

Proposal for the PSC's Implementation of the Beyond 2025 EC Charge

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Principals' Staff Committee Meeting
January 29, 2025



Chesapeake Executive Council
*Charge to the Principals' Staff Committee:
Charting a Course Beyond 2025*

Toplines for the Revision Process

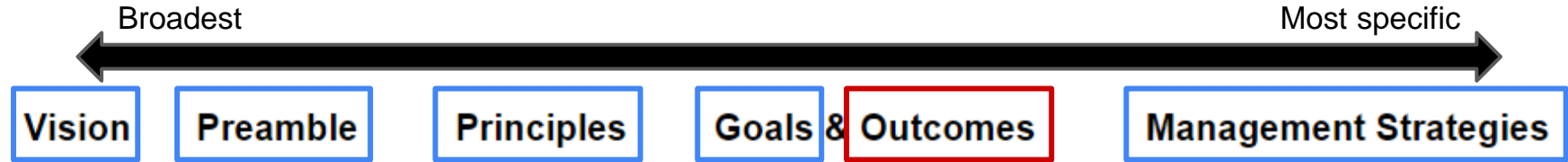
1. The PSC is directed to complete “revisions to the *2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*, not a new Agreement.”

- Revisions should be developed through a “transparent and inclusive process” that actively engages “Advisory Committees, academic and non-profit partners, and the general public.”

1. EC provided 7 stated requirements the revisions must meet:

- Greater emphasis on engaging all communities;
- Address water quality and living resources;
- Elevate conservation;
- Grounded in science;
- Goals and Outcomes need to be measurable and time bound;
- Acknowledge that scientific understanding is constantly evolving, so the *Agreement* must be adaptable; and
- We share a common goal, but are all coming at that goal from different perspectives.

Agreement Evaluations



- PSC will take the lead on the sections on either end of the spectrum: Vision, Preamble, Principles, Goals, and Management Strategies.
- PSC will direct the MB to address the most technical aspects, the Outcomes, and provide recommendations for PSC approval.
- PSC will direct MB to propose a simplified and streamlined structure and governance for the partnership

PSC/MB Collaboration and Upcoming Meetings

- Close communication between PSC and MB members is crucial:
 - Open MB meetings to PSC members;
 - Host “joint” meetings; and
 - PSC members are urged to stay in contact with their MB representatives.
- Both MB and PSC have draft processes for their respective parts of this revision process.
- With all (15) MB meetings and (5) PSC meetings scheduled for 2025, it is important to align and tightly coordinate plans at both levels.
 - Remain open to possible additional meetings that may be needed!

Proposed Timelines: Q1

PSC

Jan. 29th:

- In-depth discussion of Vision, Preamble, and Principles
- Approve this revision process and MB's milestone recommendations
- Feedback on MB's Outcome review process

Based on discussion, Chair's team drafts possible changes to Vision, Preamble, and Principles; circulates and manages feedback.

March 28th:

- Approve changes to Vision, Preamble, and Principles
- Feedback on MB Outcomes update
- Discuss Public feedback review process

January

February

March

Jan. 16th:

- "Joint" meeting with PSC

Feb. 13th & 27th:

- First and second rounds of Outcomes assessment

March 13th & 27th:

- Third round of Outcomes Assessment
- "Joint" meeting with PSC to complete Outcomes assessment; flag gaps/novel outcomes
- Discuss possible changes to Goals as well as structure and governance strategy

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Proposed Timelines: Q2

PSC

April 3:
Joint Advisory
Committee briefing
on status of
Outcomes

May 23rd:

- Review MB's recommended Outcome revisions
- Discuss possible changes to Goals and Management Strategies based on Outcomes
- Discuss MB structure and governance work

PSC approves all
changes for public
release on July 1st
(additional PSC
meeting to schedule
after June 12)

April

May

June

Management Board

April 10th:

- Approve final Outcome Disposition and novel Outcomes
- Begin updates to revise Outcome language

May 8th:

- Finalize recommended Outcome revisions
- Discuss possible changes to Goals and Management Strategies
- Discuss structure and governance work

June 12th:

- Review PSC direction and prepare final recommendation for public feedback

Proposed Timelines: Q3

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60-day partner engagement period (includes public webinar with Q&A)

Aug. 20th

- Feedback on MB's structure and governance recommendations
- Initial review of feedback from partner engagement period

July

July 10th:

- Structure and governance work

August

Aug. 14th:

- Initial recommendations for structure and governance work
- Initial feedback review from partner engagement period

September

Sept. 11th:

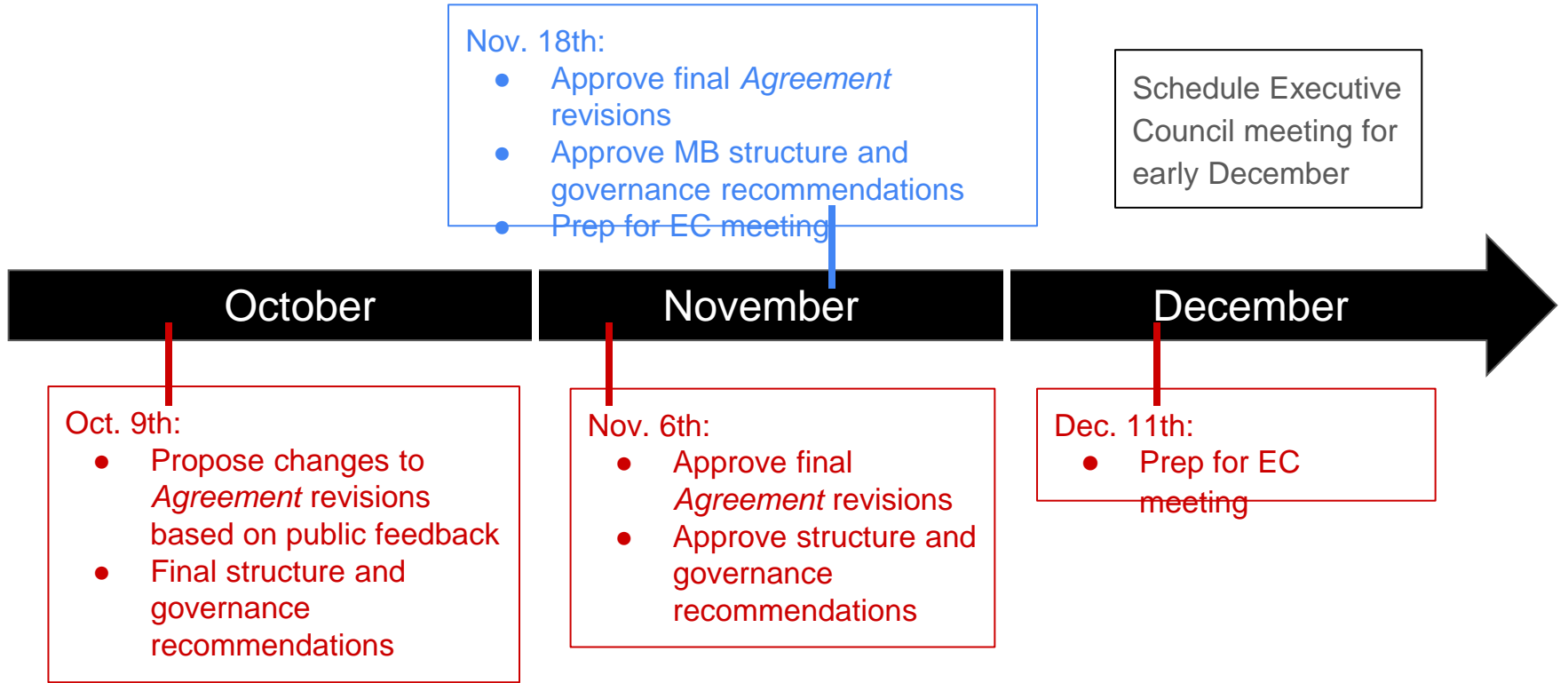
- Review, organize, and address public feedback

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Proposed Timelines: Q4

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Looking Forward: Structure and Governance

- The Enhance Partnering, Leadership, and Management GIT (GIT 6) will coordinate an informal process and develop a draft scope of work to accomplish the EC charge of simplifying and streamlining the structure and governance process for the partnership.
- GIT 6 will also pursue options to refine operational practices standardize the partnership meeting processes as well as action and decision documentation.