



Executive Council Planning Team

Minutes

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Logistics:

- Meeting will be on December 10, 2024 pending Governor Moore's confirmation.
 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 - Meeting will most likely take place at the Governor's Mansion/State House in Annapolis, Md.

Meeting Agenda Discussion

- Advisory Committees continued work and Beyond 2025 are going to be major topics of discussion on the meeting agenda, we likely will not need more.
 - Since this is a relatively short meeting, we do not want to overwhelm members with too much on the agenda.
- Different options presented for what type of action the EC will take at the meeting. Potential actions include:
 - Reaffirming commitment to Advisory Committees.
 - Choose Clean Water would like some sort of new charge from the Management Board and PSC.
 - Having something tangible at the EC meeting to charge our work for phase 2 of Beyond 2025.
 - At the December 2024 meeting:
 - Executive Council signs a recommitment to all 31 outcomes in the *2014 Chesapeake Watershed Agreement*.
 - The Executive Council signs a directive to the Principals' Staff Committee to:
 - Lead a revision of the current 31 outcomes and identify suggested changes to bring to the Executive Council at their 2025 meeting.
 - Sunset the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee and begin an open stakeholder-centered process.
 - Incorporate the impact of climate and population growth, and ensure our goals are viewed through the lens of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.
 - Having this be something that EC members can sign.
 - The Ag Advisory Committee was suggested as a team to draft this document.
 - Beyond 2025 Recommendation and Report
 - By the 2025 Executive Council meeting:

- Prepare updates and edits to the Watershed Agreement’s vision, principles, existing goal statements and management strategies to ensure that the partnership is best positioned to engage the people of the watershed and attain the partnership’s shared goals and outcomes, given an evolving understanding of changing conditions and emerging challenges.
 - The EC should restate their commitment to the partnership, with intent for continued and future collaboration.
- Beginning with the 2026 EC meeting:
 - The partnership should review all outcomes and reaffirm, refine or refresh their scope to ensure they are specific, measurable and time-bound targets that contribute to achieving the partnership goals, ensure mutual commitment, provide strong direction to the partnership and continue to drive accountability and progress evaluation.
 - The EC will approve a commitment to a renewed partnership.
- Draft directives/agreements for the Executive Council will move through the Management Board and PSC prior to going to the EC. This will most likely happen at the October meetings.
 - Any signatures must be received a month in advance.
 - The link to an example of a directive from 2017 can be found here: https://d18lev1ok5leia.cloudfront.net/chesapeakebay/documents/chesapeake_executive_council_resolution_in_support_of_bay_program_2.pdf

Other

- Since the next planning meeting is scheduled on a holiday, we will aim to reschedule a short check-in before the upcoming PSC meeting on the 18th or 20th of June.