

2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & MEETING

WELCOME TO THE MPHA 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

We are beginning today with networking. We hope you use this time to explore the lobby page on your browser, network with colleagues, and build community.

The speaking portion of today's event will begin at 9:45!





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20 RESOLVE, 25 NOT RETREAT:

PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FACE OF AUTHORITARIANISM

AGENDA

9:30 – 9:45 Networking

9:45 – 9:55 Welcome and Introduction

**9:55 – 10:40 Keynote: Dr. Robert Goldstein, MA DPH
Joined by Dee Calvert, Jill Clark & Hafsatou Diop**

10:40 – 11:05 Question & Answer Session

11:05 – 11:15 Support MPHA!

**11:15 – 11:45 MPHA Policy Updates, Oami Amarasingham &
Kate Forrest**

**11:45 – 12:30 Transition to MPHA Annual Member Meeting
and Virtual Networking & Breakout Rooms**



MOBILIZERS

**Health Foundation of
Central Massachusetts**

Point32Health

Stewart Landers

DISRUPTORS

**Boston College School
of Nursing**

**Boston Public Health
Commission**

Edelman Financial Engines

ALLIES

**Boston University School of Social Work: Center for
Innovation in Social Work & Health**

CSL Seqirus

Massachusetts Medical Society

**Northeastern University Department of Public Health
and Health Sciences**

EDUCATORS

Regis College, Public Health Programs: Online Bachelors Degree Completion, BA-PH, and Online MPH

Tufts University School of Medicine MPH Program

UMASS Amherst School of Public Health and Health Sciences

UMASS Lowell School of Public Health

ACTIVATOR



Dana-Farber
Cancer Institute

HOUSEKEEPING RULES

- **Keep your eye on chats from MPHA with important links**
- **Put your name and organization in the chat so people can know you're here!**
- **If you have questions for Commissioner Goldstein or other DPH leaders, please use the Q&A function**



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KEYNOTE PRESENTER

Dr. Robert Goldstein
Commissioner, Mass. Dept. of Public Health

JOINING THE COMMISSIONER...



Dr. Hafsatou Fifi Diop
Assistant Commissioner
for Health Equity



**Deirdre ("Dee")
Calvert, LICSW**
Director of Bureau of
Substance Addiction
Services



Jill Clark
Director, Division of
Child/Adolescent
Health and
Reproductive Health



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MPHA POLICY AGENDA + UPDATES

Oami Amarasingham

Deputy Director

Kate Forrest

Coalition Coordinator & Policy Analyst



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20 25 TRIVIA

TEST YOUR MA STATE POLICY KNOWLEDGE

QUESTION ONE

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QUESTION TWO

**TRUE OR FALSE?
MASSACHUSETTS' CITIES AND
TOWNS CAN IMPLEMENT
MUNICIPAL-LEVEL RENT
CONTROL POLICY.**

ANSWER TWO

FALSE

QUESTION THREE

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QUESTION FOUR

**WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES ARE
CURRENTLY COLLECTING SIGNATURES TO GET
ON THE BALLOT?**

- A. Statewide rent control**
- B. Same day voter registration**
- C. Expanding the public records act to cover the legislature and the governor**
- D. Voter ID**
- E. Tax cuts**

ANSWER FOUR

ALL OF THE ABOVE

QUESTION FIVE

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QUESTION SEVEN

WHEN SHOULD ADVOCATES ENGAGE THEIR LEGISLATORS?

- A. Right after the governor's budget drops
- B. When you're having an event in your district
- C. One week before the House budget debate
- D. Around election time

ANSWER SEVEN

ALL THE TIME!!

2025-2026 POLICY PRIORITIES



**Public Health
Infrastructure**



**Sustainable Food
Systems**



Housing Justice



**Environmental
Justice**



**Transportation
Justice**



**Equity Through
Healthcare**

POLICY UPDATE

- ✓ **2019: Report and Recommendations of the Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health: Blueprint for Public Health Excellence**
- ✓ **2020: State Action for Public Health Excellence Act (SAPHE 1.0) enacted**
- ✓ **2020: Legislature creates the first ever local public health line-item in the state budget**
- ✓ **2021: State invests \$200M in ARPA dollars to support local public health infrastructure**
- ✓ **2024: SAPHE 2.0 passed by legislature and signed by governor!**



PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Increase funding for local and regional boards of health
- Maintain investments in Regional Transit Authorities
- Fully fund programs supporting healthy food access
- Be ready to show up to protect Medicaid, SNAP, and other essential programs



POLICY UPDATE

- Up to 350,000 Massachusetts residents risk losing healthcare and food assistance due to deep cuts to Medicaid and SNAP. These cuts could cost the state \$3.5 billion in federal aid.

RAISE UP MASS

**PROTECT
OUR CARE**
TOWN HALL



STOP THE CUTS WITH CORPORATE FAIR SHARE

Massachusetts can act by:

- Using the **\$8.5** billion rainy day fund
- Ensuring billion-dollar corporations pay their fair share

POLICY UPDATE

- Immigrants are under attack across the country and here in Massachusetts. In May 2025 alone, ICE detained 1,500 people in Massachusetts, including longtime residents, workers, parents, and neighbors who strengthen our communities.

MIRA COALITION



**PROTECTING
MASSACHUSETTS
COMMUNITIES**

Massachusetts can act by:

- Sign MIRA's Petition for the rights and inclusion of immigrants and refugees in MA
- Ask your legislators to cosponsor and support the Safe Communities Act today!

HOUSING JUSTICE

POLICY UPDATE

- MPHA is supporting tenant-led coalition Homes For All Massachusetts' efforts to stabilize rents and prevent displacement
- Legislation to lift the statewide ban on rent control is pending in the state house
- HFA is collecting signatures to get statewide rent control on the 2026 ballot

KEEP MASS HOME



Our communities need rent stabilization now to prevent immediate displacement, protect tenants from exploitation, and keep people in their homes.

Massachusetts can act by:

- Getting rent control on the 2026 ballot
- Submit testimony to the housing committee today!

RESISTANCE IN ACTION

**Continue building momentum for a
healthier, more equitable
Massachusetts.**

Share your updates for Resistance in Action at
mpha@mapublichealth.org



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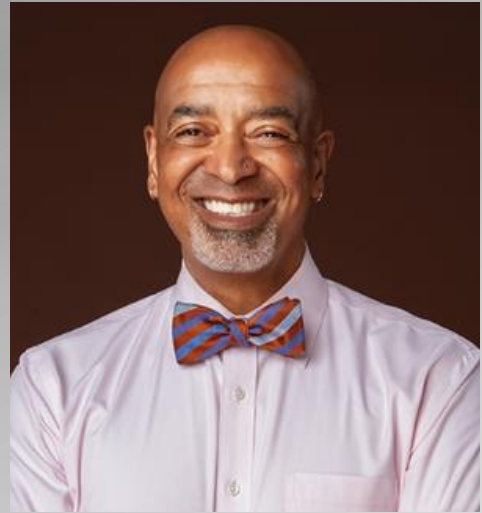


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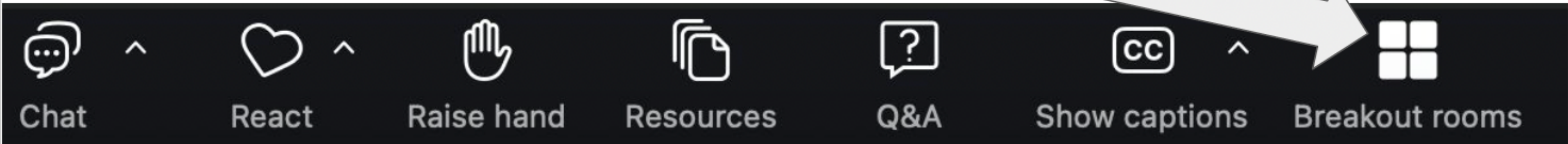


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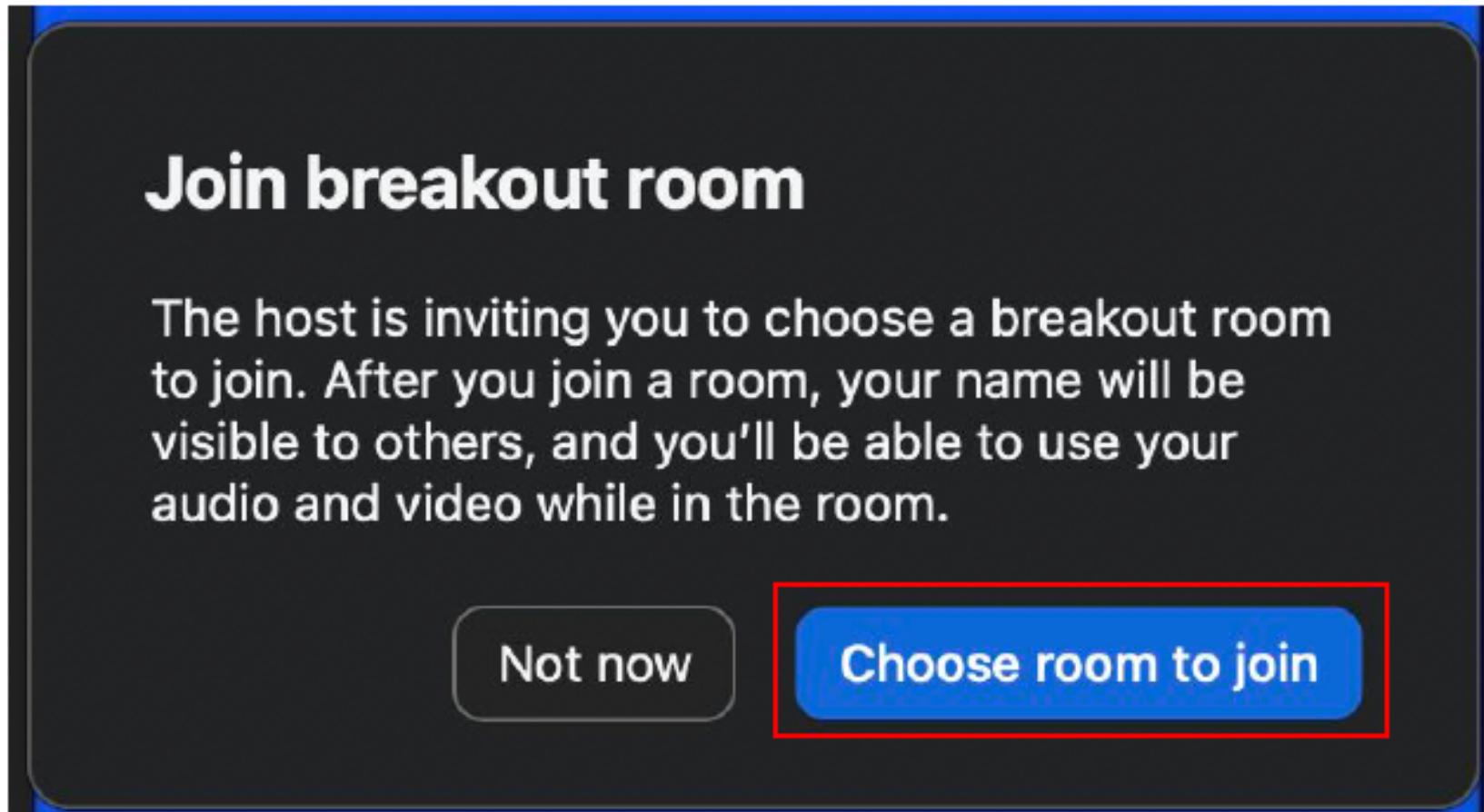
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HOW TO JOIN NETWORKING

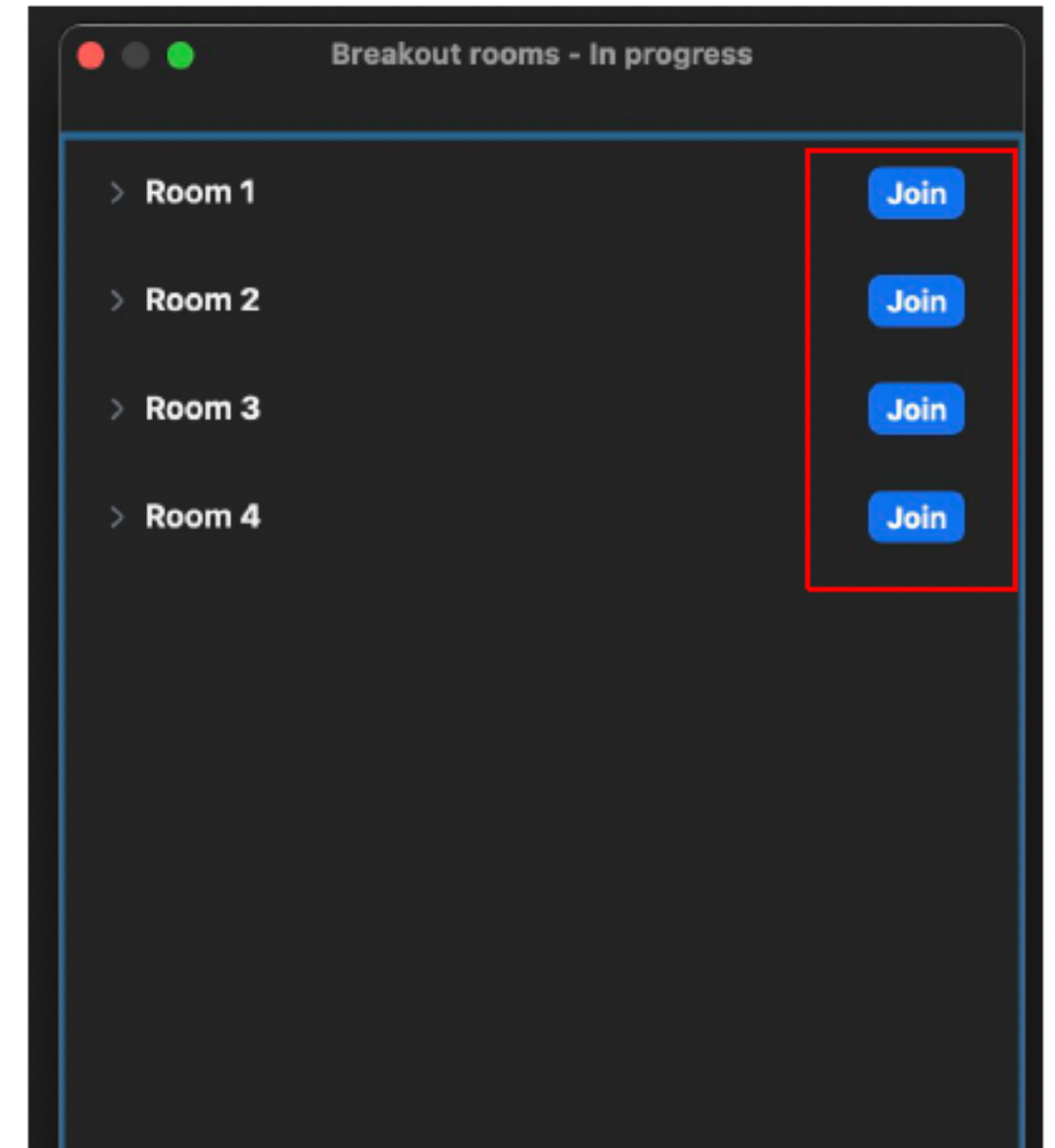
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MPHA ANNUAL MEMBERS' BUSINESS MEETING



- All are welcome to attend
- We will vote via zoom polls
- Please vote only if you are an individual member or the designated voter for an organizational member

HIGHLIGHTS

- MPHA participated, coordinated or convened with **19** coalitions
- MPHA provided testimony at **13** public hearings
- MPHA's support helped pass **5** major pieces of legislation, including climate, substance use disorders, maternal health, housing, and public health infrastructure
- MPHA received \$1,177,108 in funding and expended \$1,170,725.



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MPHA AT A GLANCE: 2025

NEW BOARD MEMBER SLATE



Matilde Castiel
Former City of Worcester
Commissioner for Health
and Human Services
Commissioner



Kurt Fauerbach
Senior Vice President
and Head of Workplace
Retirement at Edelman
Financial Engines



Maria Rios
Director of Equity &
Community Health
Policy, Office of
Government Affairs at
Mass General Brigham



Risa Silverman
Outreach Director at the
University of Massachusetts
School of Public Health at
Amherst

NEW BOARD MEMBER SLATE

VOTE #1

A vote “yes” will accept the slate of four new members.

A vote “no” will reject the slate of four new members.

ESTABLISHING BOARD SIZE

VOTE #2

**A vote “yes” will set the size of the
MPHA board to 21**

**A vote “no” will set the size at
current membership (19)**

2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & MEETING: OPTIONAL NETWORKING

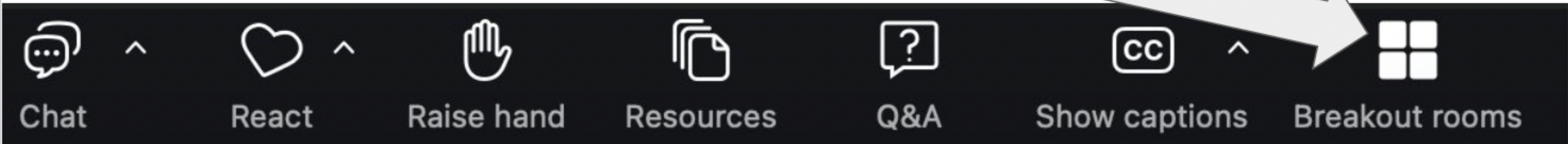
THANK YOU FOR COMING TOGETHER WITH US!

MPHA will not be facilitating the optional networking session after the conference. We invite you to take the lead! Use this time to connect with others, exchange insights, and strengthen our collective public health community.

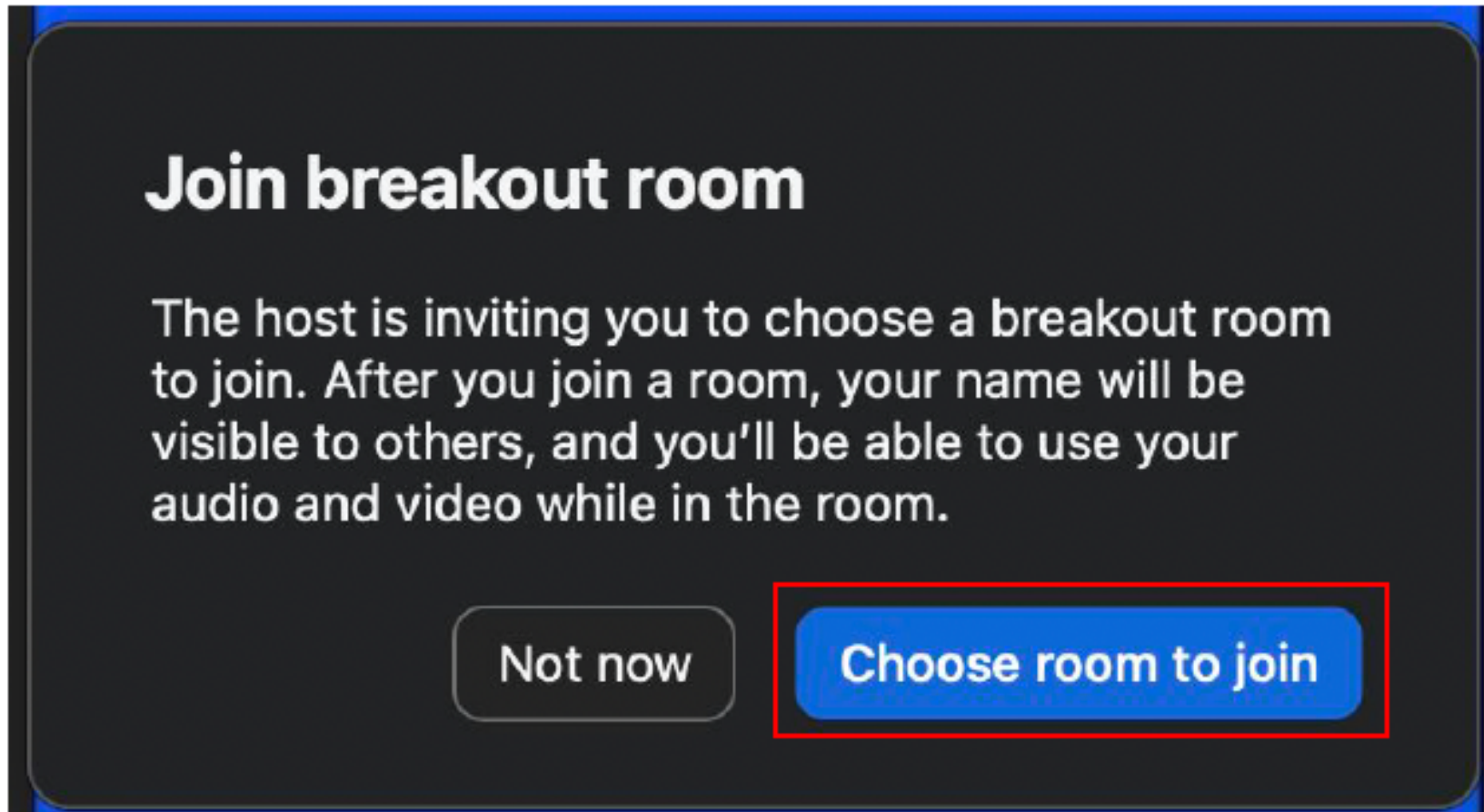


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