



## **2020 Annual Meeting CANCELLATION**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

March 20, 2020

Good Afternoon NEERO Community,

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#### Refunds and Cancellation Fees

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Please contact the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel to cancel your reservation. There are no cancellation fees for the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel as part of you made a reservation as part of the NEERO room block.

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#### **Next Steps**

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- Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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Meeting ID: 339 641 374  
One tap mobile  
+13126266799,,339641374# US (Chicago)  
+16468769923,,339641374# US (New York)
- Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM  
Zoom Meeting: <https://bccte.zoom.us/j/422454369>  
Meeting ID: 422 454 369  
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