



Principals' Staff Committee Meeting: Agenda

October 28, 2025

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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Meeting materials: Principals' Staff Committee Meeting – October 2025

I. Order of the Day and Introductions 1:00 – 1:05 PM

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 and Partner Updates 1:05 – 1:15 PM

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; discussion only.

Presenters: Representatives from Signatory Partners

Materials: None

Meeting the Chesapeake Executive Council's Charge on Beyond 2025

III. Approval of the Amended Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement 1:15 – 2:00 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the final amendments to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (Agreement) for submission to the Chesapeake Executive Council. A summary of the 2024 Executive Council's Charge of Beyond 2025 and where we are now in the process will be provided. In addition, a recap of the October 9 Management Board meeting will highlight the four major policy issues that required a supermajority vote: (1) Agreement time horizon, (2) language on the Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Sediment Target, (3) language on Waterbirds in the Agreement, and (4) timing of evaluation and updates to the Management Strategies.

As part of the request to approve the amended Agreement, the PSC members will be asked to discuss how the amended Agreement fulfills the 2024 Executive Council's Charge on Beyond 2025.

Requested Action: Consensus approval of the amended Agreement for submission to the Chesapeake Executive Council

Presenter: Josh Kurtz, MDNR and Dan Coogan, EPA

Materials: Amended Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement

IV. Discussion of Interim Structure and Governance Recommendations 2:00 – 3:00 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the recommendations from the Management Board on an interim structure for the partnership and the recommendations to simplify and streamline the partnership's governance and accountability processes and procedures, knowing that this work will continue in the early 2026 timeframe. The intent is to approve these interim recommendations at the November 6 joint meeting of the Management Board and PSC.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Anna Killius, CBC and Adrienne Kotula, CBC

Materials: Interim Structure, Governance and Accountability Recommendations

Planning for the December 2025 Chesapeake Executive Council (EC) Meeting

V. Approval of the EC Meeting Agenda 3:00 – 3:20 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss and approve the agenda for the December 2, 2025, Chesapeake Executive Council meeting. The meeting will be held at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland.

Requested Action: Approval of the December 2, 2025, Executive Council meeting agenda

Presenters: Leila Duman, MDNR and Rachel Felter, ACB

Materials: Proposed final agenda for the Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting

VI. Discussion of the Chesapeake Executive Council Charge: Tribes as a Formal and Enduring Partner in Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership 3:20 – 4:00 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the draft Executive Council charge to develop recommendations on how best to involve federally recognized tribes across the watershed as partners through formal channels of the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership. A formal decision on the EC charge will be requested at the November 6 joint meeting of the Management Board and the PSC.

Requested Action: None; Discussion only.

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR and Anna Killius, CBC

Materials: Draft EC Charge

Other Items of Business

VII. Approval of Near-Term Milestone Schedule 4:00 – 4:15 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the near-term milestones schedule and review EPA's revised expectations for milestones. In January 2025, the PSC agreed to continue use two-year milestones during the interim period between 2026 and when new water quality targets are established by the partnership to maintain continuity and accountability toward meeting the interim targets and Phase III WIPs. The PSC requested that the Management Board define a schedule for this "near-term" period and for EPA to develop expectations. The Management Board approved the near-term milestones schedule at its October 9 meeting, and it is now before the PSC for final approval.

Requested Action: Approval of the near-term milestones schedule

Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA

Materials: Presentation

VIII. FY25 EPA Budget Update

4:15 – 4:30 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is for EPA to provide an update on its FY25 budget for the Chesapeake Bay Program Office.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Khesha Reed, EPA and Autumn Rose, EPA

Materials: Presentation

IX. Engagement with the Advisory Committees

4:30 – 4:50 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to hear feedback from the partnership's four Advisory Committees on the day's discussions and decisions.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Advisory Committee Chairs

Materials: None.

X. Review Actions & Decisions

4:50 – 5:00 PM

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

XI. Wrap Up & Adjourn

5:00 PM