



**Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership
Principals' Staff Committee**

**May 22, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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Agenda

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Secretary Ben Grumbles, will open the meeting, welcome PSC members, and briefly review actions & decisions from the January 24 PSC meeting.
Materials:
I. PSC Actions & Decisions, January 24, 2020

- II. **Effects of COVID-19 on Watershed Implementation and Bay Health** 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Challenges and opportunities: Partners will discuss how the COVID19 pandemic has affected and continues to affect their operations and resource management efforts (based on responses to the letter that the EPA Region III Administrator sent to partners) and their ability to meet partnership timelines. Likely Impacts on actions to achieve Watershed Agreement goals and outcomes and on organizations needed to achieve those actions, especially on disadvantaged/vulnerable populations and how the partnership might turn these circumstances and efforts to restart the economy into positive, long-term benefits for people and the watershed ecosystem will also be discussed. This discussion should also inform planning for the proposed August meeting of the Executive Council.
Discussion Leads: Cosmo Servidio, EPA RA, and Ben Grumbles, Chair

- III. **2020 Executive Council Meeting Planning** 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Planning for an August 18 meeting of the Executive Council is still underway.
 - A. **Logistics and Themes** (30 minutes)
Partners will discuss the EC Planning Committee's proposed themes, logistics, and other ideas for the EC meeting.
Presenter: Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director
Requested decision: PSC input and direction on ideas for the meeting's theme and logistics.
Materials:
 - III.a. Executive Council Presentation
 - III.b. Briefing Paper

B. CBP Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Strategy and Statement (45 minutes)

At its May 14 meeting, the Management Board (MB) reviewed the CBP DEIJ Strategy and an accompanying Strategy Endorsement Statement and is recommending that the PSC formally endorse the strategy. In addition, the MB approved a CBP DEIJ Statement and recommends it to the PSC for approval and recommendation for adoption by the Executive Council during its August 2020 meeting.

Requested actions and decisions:

1. Formal endorsement of the DEIJ Strategy and agreement to sign accompanying “Strategy Endorsement Statement”.
2. Approval of the CBP DEIJ Statement for the Executive Council’s adoption at its August 2020 meeting.

Discussion lead: Jim Edward (EPA), Diversity Workgroup Chair; Wendy O’Sullivan (NPS), Vice Chair

Materials:

- III.c. DEIJ Strategy
- III.d. Proposed DEIJ Endorsement of Strategy
- III.e. Proposed DEIJ Statement

IV. Conowingo WIP Development and Revised Timeline 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

An update from the Conowingo Steering Committee on development of the Phase III Conowingo WIP, financing strategy, revised timeline and other progress

Requested action and decisions:

1. Direction on **Guiding principles** to
 - narrow down the options based on:
 - **source sectors**
 - **geographies**
 - **Effectiveness**
 - Can draft WIP have multiple scenarios included for public input?

2. **Revised Timeline** (currently draft July, final November)

Presenters: Matt Rowe, MDE and Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP

Materials:

IV. Presentation

V. Business Meeting 11:45 p.m. – 11:55 a.m.

Discussion about future agenda items, partner updates and highlights from the May 2020 Program Update.

- Call for future agenda items
- Partner issues and updates
- Program updates

Discussion Lead: Ben Grumbles, Chair

Materials:

- V.a. PSC Actions & Decisions, January 2020
- V.b. Program update

VI. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn

11:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.