



Principals' Staff Committee: Agenda

Location: ***This meeting will be virtual, but some staff will be on-site if you'd like to attend in person. CBPO Office Conference room, 1750 Forest Drive, Annapolis Md. 21403.*

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January 29, 2025

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

- I. Order of the Day and Introductions** (1:00 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.)
Secretary Josh Kurtz, PSC Chair, will kick-off the meeting and facilitate agenda topics.

Requested Action: none.

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR

Materials: none.

- II. Business Meeting & Partner Updates** (1:05 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.)
 The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity for the signatories to offer any quick updates on items of interest to the PSC.

Requested Action: none.

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR

Materials: none.

- III. PSC Approval of Watershed Agreement Revisions Process** (1:20 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.)
 The purpose of this agenda item is for the Principals' Staff Committee to review and approve a high-level timeline for coordination of Principals' Staff Committee and Management Board tasks during 2025 to meet the Executive Council Charge.

Requested Action: Approval of Watershed Agreement Revisions Process

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR

Materials:

III.a. Proposed Watershed Agreement Revision Process

III.b. Presentation: Proposed Watershed Agreement Revision Process

IV. PSC Review of Watershed Agreement Vision, Preamble, and Principles (1:50 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.)

The purpose of this agenda item is to receive PSC suggestions and discussion on potential changes to the Vision, Preamble, and Principles sections of the [2014 Chesapeake Bay and Watershed Agreement](#). PSC members are requested to come prepared to propose changes to those three sections, if any. This is not a decisional discussion. Suggestions and comments will be compiled and posted to the PSC website at least 2 weeks prior to the March 28, 2025 meeting at which decisions will be requested.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; receive nominations of proposed changes to Vision, Preamble, and Principles.

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR

Materials: none

V. Update from MB on Outcome Review Process (2:20 p.m. – 2:40p.m.)

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Management Board to present to, and receive comments from, the PSC on the process that the Management Board plans to follow for reviewing, identifying, and ultimately recommending to the PSC changes to the current Watershed Agreement Outcomes.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; receive feedback from PSC on Management Board's proposed Outcome Review Process.

Presenters: Sarah Brzezinski, EPA

Materials:

V. Outcome Review Presentation

VI. Break (2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.)

VII. MB Recommendations on Milestones (2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.)

In September 2024, the partnership agreed to continue to use milestones during the interim period between 2026 and when new water quality targets are established by the partnership (approximately 2028 or 2029) to maintain efforts to implement the Phase III WIPs and meet interim targets. The Management Board directed the Water Quality GIT to develop recommendations for duration and structure of these "Near Term Milestones". The purpose of this session is to present the recommended option for "Near Term Milestones" to the Principals' Staff Committee for approval.

Requested Action: Approval of the MB recommended option for Near Term Milestones.

Presenters: Suzanne Trevena, EPA

Materials:

VI.a. Presentation: Recommended Option for Near Term Milestones

VI.b. Recommended Option for Near Term Milestones

VIII. Advisory Committee Comments

(3:20 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.)

- A. The purpose of this agenda item is to allow time for the Advisory Committees to provide brief comments on the meetings discussions and the larger Beyond 2025 process in general. Each Advisory Committee will be allotted approximately 5 minutes each.

Requested action: none.

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR

Materials: none.

- B. The purpose of this discussion is to gather insights from the PSC to form the response letters to the advisory committees based on their 2024 recommendations to the Chesapeake Executive Council. The response letters are due 90 days after the December 10, 2024 Executive Council meeting.

Requested action: none.

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR; Abel Olivo, Chair Stakeholders Advisory Committee; Daniel Chao, Chair Local Government Advisory Committee; Larry Sanford, Chair Science and Technical Advisory Committee

Materials:

VIII.B.1 High level summary of Advisory Committee recommendations

VIII.B.2 Letter from Stakeholders' Advisory Committee to the EC

VIII.B.3 Letter from Local Government Advisory Committee to the EC

VIII.B.4 Letter from Science and Technical Advisory Committee to the EC

VIII.B.5 Additional Stakeholders' letter to the PSC

IX. Review Actions & Decisions

(4:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Secretary Josh Kurtz, PSC Chair, will review the actions and decisions from the meeting.

X. Wrap Up & Adjourn

(4:30 p.m.)