

Executive Council Planning Team Minutes

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Potential Agenda Topics

• While agenda topics should mostly connect to Beyond 2025, at this time we should not turn away agenda items .

- It's possible that most topics will organically tie back in some capacity.
- The Executive Council should be used to reset and establish the roles of the Advisory Committees, especially as it relates to Beyond 2025.
 - Advisory Committee Chairs would welcome a more specific conversation around their roles within the partnership.
 - This idea will bring the advisory committees forward and help advocate for their more increased engagement within the partnership.
 - o This idea was raised due to the potential of having an Agriculture Advisory Committee. If drafting a directive for the EC to sign in support of this is on the table, can it also include support of all advisory committees?
- Most members of the Planning Committee like the idea of highlighting successes from around the partnership.
 - A point was made that while this would be nice, something of an awards ceremony might feel off course for the point of the meeting.
 - The Chesapeake Bay Commission and EPA could not participate in any type of awards.
 - Some partner programs do not have the tenure to be highlighted in this capacity, meaning that not all of the work would actually be recognized.
 - O Storytelling successes would really humanize the on-the-ground work being done to everyone.
 - The possibility of having a video clip of highlights to show would be great, but we would need to be careful about the messaging in it.
 - This would be an excellent way of demonstrating the work that is being accomplished, while still emphasizing that there is a lot of work left to be done.

- A few Planning Committee members explained they did not see their EC member attending if there is no room to highlight successes.
- This topic has been tabled for now, and Rachel Felver will discuss the possibility of a video with her team.

Potential Meeting Dates

• After input from all states, December 10 or 11 are potential dates.

Logistics

- The Governor's Mansion is still a potential venue option, although finding a location in Baltimore might provide the opportunity to tour the Key Bridge site as a field trip after the meeting.
- Having a brunch/breakfast meeting over a sit-down brunch may be preferable but may pose an issue for member travel arrangements.