



2026 Sustainability Meeting

PwC, 835 W 6th St #1600, Austin, TX 78703 | March 4

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am	Breakfast
8:50 am	Welcome Comments & Committee Update Co-Chair: <i>Giuls Kunkel, Vice President, Sustainable Investing, BGO</i> Co-Chair: <i>Cass McFadden, Vice President – Global Head of Sustainability, Cortland</i> NAREIM: <i>IvyLee Rosario, Head of Programs</i>
9:00 am	Attendee Introductions To help facilitate connections, each attendee will be invited to briefly introduce themselves by stating their name and the organization they represent.
9:05 am	From Exposure to Advantage: Embedding Climate Risk Across the Real Estate Investment Lifecycle Speakers: <i>Cass McFadden, Vice President – Global Head of Sustainability, Cortland</i> <i>Allie Blair, Sustainability Associate, Morgan Stanley Real Estate Investing</i> Climate risk has transitioned from a mere consideration to a measurable driver of real estate value. This session explores strategies and tools for integrating climate risk into the investment's lifecycle, predominantly covering due diligence to asset management. Presenters and attendees will collaboratively examine insurance pricing, regulatory compliance, and climate modeling. Through the sharing of case studies, best practices and lessons learned, the goal of this session is to leave with practical insights for strengthening analytical depth and forward-looking risk integration.
10:05 am	Break
10:20 am	Comparing Decarbonization Playbooks: A Dive into Strategy-Setting, Methodologies & Milestones Speakers: <i>Giuls Kunkel, Vice President, Sustainable Investing, BGO</i> <i>Jill Brosig, Senior Managing Director & Chief Impact Officer, Harrison Street Asset Management</i> As pressure mounts from investors, regulators, and stakeholders, real estate asset managers are moving from high-level climate commitments to execution-ready decarbonization strategies. But the paths they take and constraints they navigate vary. In this session, members will compare their decarbonization playbooks, highlighting how each firm approaches strategy-setting, baselining, and capital allocation. The presenters will discuss the methodologies they use to prioritize assets, align decarbonization with investment strategy and/or investor expectations, and set credible milestones amid data constraints. Attendees will leave with a practical view of what's working, where approaches diverge, and how asset managers are translating decarbonization goals into disciplined, portfolio-wide execution.
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11:35 am	AI, Data Infrastructure, & Electrification: Advancing Sustainable Real Estate Through Technology Speakers: <i>Cyrus Sobhani, Data Engineer, Sustainability, Bridge Investment Group</i> <i>Brady Mills, Director, Partner Energy</i> <i>John Forester, Vice President, Energy & Sustainability, The RMR Group</i> As sustainability risks, opportunities and investor reporting requirements expand, real estate owners are increasingly relying on AI and data platforms to manage risk and improve operational performance. This session examines how technology is being used from a business operations perspective—organizing data, improving data quality, and turning insights into action—while exploring how these capabilities inform practical capital deployment and electrification strategies amid rising energy costs and grid constraints.
12:35 pm	Lunch
1:35 pm	The Great ESG Expansion: What Investors Want Speakers: <i>Mona Benisi, Managing Director, Global Head of Sustainability Real Assets, Morgan Stanley Real Estate Investing</i> <i>Brittany Ryan, Senior Director, Head of Sustainability, Americas, Nuveen Real Estate</i> This session will frame the challenge of LP demands growing in breadth of topics and depth of detail for sustainability teams. Through audience polling, we aim to collect “market research” on the nature of this challenge across peers and how others are managing the expectations, as well as offer the forum to raise additional trends and facilitate discussion. The research will serve as a peer resource for internal leverage — whether for structuring their own approach or defending additional resources.
2:20 pm	Break
2:35 pm	MANAGERS ONLY: Vendor Survey & Reference Book Moderators: <i>Madeline O'Donnell, Senior ESG Analyst, Principal Asset Management</i> <i>Bridget Robertson, Responsible Investment & Sustainability Associate, Stockbridge</i> This workshop-style session invites Managers to share and discuss the wins, losses and lessons learned, as they've navigated solving for needs across various areas such as Physical Risk, Transition/Decarb, Utility Data Capture, Renewable Energy Strategies, Proptech Implementation and more. Participants will receive an exclusive deliverable created for and by 2026 NAREIM Sustainability Meeting members.
4:00 pm	End of Meeting



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2026

April 23	Hispanic Real Estate Roundtable	New York City
June 2–3	Asset Management	New York City
June 3–4	Portfolio Management	New York City
July 14–15	Talent Management	Chicago
September 15–16	Architecture, Engineering & Development	Boston
September 23–25	Executive Officer	Dallas-Fort Worth
October 6–7	Data & Information Management	Chicago
November 4	Legal, Compliance & Risk	New York City
December 2–3	Capital Raising & Investor Relations	Dallas

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