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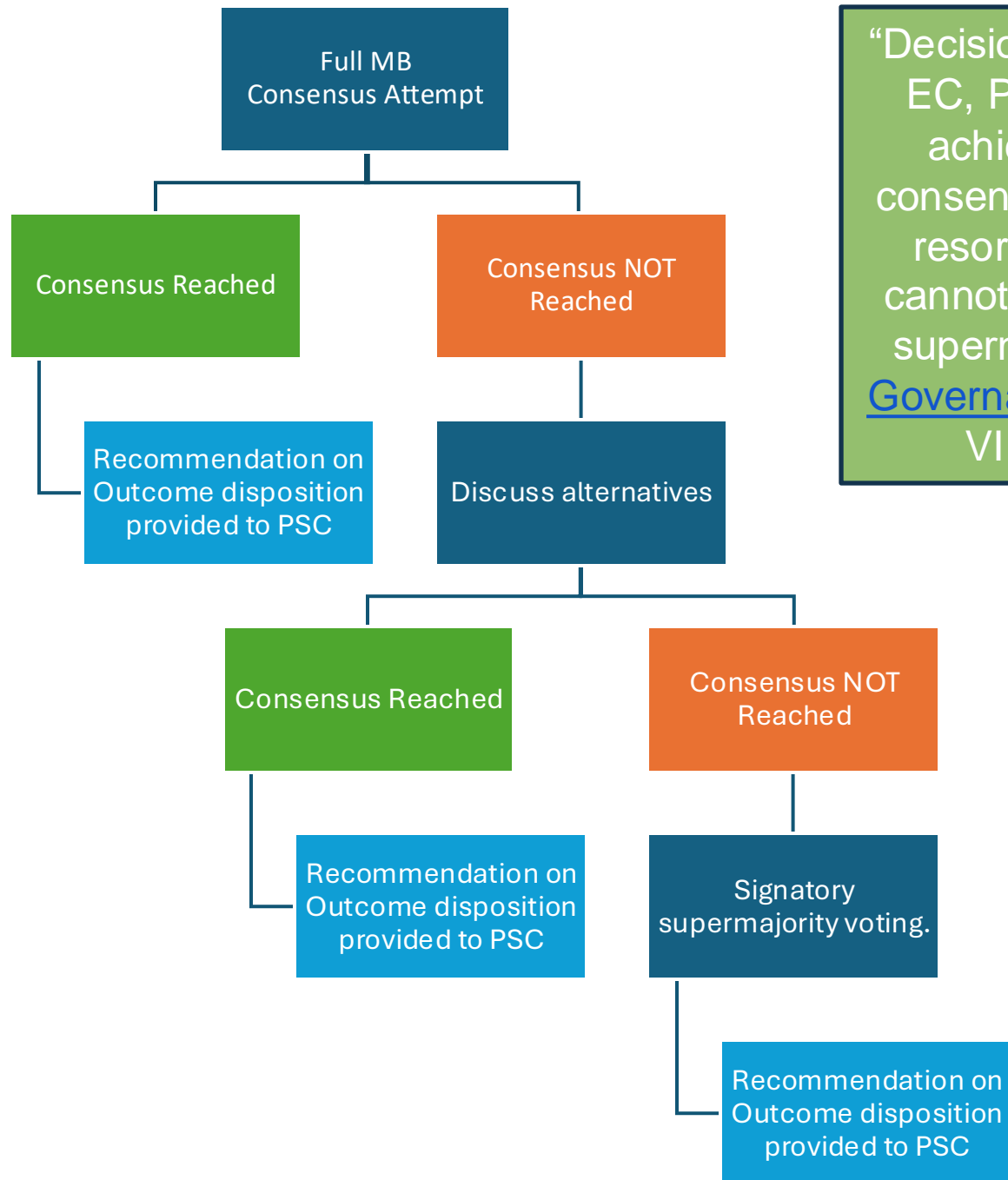
Chesapeake Bay Program



Management Board Outcome Disposition Meeting Consensus Agreement Process

March 27, 2025

Outcome Disposition Agreement Process



“Decision-making at the EC, PSC and MB is achieved through consensus or, as a last resort if consensus cannot be achieved, a supermajority vote...”
[Governance Document](#), VI.A. (pg 22).



Outcome Disposition: 1st Step

- **Consensus Attempt:** All voting and non-voting MB members will use the consensus continuum to respond to the statement “We support [X disposition] the [Y outcome].”
 - **X disposition:** The majority disposition for an outcome, as identified in the March 21st pulse check by all MB members.
 - **Example:** We support updating the Stewardship Outcome.
- The meeting agenda frontloads Outcomes for which consensus will likely be easier (based on strong pulse check agreement).



Consensus Continuum





Consensus Continuum Notes

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- “3 - Stand Aside” votes for outcome dispositions do not necessarily imply disagreement with the decision; such votes may indicate that the respondent does not actively participate in achieving the outcome.



Instructions for Casting Consensus Vote

- Respond in the tab with your entity's abbreviation.

1	<u>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</u>				
2	DATE	Date: February 10, 2025			
3	Pulse Check submitted by:	Lucinda Power			
4	Select dispositions per instructions below	GIT Recommendation	Outcome Disposition	Rationale for Outcome Disposition	Follow-up
5	Outcome 1 (Please select "Consolidate")	Consolidate	Consolidate	test	test
6	Outcome 2 (Please select "Reclassify")	Consolidate	Reclassify	test	test
7	Outcome 3 (Please select "Remove")	Replace	Remove	test	test
8	Outcome 4 (Please select "Replace")	Update	Replace	test	test
9	Outcome 5 (Please select "Update")	Update	Update	test	test
10	Outcome 6 (Please select "Stand Aside")	Update	Stand-Aside	test	test
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Instructions for Casting Consensus Vote

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112	MB Consensus Voting	Date: March 27, 2025		
113	Pulse Check submitted by:			
114	Outcome	MB Majority Disposition	Full Management Board Consensus sentence	Full MB Consensus Vote - RESPOND HERE
115	Sustainable Schools	Reclassify	We support reclassifying the Sustainable Schools Outcome	Select Disposition
116	Environmental Literacy Planning	Update	We support updating the Environmental Literacy Planning Outcome	Select Disposition
117	Student	Update	We support updating the Student Outcome	Select Disposition
118	Stewardship	Update	We support updating the Stewardship Outcome	Select Disposition
119	Diversity	Replace	We support replacing the Diversity Outcome	Select Disposition
120	Public Access Site Development	Update	We support updating the Public Access Site Development Outcome	Select Disposition
121	Protected Lands	Update	We support updating the Protected Lands Outcome	Select Disposition
122	Submerged Aquatic Vegetation	Update	We support updating the Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Outcome	Select Disposition
123	Oysters	Update	We support updating the Oysters Outcome	Select Disposition
124	Blue Crab Abundance	Update	We support updating the Blue Crab Abundance Outcome	F125 Disposition
125	Blue Crab Management	Remove	We support removing the Blue Crab Management Outcome	Select Disposition
126	Toxic Contaminants Research	Consolidate	We support consolidating the Toxic Contaminants Research Outcome	Select Disposition
127	Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention	Consolidate	We support consolidating the Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention Outcome	
128	Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Update	We support updating the Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring Outcome	1 - Stop
129	2017 Watershed Implementation Plans	Remove	We support removing the 2017 Watershed Implementation Plans Outcome	2 - Hold
130	2025 Watershed Implementation Plans	Update	We support updating the 2025 Watershed Implementation Plans Outcome	3 - Stand Aside
131	Black Duck	Reclassify	We support reclassifying the Black Duck Outcome	4 - Agreement with Reservation
132	Wetlands	Update	We support updating the Wetlands Outcome	
133	Local Leadership	Update	We support updating the Local Leadership Outcome	5 - Endorsement



Outcome Disposition: 2nd Step

- If **consensus is reached**, the disposition recommendation for the stated outcome will be provided to the PSC on March 28th. Stop here.
- If **consensus is not reached**, each dissenter will present their concerns on the proposal. The dissenting party/parties will supply an alternative proposal, which will be discussed by the full MB.



Outcome Disposition: 3rd Step

- Following discussion if **consensus is reached**, the disposition recommendation for the stated outcome will be provided to the PSC. Stop here.
- Following discussion if **consensus still is not reached**, an outcome disposition recommendation will be determined by signatory MB member supermajority voting, which will be conducted based on the majority Pulse Check disposition preference of signatory MB members.



Signatory Supermajority Process

- **More than two "Stop" and/or "Hold" votes are required to prevent consensus.**
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Recommendations to the PSC with Signatory Supermajority Voting

- If signatory supermajority voting is used to identify an outcome's recommended disposition, the following information will be provided to the PSC:
 - The outcome disposition recommendation determined by signatory supermajority voting
 - The supermajority vote of each signatory.
 - Each MB member's response to the consensus continuum vote.
 - The preferred disposition of each MB member, as submitted in the Pulse Check
- Provision of this information aims to promote transparency related to the decision and associated dissent.



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Outcome Consensus: Outcomes Where There IS Agreement

- **First 21 outcomes**
 - Take 5 minutes to submit your consensus vote
 - Review votes by outcome to determine if we have consensus



Outcome Consensus: Outcomes Where There Is NOT Agreement

- Final 10 outcomes, per outcome or outcome group
 - Brief discussion
 - Consensus vote – full MB
 - Review results
 - Continue per process



Outcome Disposition: Next Steps

- **March 28th PSC Meeting:** review MB Outcome recommendations and provide feedback, with special attention given to outcomes where MB signatory supermajority voting was utilized. Provide feedback for consideration by the MB.
- **April 10th MB Meeting:** Consider PSC input on recommended outcome dispositions. Approve final Outcome disposition list and novel Outcomes; begin updates to revise Outcome language.

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