



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

YI-AN HUANG
City Manager

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IN CITY COUNCIL
March 23, 2026

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I request that the City Council vote to classify the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (BEUDO) Review Board as special municipal employees pursuant to G.L. c. 268A, by adopting the attached Order. Under G.L. c. 268A, positions may be classified as special municipal employees by vote of a city council if the position is not paid by the city for more than 800 working hours during a 365-day period. Members of the BEUDO Review Board are volunteers in unpaid positions, meeting these conditions. Certain provisions of the conflict of interest law apply less restrictively to special municipal employees, allowing them to accept certain employment arrangements, maintain certain financial interests, or act as agents for private parties before municipal boards other than their own.

Chapter 8.67.130 of the Cambridge Municipal Code requires members of the BEUDO Review Board to maintain certain professional credentials or employment arrangements, such as membership with climate advocacy organizations, representation in real estate or business sectors, or technical expertise in engineering. Classifying the BEUDO Review Board as special municipal employees ensures that these volunteers can maintain their employment and professional commitments while serving with the BEUDO Review Board without violating the conflict of interest law.

Therefore, for the above reasons, I request that the City Council vote to classify the BEUDO Review Board as special municipal employees.

Very truly yours,

Yi-An Huang
City Manager



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ORDERED: Pursuant to General Laws Chapter 268A, Section 1(n), the City Council hereby expressly classifies the members of the BEUDO Review Board as special municipal employees for purposes of General Laws Chapter 268A, the state conflict of interest law.