

An aerial night photograph of a city, likely Boston, showing a river, dense urban development, and light trails from traffic on a highway. The image is used as a background for the text overlay.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

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AGENDA

2:00-2:05 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

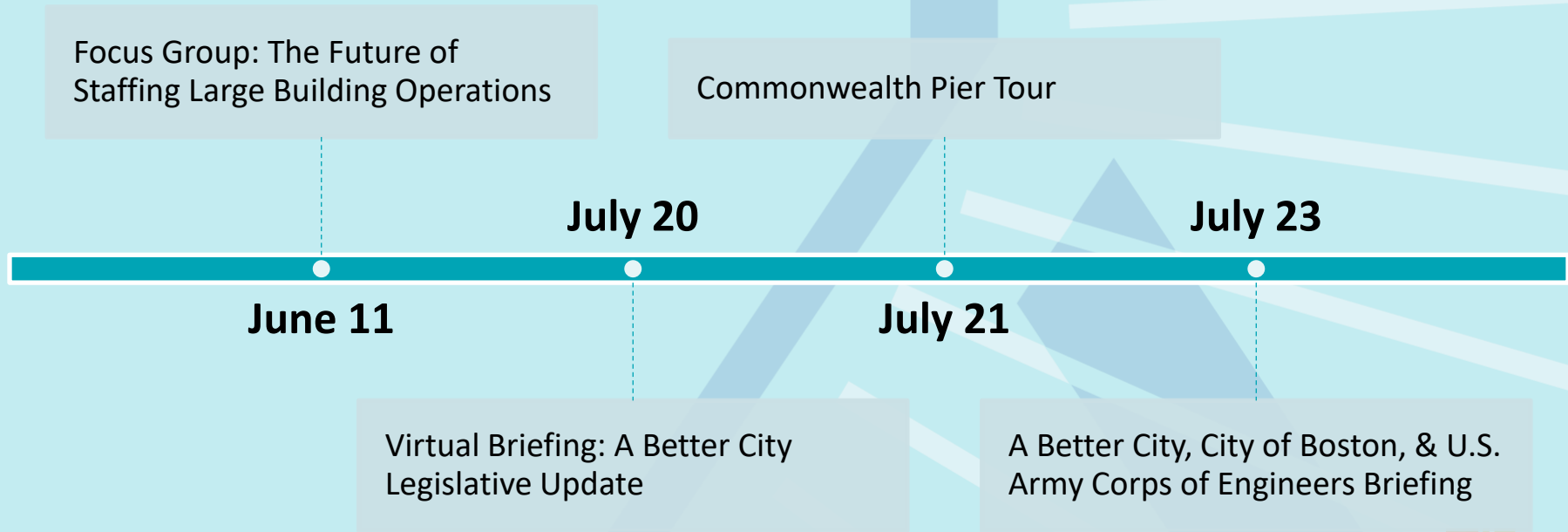
2:05-2:35 11-YEAR ANALYSIS OF BERDO AND BEUDO DATA

Tania Alarcon & Chris Stockwell, Environmental
Health & Engineering

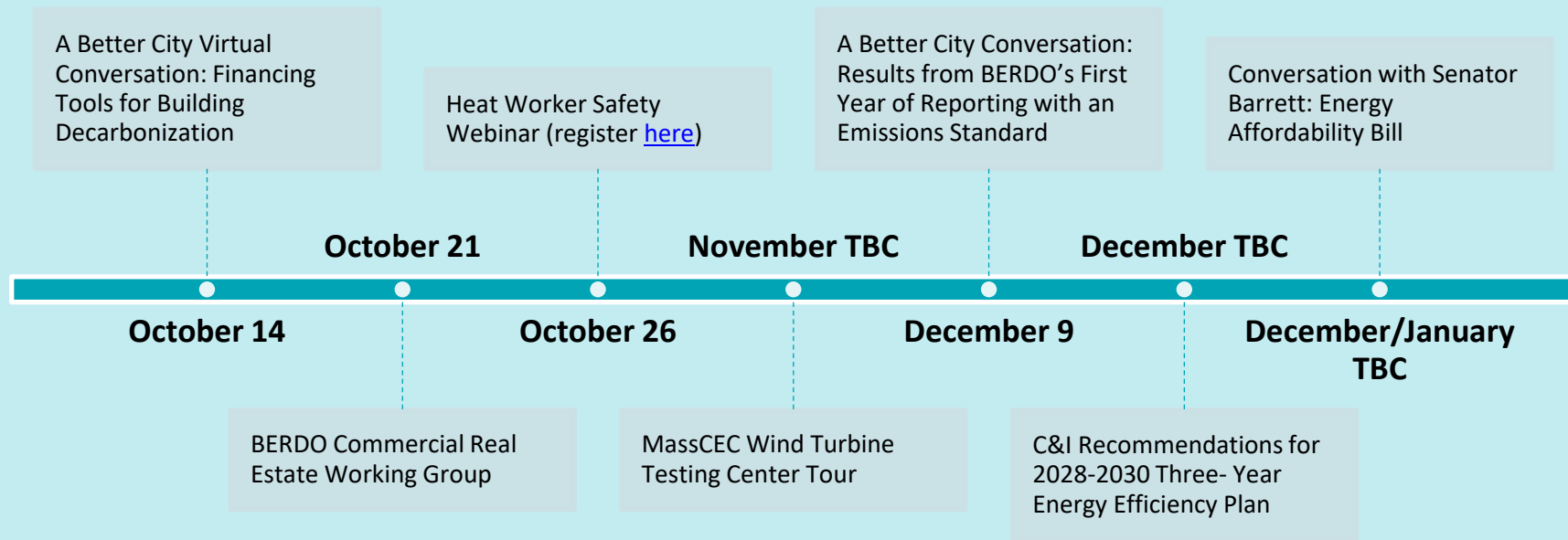
**2:35-3:00 ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT UNIT'S LEGISLATIVE, POLICY, &
PROGRAMMING UPDATES**

Yve Torrie & Isabella Gambill, A Better City

PAST EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Environmental Bond Bill (“Mass Ready Act”)

- Highlights include: bond authorizations to support the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program, establishing a Resilience Revolving Fund, and establishing an urban Resilient Permitting Commission, including ABC serving as a member

Energy Affordability Bill

- Highlights include: possible \$1B cut to Mass Save program (House priority), phasing out the Gas System Enhancement Program (GSEP) (Senate priority), restrictions on natural gas development, and oversight/auditing of the Mass Save program via the Inspector General

Economic Development Bill (“Mass Wins Act”)

- Highlights include: further authorizations in climatetech, building upon existing authorizations from the 2024 Mass Leads Act

Reminder: legislative rules in Massachusetts have been amended to extend the “last day of session” from July 31st, until the end of the calendar year. This means that conference committees have until December 31st to reconcile different priorities and send a final bill to Governor Healey, which she must sign into law by January 5th, 2027.

POLICY UPDATE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study Draft for Boston (read ABC's comments [here](#))

- USACE report proposes 20 potential projects totaling \$10 billion in investment and spanning 16 miles of coastline
- City of Boston will be eligible to access billions of dollars in federal funding to cover 65% of project costs, subject to congressional authorization and appropriation
- A Better City synthesized feedback from nearly two dozen members and partners to emphasize the following:
- Support more robust alignments in Downtown, South Boston, and East Boston
- Request for federal funds to cover utility extension and relocation
- Request for integration of stormwater management and nature-based solutions
- Request to revisit accounting of benefit-cost ratio (proposed ratio: 4:1)
- Request to maintain access to the Harborwalk and DPAs and compatibility with chapter 91 and other waterfront permitting requirements
- Next steps: the USACE is anticipated to release an updated Plan in Fall 2026 after reviewing 350+ comment letters, with a final report to be finalized in 2027

Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)

- ABC is in the process of drafting a comment letter highlighting our recommendations and concerns/questions regarding the MWRA Draft Plan to update and manage CSOs in Cambridge and Somerville. Comments are due on 10/30.

BERDO 2.0 and BEUDO

- BERDO - Data disclosure from Boston's 1st emissions requirements reporting released October 1. A Better City continues to chair and facilitate the BERDO Commercial Real Estate Working Group resulting in reporting extension deadlines, an extension for REC purchasing, and support programming.
- BEUDO Phase 3 Regulations finalized for campus compliance, residential property definitions, Review Board procedures, Hardship Compliance Plans and Deferral Plans in April. A BEUDO Review Board began meeting April 15 to review Hardship and Deferral Plans. ABC commented on Phase 3c BEUDO regulations and procedure relating renewable electricity and cogeneration facilities on July 31.

PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Equitable Workforce Development Opportunities

- PowerCorpsBOS Building Operations
 - Cohort #4 (2025-2026) 18 program members graduated: 10 in green jobs; 1 in quality non-green job; 1 in further education/training with partners: BXP (C&W Services), Equity Residential, Related Beal, Trinity Financial
 - Cohort #5 (2026-2027) 11 program members with partners: BXP (C&W Services), MGB Faulkner Hospital, New England Aquarium, WS Development, Zoo New England
- Franklin Cummings Tech HVAC&R Co-op program
- Action for Equity HVAC&R program
- Opportunities to staff future large buildings

2028-2030 3-Year Energy Efficiency Planning

- Recommendation discussions underway in C&I Working Group & Energy Efficiency Advisory Council

Extreme Heat: Community Adaptations to City Heat Project, Comparing Heat Policymaking across BOS, NOLA, and PHX

- Year 1 highlights: presenting CATCH research at the AGU Conference in NOLA, NEUAC Conference in Seattle
- [CATCH Policy Brief](#), [Urban Heat Action and Policy Database](#) across 18 cities: Albuquerque, Austin, Boston, Burlington (VT), Chicago, Houston, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New Orleans, NYC, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Washington DC
- Upcoming webinar series including conversations on heat worker protections, heat policymaking, learning from AZ and MA Chief Heat Officers, understanding heat systemic risks to critical infrastructure, and more.

THANK YOU!

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