

What is a Community Accountability Board?

and how can it advance community priorities?



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A Community Accountability Board (CAB) assesses a BPS impact on community members and recommends programs, practices, and rules to address inequities. The Mayor or Governor should work with Community Based Organizations to identify community members from frontline communities and local experts in racial equity to serve on the CAB.



Equitably distribute level of effort and investment.

The CAB can direct non-compliance payments to funding disenfranchised communities and provide more technical and financial support to properties with fewer resources.

Evaluate equity impacts.

The CAB is tasked with recommending metrics and data that informs analysis of BPS's impacts on community members.

The CAB is responsible for using this information to develop recommended strategies for addressing inequities in implementation and outcomes.

Advisory role.

The CAB can recommend that Building Performance plans advance priorities for frontline communities, such as community health, resilience, or economic justice. The CAB advises the Mayor or Governor on the selection of members to the Building Performance Improvement Board (BPIB).

Community Meetings

The CAB, BPIB and the Department must host public Community Accountability Meetings at least once a year to gather input from community members regarding the design and implementation of the BPS.

Recommendations for improvements.

The CAB will publish its analysis and recommendations in a public report at a suggested interval of every three years.

Example recommendations.

- Avoid contributing to the displacement of commercial or residential tenants in historically disinvested communities.
- Provide additional financial and technical support to buildings in working class neighborhoods.
- Ensure majority of contracts and jobs resulting from the BPS should go to frontline community members.