receive a summary of available incentives and advice on how renters can talk to their landlords about energy efficiency upgrades. Watch our latest webinars to learn more about these topics.

Webinar Recording (English)

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Grabación de seminario virtual (Spanish)

As a renter, there are many ways you can save energy and increase the comfort of your home. The Sponsors of Mass Save offer a variety of incentives, programs, and support to help renters enjoy all the good things energy efficiency brings.

Based on your household income, you may also qualify for increased incentives and additional services.

# **Utility Resources**

### Energy assistance, utility debt resources

- Eversource and National Grid offer discounted rates for those with low incomes
- ABCD's Home Energy Assistance Program Get help paying your heating bills
- Shut-off protection:
  - Between November 15 and March 15, residential customers receiving utility assistance are protected from utility shut-off if:
    - the utility service is needed to heat your home, and
    - you receive service from an investor-owned utility, such as Eversource or National Grid.
- Visit <u>boston.gov/energy</u> for more information or scan
  - this code:



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### **UTILITY RESOURCES**

The City of Boston has resources for residents and small businesses to save money on their bills and make your home or place a of business more energy efficient. In need of a payment plan or to apply for shut-off protection with your utility company? We've included those resources as well.

MUNITY CHOICE ELECTRICITY MASS SAVE SENIORS SAVE UTILITY HELP

The City knows that energy affordability is critical to our residents and small businesses. Outlined are some resources that can help you reduce your monthly utility bills.

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Last updated: October 2, 2024

Environment

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environment@boston.gov

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# **Housing Stability Supports**

#### Housing Stability Supports Boston's Office of Housing Stability (OHS)

OHS is a central resource for tenants in housing crisis due to fire, natural disaster, eviction, or condemnation. With services in multiple languages, it provides tenants with legal support, information on emergency resources, and dispute resolution. Contact them at <u>housingstability@boston.gov</u> or call 617-635-4200.



Free Legal Clinics

<u>Weekly clinics</u> connect tenants with attorneys and landlord mediators.



Educational Guides

The "<u>Housing Search</u>" and the "<u>Top 10 Things</u> <u>Tenants Need to Know</u>" guides support and educate tenants on the process and their rights in their housing search.



Tools to Find Affordable Housing

<u>Metrolist</u> is Boston's primary resource to find income-restricted housing across Greater Boston.



Housing Crisis Supportive Services

OHS provides a variety of supportive services, including eviction prevention and finding permanent or temporary housing for residents.

### Housing Stability Supports AgeStrong Commission

If you're age 55+, AgeStrong's housing team can support you in finding and/or stabilizing you in safe, secure, and affordable housing. Call **617-635-4366** or visit **boston.gov/age-strong**.



### Housing Stability Supports **Know Your Rights**

Boston tenants have legal protections about which many are unaware. When tenants know their rights, they are able to exercise their rights.

#### Housing Stability Notification Act

When issuing a Notice to Quit or Nonrenewal of Lease, landlords are required to notify tenants of their rights, direct them to resources, and notify OHS. OHS follows up with every tenant who received a Notice to Quit to offer support services.

<u>Link</u> to learn more

#### Condo & Coop Conversion Ordinance

Tenants must be notified of an owner's intent to convert rental properties with 4+ units to residential condos or coops via a Tenant Notification Form at least 1 year in advance (5 for special populations). Tenants are entitled to a relocation payment and other supports.

#### Housing Discrimination Complaint Process

Boston Fair Housing Commission oversees an investigatory process to assess cases of housing discrimination.

<u>Link</u> to learn more

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### Wealth Building and Job Training Support Center for Working Families

A central resource to connect residents to financial education and employment services, including one to one coaching, credit and asset building services, free tax assistance, job training and other career services. Contact them at <u>OFE@boston.gov</u> or call 617-541-2670.



**Job Training** 

<u>Link</u> to learn more



1 on 1 Financial Coaching

<u>Link</u> to learn more



Financial Workshops

<u>Link</u> to learn more

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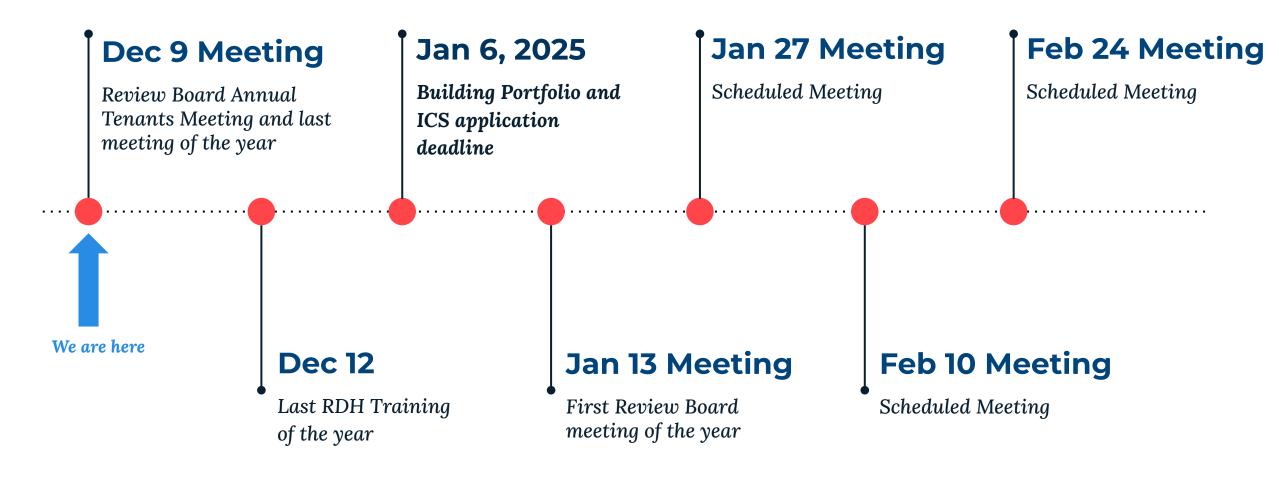
Board votes on approving previous meeting's minutes

# **Administrative Updates**

Staff presents administrative updates

### **Review Board Upcoming Timeline**





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### Adjourn



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