



# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

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City Manager

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
March 23, 2026

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am writing to recommend the appointment of John Boehs, Senior Program Manager for Building Energy in the Harvard Office of Sustainability, to the BEUDO Review Board for a term ending December 14, 2028. Mr. Boehs will replace Elizabeth Galloway, who was appointed by the Council in December 2025 but has since resigned from the Board after leaving her position at Harvard.

The BEUDO Review Board is established under Chapter 8.67 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Building Energy Use ordinance, which requires annual reporting of energy and water use data as well as greenhouse gas emission reductions for non-residential properties over a certain size. The function of the Board is to make decisions on property owner applications for Hardship and Deferred Compliance Plans related to emission reduction requirements. The Board will also in future years review whether to continue exempting fossil fuel backup generation systems from compliance requirements and will review and approve the types and geographic limits of carbon credits that can be used to offset onsite fossil fuel emissions as outlined in the Ordinance.

The Review Board by ordinance is made up of 9 people - those representing climate advocacy (2 members), the real estate or business sectors (2 members) and technical expertise (5 members). Technical experts appointed to the Board must understand the urgency of climate change and may include but not be limited to energy engineers, decarbonization retrofit project managers, building engineers, and accredited professionals in sustainable building design.

We recommend the appointment of John Boehs to replace his former Harvard colleague who stepped down from the Board due to a change in employment. Staff have vetted his technical experience and understanding of the urgency of climate change and found that they align with the requirements of the BEUDO Ordinance:

- John Boehs (technical expert) - Mechanical engineer in the Harvard Office of Sustainability with deep experience in building energy performance, district energy systems, and decarbonization technologies. Installed geothermal wells and fully decarbonized his own home, later featured on green home tours as a residential decarbonization example.



I appreciate the willingness of Mr. Boeh's to serve on the BEUDO Review Board and, with your approval, look forward to his appointment.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yi-An Huang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Yi-An Huang  
City Manager