

# Update on October 1 Executive Council Meeting

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# Where?

- Brock Environmental Center
- Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Arrival and lunch will be held in the Macon and Joan Brock Classroom.
- Public meeting will be held under a tent on the deck.



# Who?

## Current attendees:

- **Executive Council Members:**

- Virginia Governor Ralph Northam (Chair)
- Maryland Governor Larry Hogan
- Chesapeake Bay Commission Chair David Bulova (VA)

- **Designees**

- Delaware Director Division of Watershed Stewardship Terry Deputy,
- District of Columbia Director of Energy and Environment Tommy Wells
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding

- **Plus-Ones**

- Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Matthew Strickler
- Maryland Secretary of Natural Resources Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio (will attend boat trip)
- Maryland Secretary of the Environment Ben Grumbles (will attend public meeting)
- Chesapeake Bay Commission Executive Director Ann Swanson

# Who?

## Current attendees:

- **Guests/Educators**

- Pamela Northam, First Lady of the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Imani Black, Minorities in Aquaculture
- Andrew Button, Department Head, Conservation & Replenishment, Virginia Marine Resources Commission
- Melissa Deas, Acting Climate Resiliency Chief, District of Columbia
- Lisa Ayers Lawrence, Marine Education Program Leader, Virginia Institute of Marine Science
- Mark Luckenback, Associate Dean of Research and Advisory Services, Virginia Institute of Marine Science
- Chris Moore, Senior Regional Ecosystem Scientist, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Sarah Nuss, Education Coordinator, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

# When—Friday, October 1, 2021

## Arrival and Boat Outing

9:50—10:00 a.m.	Executive Council (EC) members, designees and plus-ones arrive
10:00—10:15 a.m.	<p>Governor Northam will welcome the EC members, designees and plus ones.</p> <p>Secretary Strickler will briefly outline the activities of the day.</p> <p>First Lady Pamela Northam will provide an overview about connections of the watershed to the Bay.</p>
10:15—10:30 a.m.	<p>EC Members, Designees, Plus-Ones and Educators Board the Virginia Institute of Marine Science' 43-foot Research Vessel, Tidewater</p> <p>The Tidewater will leave promptly at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Prior to departing, EC members, designees and plus-ones will be introduced to their Captain and Educators.</p> <p>Attendees will have to go through a short, mandatory safety training.</p>

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## Boat Outing

10:30—11:45 a.m.

### **Meaningful Watershed Education Experience**

EC members' time on the Lynnhaven River will include two stops: oyster restoration reef and a location to pull in a net and bring up a crab pot.

Between stops, educators will discuss living shorelines, tree canopies and oyster aquaculture.

Conversation will center around climate themes that resonant with all members and connect to the climate change directive.

Educators will be on-board to discuss fisheries, oyster restoration, tree canopy/heat islands, DEIJ and climate adaptation.

11:45 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

### **Interaction with Students**

EC members, designees and plus ones will meet with students that will be at the Brock Environmental Center that day.

# When—Friday, October 1, 2021

## Public Meeting and Lunch

12:00—12:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b> EC members, designees and plus-ones
12:30—12:35 p.m.	Governor Northam will give opening remarks.
12:35—12:38 p.m.	Governor Hogan will give remarks.
12:38—12:41 p.m.	Delegate Bulova will give remarks.
12:41—12:44 p.m.	Acting Regional Administrator Diana Esher will give remarks
12:44—12:48 p.m.	Ceremonial signing of climate directive
12:48—12:50 p.m.	Governor Northam will give closing remarks.
12:50—1:00 p.m.	Facilitated press conference

## Chesapeake Executive Council

### *Directive No. 21-1 Collective Action for Climate Change*



- Eight out of nine signatures obtained:
  - Delaware
  - District of Columbia
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - Maryland
  - New York
  - Pennsylvania
  - Virginia
- Per the CBP Governance document, the directive will still move forward.
  - *If at least seven of the nine EC member signatures have been obtained one month in advance of the EC meeting, the directive may still be issued at the EC meeting without all nine signatures. The missing signature(s) may be obtained either at the EC meeting or up to two months after the meeting. If the missing signature(s) are still not obtained two months after the EC meeting, the directive will be considered final and the unsigned signature lines will be struck from the document.*

# Climate Directive



# COVID Safety Protocols

Anyone entering the Brock Environmental Center must be vaccinated.

All attendees must wear a mask—inside, outside and on the boat outing.

The public will be encouraged to join the meeting via webcast, rather than attending in person.

Social distancing will be encouraged.

# Media Plan

- Media advisory was sent on Friday, September 17.
  - Media will be asked to follow the same COVID safety protocols.
  - If attending in-person, they will need to register in advance.
- Draft press release will be available tomorrow.
- **Request: Quotes for press release desired from all Executive Council members (not designees) by Wednesday, September 29.**

- Next Executive Council meeting to be held in December 2021.
  - Dates under consideration:  
Tuesday, December 14  
Wednesday, December 15
- Meeting will be held in Richmond, Virginia.

Looking  
Ahead

Questions?

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