

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE CLIMATE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 9, 2025 | 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

CAMBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER 806 MASS AVE & VIRTUAL ([ZOOM LINK](#))

AGENDA

6:00 PM Welcome & Approval of Minutes
(Approved)

6:05 PM Deputy Chief's Update

Looking to appoint knowledgeable people to give comment and opinions on new BEUDO vacancy policy.

Looking for up to 5 community liaisons for the Heat relief program to act as community outreach to heat vulnerable populations and minority groups.

6:20 PM Committee Business

- Secretary Nominations/Vote
 - Nomination for new Secretary (Meredith Stoddard)
 - No opposed votes for Meredith Stoddard. The committee elected Meredith Stoddard as the new secretary.
- NetZero Action Plan Letter Subcommittee Formation
 - Megan Lim volunteers as a member.

6:35 PM Community Engagement Team presentation, training, and discussion
Before the meeting: Read pages 1-27 of the [Community Engagement Handbook](#)

7:55 PM Public Comments

Additional Background Material for the CET training

These videos are for optional viewing before or after, provided here for more background and context.

- [Equity is Not a Zero-Sum Game](#)
- <https://www.segregatedbydesign.com>

A list of resources that may be referenced during the training:

- [Plain Languages Resources](#)
- Link to Shining a Light: [ABBOT.pdf](#)
- [Hemingway Editor](#)
- [Check-in Generator](#)
- [WebAIM: Contrast Checker](#)

Upcoming

November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NetZero Action Plan Draft Letter Discussion• Education Subcommittee Share Out
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resilient Cambridge Review - Kendra• Thermal Energy Network Update

For Reference:

What is the role of the Climate Committee?

The Climate Committee has three roles that help the City reduce climate change impacts, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase equity, and serve as a partner to and example for other communities:

- 1. Provide feedback and ideas to the City on ways to reduce and live with climate change while prioritizing the needs of the most at-risk populations.*
- 2. Share information about City climate programs with community members, listen to community concerns, and raise feedback with City staff so programs effectively serve all community members.*
- 3. Stay informed about the City's climate goals and provide accountability and feedback on barriers and opportunities to improve effectiveness.*

Officer Section of Bylaws

Officers will be elected on an annual basis. Elections will take place in September of each year unless the Committee decides otherwise.

Chair

The chair shall be responsible for setting the agenda in coordination with City staff, for facilitating meetings, for organizing Committee work program and subcommittees in coordination with City staff, and for signing Committee correspondence.

Vice Chair

The vice chair shall assist the chair in his/her duties and fill in for the chair in his/her absence.

Secretary

The secretary shall be responsible for meeting minutes and attendance records.