



## Principals' Staff Committee

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**December 19, 2022**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions** (11:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.)  
*Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Adam Ortiz, will open the meeting, welcome PSC members, and review the agenda and actions/decisions from the August 29, 2022 PSC meeting.*  
Materials:  
I. Actions/Decisions from August 29, 2022 PSC meeting
- II. 2025 and Beyond: Next Steps for the Watershed Agreement and Bay TMDL** (11:05 a.m.– 11:15 a.m.)  
The Executive Council, at its October 2022 meeting, charged the PSC with recommending a critical 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. In this session the PSC will discuss a path forward for responding to the EC's charge.  
Decision requested: Assign the Management Board the responsibility for developing recommendations for implementing the EC's charge related to 2025 and Beyond.  
*Presenter:* Kandis Boyd, Director, EPA Region III Chesapeake Bay Program Office  
*Relevant outcomes:* All  
Materials:  
II.a. Presentation: 2025 and Beyond  
II.b. Outcome Status Summary  
II.c. EC Charge to the PSC
- III. Budget Briefing** (11:15 a.m. –11:45 a.m.)  
EPA staff will provide an update on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2022 and its implications for the fiscal year 2023 CBPO budget and grants.  
Decision: None Requested; information only

*Presenter:* Martha Shimkin, Deputy Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office, and Autumn Rose, CBPO Grants Coordinator

*Relevant outcomes:* All Watershed Agreement outcomes

*Materials:* No Presentation

**IV. Executive Council Meeting Planning** (11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

A committee has been formed to begin planning for the 2023 Executive Council meeting which will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chesapeake Bay Program. The CBP Communications Office will provide an update on current planning efforts and seek PSC direction.

*Decision:* Informational only

*Presenter:* Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director

*Relevant outcomes:* All

*Materials:*

No materials

**BREAK** (12:00 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.)

**V. Latest Developments on the Conowingo WIP** (12:10 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.)

During its July 2022 meeting, the PSC reached consensus that the Susquehanna jurisdictions (PA, NY, and MD) can address the Conowingo nutrients loads through the actions outlined in the Conowingo WIP using a phased approach that extends beyond 2025. This phased approach will allow time to build the organizational infrastructure to implement the Conowingo WIP. The Chairs of the Conowingo WIP Steering Committee will provide a brief update on the latest developments related to the Conowingo WIP and its associated nutrient loads.

*Decision:* Informational only

*Presenters:* Matthew Rowe and Jill Whitcomb, Conowingo Steering Committee Co-chairs

*Relevant Outcomes:* 2025 WIP Outcomes

*Materials:*

V. Presentation: Update on the Conowingo WIP

**VI. Update on Solutions to Resolve Issues with CAST** (12:25 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.)

Since the PSC's special meeting in August 2022 to discuss partner concerns related to the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST)-2021, the partners have held several follow-up meetings seeking consensus on a path forward for the three actions from the PSC's August meeting. This is an update on the partners' progress to date.

*Relevant Outcomes:* Water Quality and multiple others

*Presenters:* Kandis Boyd, Management Board Chair and Dave Goshorn, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

*Materials:*

VI. Presentation: CAST Briefing

**VII. Business Meeting** (12:50 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

*PSC Chair Adam Ortiz* will facilitate a discussion on the following topics:

- Review Actions/Decisions
- Partner Updates
- Future Agenda Items
- CBP Program Update

Materials:

VII. CBP Program Update

**VIII. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn** (1:00 p.m.)