



Principals' Staff Committee Meeting: Draft Agenda

August 20, 2025

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

*This meeting will be hybrid. For those who wish to attend in person, the meeting will be held at the U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office at 1750 Forest Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401.
Blue Crab and Oyster Conference Room*

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- I. Order of the Day and Introductions** **1:00 – 1:05 PM**
Secretary Josh Kurtz, PSC Chair, will kick-off the meeting and facilitate agenda topics.

Requested Action: None

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR

Materials: None

- II. Business Meeting and Partner Updates** **1:05 – 1:15 PM**
The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity for the signatories to offer any quick updates on items of interest to the PSC.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR and PSC members

Materials: None

- III. Approval of the Phase 7 Model Timeline Extension** **1:15 – 1:30 PM**
The Management Board recently approved an extension for the development of the Phase 7 suite of models, extending the model delivery date to January 1, 2027. The approval of the timeline extension is now before the PSC for review and decision. PSC members will also receive an update on discussions to identify improvements in efficiencies when the partnership updates its suite of modeling tools and evaluating the frequency of model updates.

Requested Action: **Decisional**; approval of the timeline extension for the Phase 7 suite of models.

Presenter: Lee McDonnell, EPA CBPO

Materials:

III. Presentation on Phase 7 Model Timeline

IV. Presentation from the Indigenous Conservation Council (ICC) 1:30 – 2:00 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the PSC members with an overview of the January 2025 ICC declaration, illustrate several working examples of how Tribes are working across both existing and proposed goals under the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*, and to share existing models of tribal-federal-state co-management/governance models/Indigenous Guardians programs. In addition, the ICC will provide their methodology of tribal lands of interest for expanding care and sovereignty.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Melissa Ann Ehrenreich, ICC Executive Director

Materials:

IV.a. PSC Presentation: ICC

IV.b. Letter to the Chesapeake Bay Program Executive Council from the ICC

IV.c. Pamunkey Indian Tribe Natural Resource Department Accomplishments & Activities

IV.d. Sea Grant Article Abstract

V. Update on Governance, Accountability, and Structure Work 2:00 – 2:50 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update from the small team charged with developing recommendations for streamlining and simplifying the partnership's accountability framework and governance processes. PSC members will also hear from the Management Board on its work to simplify the partnership's structural and organizational processes.

Finally, members will receive an update from GIT 6 on the final deliverables from the following PSC-directed activities on the Beyond 2025 structure and governance work, particularly as it pertains to documenting and implementing meeting best practices and conducting geographic program reviews.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Doug Bell, EPA CBPO; Lee McDonnell, Management Board Chair; James Martin and Lucinda Power, GIT 6 Co-chairs

Materials:

V.a. Presentation: GIT 6 Updates

V.b. Presentation: GAT Updates

VI. Review of Public Feedback Received on Revised Watershed Agreement 2:50 – 3:15 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide a high-level overview of the public feedback received thus far on the revised Watershed Agreement, including any overarching themes and proposed changes to the Agreement based on this public feedback.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Rachel Felver, ACB

Materials:

VI. Presentation: Public Feedback

VII. Discussion of Outcome Attainment Time Horizon 3:15 – 3:35 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to continue the discussion on potential time horizons for Goal and Outcome attainment under the revised *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*. Initial thinking from the June 27 PSC meeting focused on identifying timelines for the specific Agreement Outcomes, largely based on data availability, and then identifying one overarching deadline (also known as “the rallying point”) for when the partnership expects to accomplish its Agreement Goals.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR and PSC members

Materials: none.

VIII. Updates from the Executive Council (EC) Planning Committee 3:35 – 3:40 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to hear updates from the EC Planning Committee on the status of 2025 EC meeting planning.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Rachel Felver, ACB

Materials:

VIII. Presentation: Updates from EC Planning Committee

IX. Engagement with the Advisory Committees 3:40 – 3:55 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to hear feedback from the partnership’s four Advisory Committees on the day’s discussions and decisions.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Advisory Committee Chairs

Materials: None.

X. Review Actions & Decisions 3:55 – 4:00 PM

Secretary Josh Kurtz, PSC Chair, will review the actions and decisions from the meeting.

XI. Wrap Up & Adjourn 4:00 PM