

Local Government Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda March 20-21, 2025

The Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Cambridge, MD

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Meeting Objectives:

- Understand the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and proposed changes
- Discuss LGAC's perspective on proposed changes to the Agreement

Thursday March 20, 2025: Schooner A/B Room

10:00 am Call to Order and Welcome to New Members

Daniel Chao, LGAC Chairperson

10:10 am Overview of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement

A summary of the latest agreement, including the current vision, principles, 10 goals, and 31 outcomes that have guided the work of the Chesapeake Bay Program over the last decade.

Presenters: Lucinda Power, Chesapeake Bay Program
Rachel Felver, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

11:00 am Overview of Proposed Changes to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement

A summary of the proposed changes to the agreement's vision, principles, and preamble, which are under consideration by the Principal's Staff Committee, and an update on the Management Board Outcome Assessments.

Presenters: Deputy Secretary Dave Goshorn, MD DNR Bo Williams, Chesapeake Bay Program

12:00 pm Lunch

Meet with caucus groups (urban, suburban, rural/small town) at labeled tables for informal discussion with peers from different jurisdictions.

1:00 pm Workshop: Discuss LGAC's Perspective on Proposed Changes to the Agreement

Plenary discussion on the proposed high-level revisions to the Watershed Agreement and breakout group discussions on proposed changes to the goals and outcomes of the agreement. Facilitator: Andria McClellan, VA LGAC Member

3:00 pm Tour of Cambridge, MD

Through a local government case study, explore how the federal and state commitments to cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay can support local priorities like flood mitigation, climate resilience, economic development, and tourism.

Speakers: Commissioner Brian Roche, City of Cambridge

Andrew Koslow, City of Cambridge

Susan Banks, Dorchester County Economic Development

5:00 pm Adjourn

6:30 pm Dinner in the Windjammer Room

Friday March 21, 2025: Schooner A/B Room

7:00 am Breakfast

8:00 am Welcome

Daniel Chao, LGAC Chairperson

8:10 am Annual Business Meeting

- Annual Elections for LGAC Chair and Vice Chairs
- Executive Committee Report (Chair and First Vice Chair)
- LGAC Coordinator's Report (Coordinator)
- Local Leadership Workgroup Report (Chair)
- Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week (CBP Communications Office)
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Update (CEO)

9:30 am Jurisdiction Meeting Report-Outs and Member Updates

10:00 am Chesapeake Bay Program Updates

Presenter: Deputy Director Khesha Reed, Chesapeake Bay Program

10:30 am Workshop: Setting the Stage for a Discussion on Conservation

To prepare for the June LGAC Meeting, begin to discuss land use challenges in the watershed, different definitions of conservation, and what it means to 'elevate conservation' within the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Facilitator: Josh Hastings, MD LGAC Member

11:45 am Final Thoughts/Actions from this Meeting

- New Business
- Future Agenda Items
- Action Items from this meeting

12:00 pm Adjourn

Next LGAC Quarterly Meeting: Thursday June 5th - Friday June 6th, 2025 (Richmond, VA)