



Executive Council Planning Team Minutes

July 17, 2024

Participants

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Laura Cattell Noll (LGAC)

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Cassie Davis (NY)

Logistics:

- The meeting will take place on December 10, 2024 at the (tentatively) Governor's Mansion/State House from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 - Room reservations are waiting to be approved, it is possible we may need to reserve more space as a higher attendance than previous years is expected.
- The theme of the meeting will be *Charting a Course Beyond 2025*

Discussion:

- The PSC directs the Agriculture Action Team to develop an EC Directive that formally establishes the AAC. The Directive will be reviewed and discussed by the PSC at its September 17 meeting and will be brought up for approval at the PSC's October 25 meeting with final adoption by the EC at its December meeting.
 - Greg Barranco will follow-up with the Ag Advisory Team to see what the status is re: draft directive
 - Should the reaffirmation of the other advisory committees be folded into this advisory committee directive?
 - The two directives should likely be separate
 - Message might get lost or diluted if put into one
 - Role of advisory committees should be seen as more of a resolution rather than a directive
 - The language for the 'defining roles of the existing Advisory Committees' directive will mainly be pulled from the [March letter sent to the PSC](#)
 - PSC doesn't mention role of advisory committees in this directive, it should therefore be another document
 - GIT 6 should define and guide between a directive and a resolution.
- Closed Meeting agenda items



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- Martha will decide whether the Director's update will take place during the closed meeting or during the public portion
- The suggestion was made to take the closed meeting opportunity to have MD and VA discuss how to handle issues regarding blue crabs and striped bass. This suggestion was not responded to favorably by the planning committee.
 - It may be better to focus on the Beyond 2025 effort in order to boost attendance
- Many think it would be a good idea to have members sign the advisory committee directive at the public portion of the meeting as opposed to privately
- Public Meeting Agenda
 - Bringing in a speaker that is at a similar level as the Governors if not higher would be most valuable in this setting as they are more likely to be enthusiastic about listening
 - Possible speakers include:
 - Members of US Congress
 - White House staff
 - US Secretary of Agriculture
 - Senator Ben Cardin
 - Youth Conservationists (Possibly someone from Future Farmers of America)
 - We should maybe avoid national level politicians with this meeting taking place so soon after this year's election.
 - How can we shorten member remarks this year?

Other:

- EC Member bios as well as other briefing book materials are needed by November 15.
- Invitations from Governor Moore are currently being drafted and are expected to go out mid to late August.
- Background materials
 - [AC Joint Letter to the PSC Feb 2024](#)
 - [AC Letter to PSC Chair April 3 2024](#)