



Management Board Meeting Agenda

December 11, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Purpose: The purpose of this Management Board (MB) meeting is to review and discuss the process and timeline for executing key priorities by June 2026, including the development of the Management Strategy template, revisions to Governance and Structure, and implementation of the Indigenous Charge. The MB will also consider a response to the recent STAC report and receive an update from NFWF regarding improvements and adjustments to their Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction grant program following their recent independent evaluation.

I. Meeting Introductions 9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Dan Coogan, MB Chair, will kick-off the meeting and will review the meeting purpose. Amy Handen will administer the roll call.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Dan Coogan, EPA, and Amy Handen, EPA

Materials: none.

II. Partnership Progress 9:05 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to review and recap progress made by the Partnership during the lapse in appropriations.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Facilitator: Leila Duman, MD DNR

Materials:

II. Presentation: Partnership Progress 12.11.25

III. Planning for Short- and Long-Term Partnership Priorities **9:25 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

The purpose of this agenda topic is to review the partnership's short- and long-term priorities. In the short term, the focus will be on developing the Management Strategy template, finalizing updates to the Governance and Structure framework, and implementing the Indigenous Charge. Looking ahead to the long term, the partnership will work to identify overarching priorities that will guide future efforts.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Dan Coogan, EPA

Materials: none.

IV. Governance, Structure and Management Strategies **9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

The purpose of this agenda topic is to discuss the process, timeline, and entities involved in executing the final phase of governance and structure revisions between now and July 1, 2026, when final adoption and full implementation of the structure and governance recommendations will occur. In addition, a presentation on the process to develop a management strategy template will be shared. The MB will discuss and gather feedback on a draft template, as well as share a timeline for approving the template and drafting the strategies over the 18-month period.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Dan Coogan, EPA; Doug Bell, EPA; Sarah Brzezinski, EPA

Materials:

IV. Presentation: Governance, Structure and Management Strategies 12.11.25

V. STAC Report Response **11:45 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this agenda topic is to approve the response to the recently released STAC report, "[Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to Advance Chesapeake Bay Research and Management: A Review of Status, Challenges, and Opportunities](#)".

Requested Action: Decisional. Approve MB response to STAC report.

Facilitator: Dan Coogan, EPA

Materials:

V. Draft Management Board Response to the STAC Report 12.11.25

VI. EPA Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction (INSR) Grant – NFWF Independent Evaluation

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic will be to review and discuss the outcome of the recent INSR independent evaluation and resulting improvements and adjustments to the program.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Jake Reilly, NFWF; Amy Mickel, The Stewardship Network; Sharon Farrel, The Stewardship Network

Materials:

VI.a. Presentation: NFWF INSR Update to the Management Board 12.11.25

VI.b. NFWF INSR Final Report to the Management Board 12.11.25

VII. Announcements / Business Meeting **12:45 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.**

The purpose of this agenda topic is to provide an opportunity for Management Board members to offer any brief updates on items of interest.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Dan Coogan, EPA

Materials: none.

VIII. Review of Actions and Decisions **12:55 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this agenda topic is to recap the decisions and actions captured from the day's discussions and deliberations.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Amy Hadden, EPA

Materials: none.

IX. Wrap Up and Adjourn **1:00 p.m.**