



Stakeholders' Advisory Committee
TO THE CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Stakeholders' Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
February 22-23, 2024

The Commonwealth Suites

**901 Bank Street
Richmond, VA 23219**

Hybrid Meeting Access

[Zoom Link to Join Remotely](#)

This meeting will be recorded for internal use to assure the accuracy of the meeting notes.

The Stakeholders' Water Quality Subcommittee guided the Beyond 2025 meeting theme.

***Meeting Objective:* Through the lens of 2025 and beyond, learn and discuss the current thinking on the future of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed recovery effort and the Bay TMDL.**

Day 1: Thursday, February 22- Senate Room (Lower Level)

- 11:00 a.m. Call to Order and Welcome.....Chuck Herrick, Chair**
- Member Introductions and Ice-Breaker
 - Introduction of Guests
 - Welcome new members- [Sara Ramotnik](#) (MD) and [Bill Noftsinger](#) (VA)
- 11:15 a.m. Business Meeting**
- Chair Opening Remarks and Updates
 - Overview of meeting agenda and objectives
 - Approval of December Meeting Minutes
 - Leadership style and goals
 - CBP response to annual recommendations (Julie)
 - February Management Board meeting discussion
 - Future CBP engagement opportunities with the Advisory Committees
 - Coordinator's Report
 - Overview of Subcommittees
 - 2024 Priorities and Meeting Themes
 - Remarks by [Kate Fritz](#), CEO [Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay](#)
 - About the Alliance and the support of the Stakeholders' Committee
 - Procurement of additional support or resources
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. Panel: Briefing on Beyond 2025 Small Workgroups**
- The Chesapeake Bay Program's [Beyond 2024 Steering Committee](#) is charged with recommending a path forward that prioritizes and outlines the next steps for meeting the goals

and outcomes of the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*. The Steering Committee has created five topic-focused workgroups to develop draft recommendations from internal discussion, subject matter experts, and feedback from listening sessions with the interested public.

The leads for the topic-focus workgroups will share 10-minute briefings on their group's current thinking about their draft recommendations. Immediately following each briefing, Stakeholders' Committee members are invited to ask clarifying questions and offer helpful suggestions as the groups continue to refine their recommendations.

5-minute Opening Remarks (Matt Ehrhart, Water Quality Subcommittee Chair)

10-minute workgroup briefings and 10-minute member Q&A:

People

Climate

Healthy Watersheds

Clean Water

Shallow Water Habitats

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Panel: Beyond 2025 and the Bay TMDL

What is the Bay TMDL's origin story? How did it shift or coalesce the voluntary work of the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership? How do we maintain political and public momentum for clean water? How does the Bay TMDL relate to local TMDLs, living resources, community health, and economic benefits? How do we measure the success of the Bay TMDL beyond 2025? How are some organizations looking beyond 2025 on cross-cutting issues like climate, equity, and environmental justice?

Explore the questions and more with Bay watershed thought leaders:

- [Roy Hoagland](#), Senior Program Officer, [Virginia Environmental Endowment](#)
- [Hilary Harp Falk](#), President and CEO, [Chesapeake Bay Foundation](#)
- [Kristin Reilly](#), Director, [Choose Clean Water Coalition](#)

4:15 p.m. Break

4:30 p.m. Reflections and Discussion

Members share their thoughts on the day's discussion.

5:00 p.m. Meeting Recess

6:00 p.m. Shuttle to Reception and Dinner

The Boathouse at Rocketts Landing

Reception Guest Speaker: [Bill Street](#), President and CEO, [James River Association](#)

History and Opportunities for the James River

Day 2: Friday, February 23- Senate Room (Lower Level)

8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the meeting room

**8:30 a.m. CBP Updates.....[Lucinda Power](#)
Branch Chief, Partnerships and Accountability
EPA, Chesapeake Bay Program**

Martha Shimkin is the new Director of the Chesapeake Bay Program. Lucinda will serve as the Stakeholder's Committee interim liaison to the Chesapeake Bay Program Office.

- Understanding the CBP Office Leadership Roles
 - Key responsibilities of the Director, Deputy Director, and Branch Chiefs
 - Introduction and explanation of title and role
- EPA's roles in the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership
- Thoughts and opportunities to enhance the Advisory Committee's impact
- Forecast of big partnership decisions in 2024

9:15 a.m. Subcommittee Break-out Sessions

Break-out Session Questions:

- What is your Subcommittee's priority issue statement?
- What do you hope to uncover in your deep dive on the topic?
- What is the objective of your themed meeting or internal work?
- What additional information do you need to continue work on your priority?
- What experts or practitioners do you want to learn from?

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Subcommittee Reports

5-minute reports followed by 10-minute Q&A with full membership

- Conservation & Land Use
- Stewardship & Engagement
- Water Quality

11:30 a.m. Committee Discussion

- Action Items
- Wrap-up
- Closing Remarks

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Stakeholders' Committee 2024 Meetings

May 22-23 (MD); September 18-19 (PA); December 12-13 (TBD)