



Management Board Meeting

August 10, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Purpose: Advancing partnership priority issues leading up to the September Principals Staff Committee and 2023 Executive Council meetings.

- I. Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions** (9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.)
Dave Campbell, Acting CBPO Director, will kick-off the meeting and facilitate agenda topics.
Materials:
I. MB Actions and Decisions from July 13, 2023
- II. Final Recommendation in Response to PSC Charges on CAST** (9:05 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)
The Water Quality Goal Team recently approved several recommendations in response to the Principals' Staff Committee's August 2022 charge to resolve actions related to the updates to the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST)2023. The WQGIT approved: 1) Option 1 for the Phase 6 CAST update schedule; 2) the short-term, interim resolutions to fertilizer data concerns that were developed by the Fertilizer Expert Group in response to the PSC Decision #2; and 3) the Watershed Technical Workgroup's (WTWG) recommendations in response to PSC Decision #3 charge regarding illogical results (data abnormalities) and safeguards to prevent data analysis errors.
Requested action: Seeking concurrence with the WQGIT's recommendations and to send forward to the PSC for final resolution.
Presenters: Lee McDonell (EPA), Tom Butler (EPA), Norm Goulet (Northern Virginia Regional Commission), Dr. Kaylyn Gootman (EPA), Cassie Davis (New York), Ruth Cassilly (UMCES), Gary Shenk (USGS)
Relevant Outcomes: Water Quality and multiple others
Materials:
II. Presentation: CAST Briefing
- III. Next Steps for the Watershed Agreement** (10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.)
The Executive Council, at its October 2022 meeting, charged the PSC with recommending a path forward that prioritizes and outlines the next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the Watershed Agreement leading up to and beyond 2025. Planning for how to implement the EC's charge are underway and being overseen by the Management Board.

THIS MEETING WILL BE RECORDED FOR INTERNAL USE TO ASSURE THE ACCURACY OF MEETING NOTES.

a. Reaching 2025: Discussion about Draft Report (30 minutes)

During the July 21 PSC meeting, the Reaching 2025 Steering Committee provided an overview of the committee's draft response to the EC's charge on charting a course to 2025. The draft report was shared for public review and comment thru August 21 and will be shared with the PSC for final concurrence during their September 26 meeting in advance of the October EC meeting. This session is an opportunity for partners to discuss the draft and ask clarifying questions.

Requested decision: None; the draft report is out for public comment.

Presenter: Rachel Felver (ACB) and Jeff Lerner (EPA), Reaching 2025 WG

Relevant Outcomes: All

Materials:

III.a. Presentation: Reaching 2025

III.b. Draft Reaching 2025 Report and Recommendations

b. Beyond 2025: Steering Committee Updates (20 minutes)

The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee held its second meeting on July 28. This session is a report out on that meeting and a discussion about how the committee will support public and NGO participation.

Requested action: Informational and deliberational only; no decision requested.

Presenter: Anna Killius (CBC) and Martha Shimkin (EPA), Steering Committee Co-Chairs

Relevant Outcomes: All

IV. Process for Considering Findings and Recommendations of CESR Report and STAC Rising Water Temperatures Reports (10:50 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.)

The Management Board and PSC have had several high-level presentations about STAC's Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR) and Rising Water Temperature Reports. The CBP Governance Document asserts that the MB should "respond to Advisory Committee reports in writing, within 90 days of receipt... and may be assigned by the MB to the appropriate GIT or Workgroup for consideration of response."

This session is an opportunity for MB members to talk about the process for addressing the recommendations and how the partnership can seek help from its committee structure through assignments to develop responses and recommendations to the reports.

Requested actions: Approve a process and assignments for developing draft responses to the CESR and Rising Water Temperature Reports.

Presenter: Dave Campbell, MB Chair (EPA)

Relevant Outcomes: Water Quality and multiple others

Materials:

IV.a. CESR Report

IV.b. CESR Report Executive Summary

IV.c. Presentation: Rising Temperatures

IV.d. STAC Rising Water Temperatures Report

V. Business Meeting (11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Discussion about future agenda items, key issues, and program updates.

Facilitator: Dave Campbell (EPA), Acting CBPO Director

- **Nomination of PPAT Chair**

- Decision Requested: The Plastics Pollution Action Team nominated Matt Gallagher of DOEE for chair of the PPAT. His bio is included in the MB meeting materials.

- **EC Planning Update**
 - Summary/discussion on the content of the meeting
- **Strategic Science and Research Framework (SSRF) and the Science Needs Database** – a brief update and high level overview of the SSRF and SND.
- **Creation of an Agriculture Advisory Committee** – Discussion about the State Secretaries' letter requesting the creation of an Agriculture Advisory Committee to the EC
- **In-person Meetings** – Question to MB members: Do you want to return to in-person meetings? If yes, how frequently and where?
- **Funding Opportunities** – Soliciting ideas for how to make it easier for local/community based organizations to find and apply for the various federal funding opportunities.
- **Job openings** – A reminder (per LGAC's request) that the partners should regularly post job openings on the partnership's watershed-wide resources website (<http://chesapeakenetwork.org/>) hosted by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.
- **Partner Announcements/Updates**

Materials:

- V.a. Bio for Matt Gallagher
- V.b. State Secretary Letter re Ag Advisory Committee
- V.c. Program Updates
- V.d. Management Board Proposal Public Stakeholder Membership and Engagement

VI. Wrap Up and Adjourn (12:00 p.m.)