



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

June 28, 2023

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks was referred the following docket:

Docket #0822, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Matt O'Malley, as a member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure (BERDO) Review Board for a term expiring April 24, 2026.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and referred to the Committee on April 12, 2023. The Committee held a hearing on June 16, 2023.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:

Docket #0822, is a message and order for the appointment of Matt O'Malley to the BERDO Review Board. Pursuant to Section 7-2.2(s) of the City of Boston Municipal Code these appointments are subject to Boston City Council Approval. The above docket calls for the following appointment:

1. **Matt O'Malley**, *Chief Sustainability Officer*, Vicinity Energy

INFORMATION GATHERED AT THE HEARING:

The Committee held a hearing on Friday, June 16, 2023. The Chair was joined by: Councilor Michael Flaherty, At-Large, Council President Ed Flynn, District 2; Councilor Liz Breadon, District 9 and Councilor Gabriela Coletta, District 1.

During this hearing, the appointee, former City Councilor Matt O'Malley, had the opportunity to give a brief presentation about himself, his qualifications, and his goals for serving on the Board.

O'Malley discussed his 11 years of experience as the District 6 City Councilor and Chair of the Committee on Environment and his more recent experience in the private sector with Vicinity Energy. O'Malley reviewed his experience on the Council working with multiple Administrations on BERDO and BERDO 2.0. In his current position at Vicinity Energy, North America's largest district energy system, leading in best-in-class technology, O'Malley oversees decarbonization efforts. O'Malley acknowledged the importance of working with the community and engaging all stakeholders to ensure an equitable, just, quick and effective transition as Boston works to reduce building emissions. O'Malley looks forward to implementing innovative, strong solutions and using his expertise and unique perspective as someone going from the public to the private

sector. O'Malley expressed excitement at the opportunity to serve on the advisory board and confirmed that he would recuse himself from any projects associated with his current employer, Vicinity Energy.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By the Chair of the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks to which the following was referred:

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submits a report recommending that the appointee **be confirmed**.

For the Chair:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kendra Lara". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Kendra" is written with a large, stylized 'K' and 'L'. The last name "Lara" is written with a large, stylized 'L' and 'R'.

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