

Environmental Justice Council

Meeting #24

Thursday, February 12, 2026, 6:30 pm

In Person location: Roxbury, MA

Roxbury Community College

1234 Columbus Ave, Roxbury Crossing MA



Logistics and Agenda

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Agenda

- **Overview of Meeting, Logistics and Agenda**
- **Roll Call and Approval of Prior EJC Meeting Minutes**
- **Public Comments**
- **Clean Energy and Climate Plan**
- **Public Comments (as time is permissible)**
- **Next Steps**
- **Adjourn**

Welcoming Remarks



Dr. Jonathan K. Jefferson
President, Roxbury Community College

Approval of December 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes & Roll Call: EJ Council Members

- Kalila Barnett
- Madeline Fraser Cook
- Melissa Harding-Ferretti
- Cheryll Holley
- Caroline Hon
- Lydia Lowe
- Marcos Luna
- Peter Maathey
- María Belén Power
- Sofia Owen
- Jen Salinetti
- Patricia Spence
- Miles Gresham
- Harleen Marwah
- Paula Garcia

Public Comments and Questions

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Clean Energy and Climate Plan



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

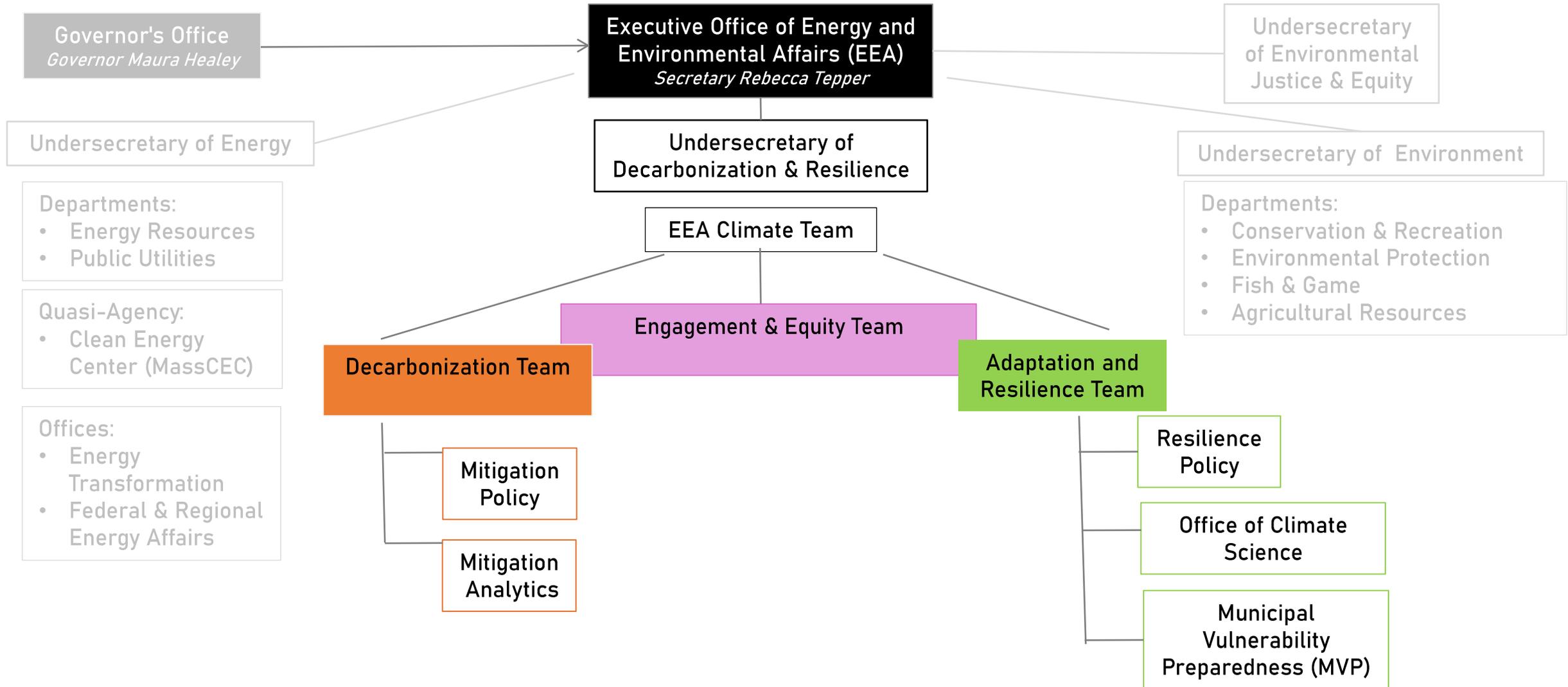
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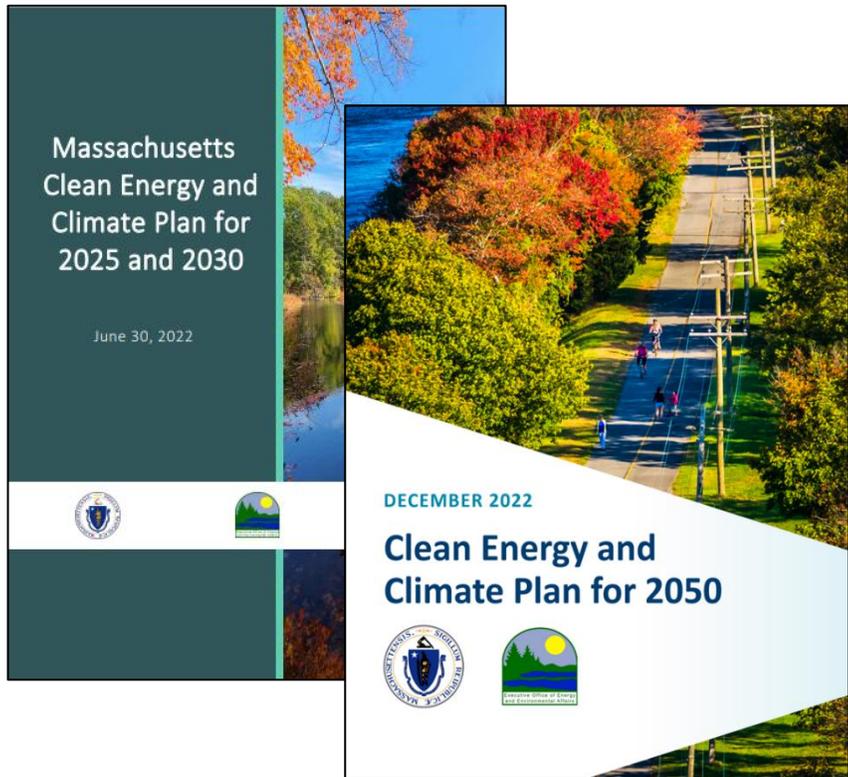


EEA Organizational Chart





Why We Publish the Clean Energy & Climate Plan (CECP)



- 1. Required by Law:** In addition to setting statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions limits, “each limit shall be accompanied by publication of a comprehensive, clear and specific roadmap plan to realize said limit.” (*Section 8b, 2021 Climate Law*)
 - EEA must set a 2035 GHG emission limit and sublimits and publish the 2035 CECP by January 1st, 2028.
- 2. Ensures Ongoing Climate Relevance:** 5-year plans create opportunity to update climate planning to align with emerging priorities & conditions



CECP Requirements

At a high level, these plans must:



Address the pathway to meeting sublimits for electric power, transportation, commercial and industrial heating and cooling, residential heating and cooling, industrial processes, and natural gas distribution and service.



Consider equity; costs; benefits (including societal benefits); interaction with air quality standards; administrative burden; relative contribution of each source or category of sources to statewide emissions of greenhouse gases; and whether greenhouse gas emissions reductions achieved are real, permanent, quantifiable, verifiable, and enforceable



Set technological adoption benchmarks



Summarize Commonwealth efforts to improve/mitigate economic, environmental and public health impacts on low- or moderate-income individuals and EJ populations



Measure carbon flux of, adopt sequestration goals for, and develop action plans for natural and working lands

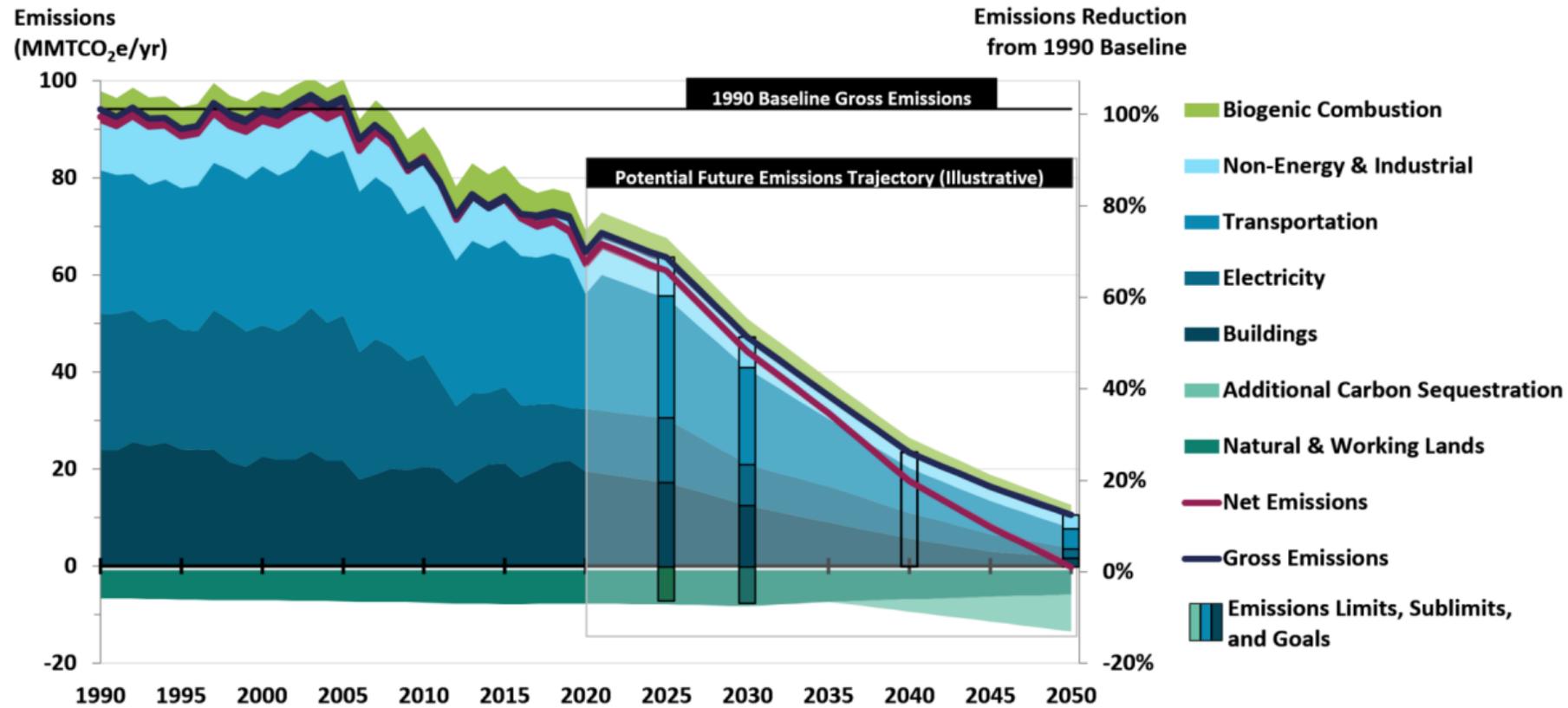


Include the results of quantitative modeling and analysis of the commonwealth's energy economy and GHG emissions in their state and regional context, publishing those results where feasible



Building on Prior Modeling

FIGURE 3-5. PAST EMISSIONS THROUGH 2020, EMISSIONS LIMITS AND SUBLIMITS, AND ILLUSTRATIVE POTENTIAL EMISSIONS TRAJECTORY THROUGH 2050



Modeling Approach



Feature 1: Multiple scenarios including business as usual



Feature 2: Model policy packages



Feature 3: Affordability Analysis

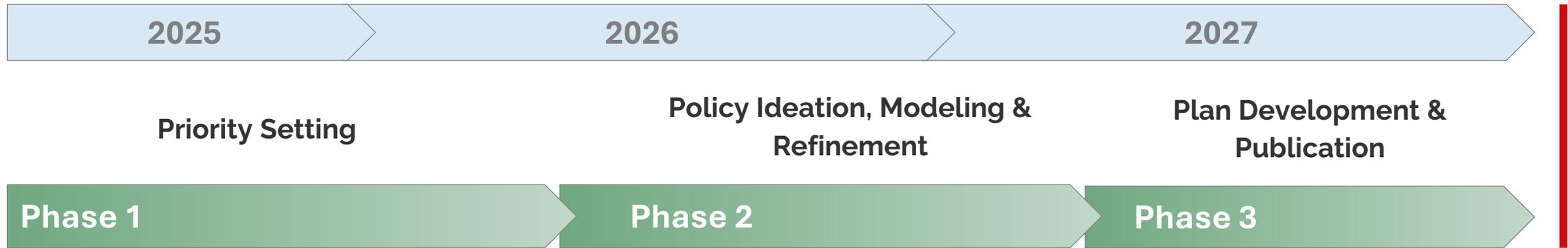


Feature 4: Uncertainty Analysis



2035 CECP Development Will Span Three Main Phases

CECP
Due date
1/1/28



- Setting this plan's principles & context
- Refining modeling methodology
- Refining the decision-making criteria used to choose optimal pathways
- Identifying key uncertainties that will arise over plan implementation period

- Modeling pathways and identifying priority actions based on principles

- Converting pathway into a plan (assigning roles, resources, etc)



Upcoming engagement opportunities and how we plan to use them

	2025	2026	2027	CECP Due date 1/1/28
	Phase 1		Phase 2	Phase 3
Implementation Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles Modeling methodology Refining the decision-making criteria used to choose optimal pathway Key uncertainties that will arise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority actions Refining ways to address gaps between current action and emissions pathway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public comment period 	
EJ Council		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present to EJC on the decision-making criteria for feedback on EJ criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share refinements to decision-making criteria and go over modeling approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preview final CECP before public comment period
Community Climate Advisory Council			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give broad overview of CECP approach and get feedback from municipal and RPA perspective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preview final CECP before public comment period



Decision-Making Framework: What is it?

A way to organize what matters to the people of Massachusetts as we pursue our climate goals.

It will look like a rubric of priorities that will be woven into the modeling and policy design processes to ensure we are assessing the optimal pathway to 2035.



From the Request for Qualifications (RFQ):

A decision-making framework that captures a set of key priorities such as health or equity to be identified in coordination with EEA and other state and external stakeholders, and provides guidance as to i) how these priorities will be explicitly integrated into qualitative policy discussion and quantitative scenario modeling and ii) how these priorities will inform selection of the decarbonization pathway(s) the Commonwealth chooses to pursue.

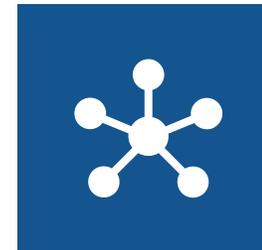
A Note on Priorities

There are many categories of “cross-cutting” concepts. We want to make one upfront distinction:



Priorities are concepts that directly enhance human wellbeing

Example: health



There are other topics that affect multiple sectors and improve effectiveness

Example: load management

Decision Making Framework



Sector Work Groups within Decarb Team



Implementation
Advisory
Committee
(IAC)

Draft Priorities



	Buildings	Power	Transportation	Natural and Working Lands
Equity				
Public Health				
Economic Development				
Affordability				

Decision Making Framework Reflection Questions



- **Are there additional priorities missing from this list? Or other ways you would suggest thinking about them?**
- **How would you suggest that we think about equity in the decision-making framework?**
- **What would it look like if the CECP was successful in implementing these priorities through decarbonization policy?**
- **How do you see the state playing a role in your communities in the world of decarbonization?**

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WHAT'S
NEXT?

Next Steps & Adjourn

Next meeting location:

- April 9 - Orange

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