



Management Board Meeting With Principals' Staff Committee Participation

January 16, 2025
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Purpose: To bring all Chesapeake Bay Program partners to a common understanding about the path forward and timeline for Phase II of the partnership's Beyond 2025 work in response to the Executive Council's directive on the Watershed Agreement and CBP's organizational structure.

Agenda

- I. **Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions** (9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.)
Lee McDonnell, MB Acting Chair, will kick-off the meeting and facilitate agenda topics.
Materials: None

- II. **Review of proposal to evaluate Agreement Vision, Goals, and Principles** (9:05 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)
The PSC will lead an effort to propose minimal amendments to the Watershed Agreement's Vision, Goals, and Principles, in accordance with the 2024 Executive Council Charge on Beyond 2025, with a particular emphasis on weaving in climate and people considerations. This session will outline a proposed process and timeline for any proposed amendments.

Requested Action: none.
Presenter: Secretary Josh Kurtz, PSC Chair, MD DNR
Relevant Outcomes: All
Materials:
II. Agreement Amendments Proposed Process

- III. **Discussion of Structure, Governance, and Operational Management Framework**

(9:45 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.)

The MB and PSC will discuss developing a strategy for accomplishing the Executive Council Charge to simplify and streamline the structure and governance process for the partnership. A proposal to form a steering committee comprised of Management Board and partnership members to develop and implement a strategy to execute the Executive Council Charge will be discussed.

Requested action: Creation of Steering Committee.

Presenter: Lucinda Power, EPA CBPO and GIT 6 Co-Chair

Relevant Outcomes: All

Materials:

III. Presentation: Structure, Governance, and Operational Management Framework

Management Board Decisional Items

IV. Options for Near-Term Milestones (10:05 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.)

In September 2024, the partnership agreed to continue to use milestones during the interim period between 2026 and when new water quality targets are established by the partnership (approximately 2028 or 2029) to maintain efforts to implement the Phase III WIPs and meet interim targets. The Management Board directed the Water Quality GIT to develop recommendations for duration and structure of these “Near Term Milestones”. The purpose of this session is to review and come to consensus on a recommended option for “Near Term Milestones” to be presented to the PSC.

Requested action: MB affirmation of the WQGIT's recommended option for near term milestones.

Presenter: Suzanne Trevena, EPA, Jeremy Hanson, CRC

Relevant Outcomes: WIP Outcome

Materials:

IV. Recommended Option for Near Term Milestones

V. Process Flow for Outcome Review Meetings (10:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.)

The CBP Executive Council's is directing the PSC/MB to develop recommendations to update 2014 Watershed Agreement by December 1, 2025. The MB is tasked to carry out the EC charge regarding the evaluation of outcomes and make recommendations to the PSC on future outcomes. The purpose of this agenda item is to review and come to consensus on the process flow for the Outcome Review Meetings that will be conducted in Feb/March and culminate in final recommendations from the MB at their May meeting.

Requested action: decisional; approve process for Outcome Review Meetings

Presenter: Lee McDonnell, EPA, Bo Williams, EPA, Sarah Brzezinski, EPA

Relevant Outcomes: All

Materials:

V. Presentation: Process Flow for Outcome Review Meetings

VI. Break (11:35 a.m.– 11:45 a.m.)

VII. Discussion of Priority Projects (11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee identified a series of recommendations for improving the Chesapeake Bay Program's efforts in the areas of Science, Conservation and Restoration, and Partnership. Goal Implementation Teams were asked to coordinate with workgroups and other partnership bodies to submit priority project ideas to the MB that would help advance these recommendations and other key initiatives that will support implementation of the CBP Executive Council charge in the long run. The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the initial set of urgent project proposals that were submitted by January 3rd.

Requested action: Decisional; endorse priority projects for select goal teams.

Presenters: Bo Williams, EPA

Relevant Outcomes: All

Materials:

VII.a. Presentation: Priority Projects Introduction

VII.b. Priority Project Descriptions

VII.d. Presentations from Priority Project Leads

VIII. Open Partner Engagement Time (12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

This session is intended to provide time for an open dialogue between Management Board members, Chesapeake Bay Program partners, and any interested public who may have questions or comments on material discussed today. It is not intended as an opportunity to read in written testimony for the record. If entities/individuals have written comments they want to provide to the Chesapeake Bay Program, please submit them to:

comments@chesapeakebay.net.

Requested action: none

Presenter: Lee McDonnell, EPA

Materials: None

IX. Wrap Up and Adjourn (1:00 p.m.)