



Local Government Advisory Committee

to the Chesapeake Executive Council

Local Government Advisory Committee Actions and Discussion March 21-22, 2024

<u>Call to Order: Greetings and Introductions</u>	LGAC Chair Daniel Chao	Meeting called to order at 10:00 am
Panel: Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Advisory Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (Cole)• Stakeholders' Committee (Blackburn)• Local Government Advisory Committee (Cattell Noll)	<p>Meg Cole, Coordinator, CBP Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Contact: colem@chesapeake.org</p> <p>Jessica Blackburn, Coordinator, CBP Stakeholders' Committee Contact: jblackburn@allianceforthebay.org</p> <p>Laura Cattell Noll, Coordinator, CBP Local Government Advisory Committee Contact: lnoll@allianceforthebay.org</p>	<p>M. Cole presented on the purpose, scope, structure, and membership of the CBP Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee.</p> <p>J. Blackburn shared the purpose, structure, and recent annual recommendations of the CBP Stakeholders' Committee.</p> <p>L. Cattell Noll presented on the history, structure, purpose, and annual recommendations of the Local Government Advisory Committee; as well as discussed recent challenges and successes experienced by the Committee.</p> <p>Action: Staff to continue seeking additional opportunities for LGAC to collaborate with STAC and the Stakeholders' Committee.</p>
<u>Panel: LGAC Past and Present</u>	<p>Moderator: Penny Gross, LGAC Member</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phil Briddell, LGAC Emeritus• Bruce Williams, LGAC Emeritus• Kelly Porter, LGAC Member• Brianne Nadeau, LGAC Member	Long-serving LGAC members discussed how the Committee has evolved over the years, what challenges it has faced, its key successes, and potential opportunities to increase the Committee's impact.
Discussion on Possible Future Directions for LGAC	Facilitator: LGAC Chair Daniel Chao	LGAC Chair reviewed the Committee's mission and governance documents then led a discussion around re-evaluating LGAC's direction, structure, and function moving into 2025 and beyond.
Moving Forward: What are the next steps?	Facilitator: LGAC Chair Daniel Chao	Following discussion on LGAC's current structure and function, members shared next steps they would like to see to improve

		<p>the Committee's impact and effectiveness moving forwards.</p> <p>Members suggested the following minor changes to LGAC's Bylaws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership - consider at-large members and/or non-gubernatorial appointees • Leadership - add an overall Vice Chair and rotate among the jurisdictions as interested • Implement virtual voting <p>Members suggested the following minor changes to LGAC's Strategic Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore more active engagement with state officials • Coordinated communications and branding, including website • Stronger language around advising/recommending • Coordinating more with the other advisory committees <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will continue working with New York partners to fill the jurisdiction vacancy. • LGAC will convene a stand up ad hoc committee to make minor revisions to LGAC's Bylaws and Strategic Plan. • Staff will invite targeted state and local partners to LGAC meetings and events to continue strengthening the state/local relationship. • Staff will identify limitations/restrictions around lobbying and share with LGAC.
<p>Beyond 2025 Steering Committee and Other Chesapeake Bay Program Updates</p>	<p>Lucinda Power, Interim Chesapeake Bay Program Liaison to LGAC Contact: power.lucinda@epa.gov</p> <p>Keith Bollt, Life Scientist, Chesapeake Bay Program Office Contact: Bollt.Keith@epa.gov</p>	<p>L. Power and K. Bollt presented updates on the Chesapeake Bay Program Office's work, including a review of the Partnership's goals and outcomes, a summary of the revised Strategy Review System, and the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee's process and timeline.</p>
<p>Annual Business Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Elections for LGAC Chair and Vice Chairs 		<p>Action: Annual Elections for LGAC Chair and Vice Chairs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGAC Chair – A. McClellan nominated D. Chao as LGAC Chair,

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee Report (Chair) • Coordinator's Report (Coordinator) • Local Leadership Workgroup (LLWG) Report (Chair) • Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week (CBP Communications Office) 		<p>seconded by R. Baugh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Vice Chair – L. Lutz nominated M. Helfrich as PA Vice Chair, seconded by M. Qually. • VA Vice Chair – A. McClellan nominated R. Baugh as VA Vice Chair, seconded by P. Gross. • MD Vice Chair – J. Hastings nominated M. Dobbins as MD Vice Chair, seconded by K. Porter. • DC Vice Chair – D. Chao nominated B. Nadeau as DC Vice Chair, seconded by B. Nadeau. • At-Large Vice Chair – D. Chao nominated D. Phillips as At-Large Vice Chair, seconded by A. McClellan. <p>LGAC Chair spoke on recent engagement efforts with the CBP's STAC and Stakeholders' Committee to improve communications with the CBP's Management Board, Principals' Staff Committee, and Executive Council.</p> <p>Coordinator updated Members on the Chesapeake Bay Program's response to the 2023 LGAC recommendations, discussed proposed dates and themes for upcoming 2024 quarterly LGAC meetings, and provided updates on recent and upcoming local government engagement efforts.</p> <p>LLWG Chair shared that the Protect Local Waterways website has recently won an Anthem award and updated members on recent and upcoming local government engagement efforts throughout the watershed, including a Wandering Delmarva's Waterways tour on April 4 - 5, 2024.</p> <p>B. Martinez Penn from the CBP Communications Office provided some background on the Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week, presented this year's theme, and shared some communication materials for promoting the week across different platforms.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to share the 2023 LGAC Recommendations to the Executive
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Jurisdiction Meeting Report-Outs and Member Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC Report-Out: Brianne Nadeau DE Report-Out: Don Phillips MD Report-Out: Mark Dobbins PA Report-Out: Michael Helfrich VA Report-Out: Richard Baugh WV Report-Out: Jim Barnhart 	<p>DC - DC LGAC has been working with staff to plan a Wandering the District's Waterways Tour for late 2024.</p> <p>DE - Don Phillips has been working with staff on the upcoming Wandering Delmarva's Waterways Tour scheduled for April 4th and 5th, 2024.</p> <p>MD - Mark Dobbins and Josh Hastings have been working with staff on the upcoming Wandering Delmarva's Waterways Tour scheduled for April 4th and 5th, 2024. Members also shared updates from the current MD General Assembly session.</p> <p>PA - Members heard from Jill Whitcomb from DEP about the new PA Clean Water Gathering program. Members also expressed interest in having state partners regularly join PA jurisdiction and LGAC meetings going forwards.</p> <p>VA - Members discussed the importance of using external speaking engagements to share about LGAC and the importance of its</p>

		<p>work. The VA delegation had sent an introduction letter to newly elected officials back in early January and were rather disappointed by its response as it didn't generate any one-on-one conversations as they had hoped.</p> <p>WV - The Wandering West Virginia's Waterways Tour last June was very well received. The WV delegation has been continuing to work on protecting and restoring the region's waterways in partnership with the WV Save Our Streams program.</p>
<p>Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Draft Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Draft Recommendations • Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Draft Recommendations Aligned with LGAC Priorities 	<p>Anna Killius, Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission Contact: akillius@chesbay.us</p> <p>Don Phillips, LGAC Member, LGAC Representative on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee</p>	<p>A. Killius presented on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee's process and timeline, and shared the recommendations of the Climate Change, Healthy Watersheds, Clean Water, People, and Shallow Water Habitats small workgroups.</p> <p>Don Phillips facilitated a discussion around the Beyond 2025 small workgroup recommendations aligned with LGAC priorities and with local government impacts.</p> <p>Action: LGAC will discuss the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee recommendations further at the next LGAC quarterly meeting during the Beyond 2025 public feedback period this July and August. Staff will share the Spreadsheet of Recommendations Relevant to LGAC and Local Governments that was referenced during the discussion. Beyond 2025 Steering Committee materials including one-pagers for each recommendation are available on the Committee's webpage.</p>
<p>Final Thoughts/Actions from this Meeting</p>		<p>Staff shared action items from the meeting.</p> <p>New Business and Future Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members expressed interest in having a regular recurring meeting to review LGAC's Strategic Plan and progress towards established goals. Members would also like clear timelines and action items for established goals.

LGAC Members Present: Richard Baugh, Emeritus Member Phil Briddell, Daniel Chao, Frank Dawson, Mark Dobbins, Amy Dubois, Cindy Dyballa, Penny Gross, Josh Hastings, Michael Helfrich, Leo Lutz, Andria McClellan, Brianne Nadeau, Sheila Noll, Don Phillips, Kelly Porter, Marty Qually, John Thomas, James Wheeler, and Emeritus Member Bruce Williams.

LGAC & LLWG Staff: Kayli Ottomanelli and Laura Cattell Noll.

Speaker/Guests Present: Camryn Arnstein (MDE), Greg Barranco (EPA CBPO), Jessica Blackburn (Alliance), Keith Bolit (EPA CBPO), Maura Christian (VA DEQ), Meg Cole (CRC STAC), Carrie Decker (MD DNR), Rachel Felter (Alliance), KC Filippino (Hampton Roads PDC), Kate Fritz (Alliance), Gina Hunt (MD DNR), Anna Killius (CBC), Frank Mazza (CCAP), Martha Narvaez (UD WRC), Bianca Martinez Penn (EPA CBPO), Erin Penzelik (PA DEP), Lucinda Power (EPA CBPO), Khesha Reed (EPA CBPO), Kathy Stecker (MDE), Breck Sullivan (USGS & CBPO), James Sullivan (DNREC), Julia Wakeling (DOEE), Kacey Wetzel (Chesapeake Bay Trust), Jill Whitcomb (PA DEP), and Bo Williams (EPA CBPO).