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Management Board Meeting

August 14, 2025
 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Purpose: The Management Board will discuss several topics related to the governance and structure of the partnership, as part of the Executive Council's Charge on Beyond 2025, including the plan and process for developing recommendations for the PSC and EC.

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Draft Agenda

I. Meeting Introductions

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Lee McDonnell, MB Acting Chair, will kick-off the meeting and facilitate agenda topics. Amy Handen, EPA, will administer roll call.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA and Amy Handen, EPA

Materials: None

II. Review July MB Meeting Actions and Decisions 9:05 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to review the actions and decisions from the July 10 MB meeting.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Facilitator: Lee McDonnell, EPA

Materials:

II. July 10 MB Actions and Decisions Document

III. Fall Meeting Schedule / Retreat Update 9:10 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an overview of the fall meeting schedule including a preliminary draft of the MB retreat agenda, logistics, etc.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Facilitator: Lee McDonnell, EPA

Materials:

III.a. Fall Meeting Planning

III.b. MB Retreat October 2025 DRAFT Agenda

IV. Public Feedback Overview 9:20 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to review feedback received thus far on the revised Watershed Agreement during the open public feedback period, including any overarching themes and proposed changes to the Agreement based on this public feedback.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Rachel Felver, ACB

Materials: TBD

V. GIT6 Updates 9:40 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to receive an update on the PSC- and MB-directed governance activities being conducted by GIT 6; specifically, an overview of the meeting best practices document and an update on the geographic program reviews. MB members will be invited to provide input and discuss.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Lucinda Power, EPA and Katie Ayers, EPA

Materials:

- V.a. CBP Meeting Best Practices Appendix for Review
- V.b. CBP Meeting Agenda Template for Review
- V.c. CBP Meeting Minutes Template for Review
- V.d. Compiled Feedback on CBP Meeting Best Practices Appendix
- V.e. Compiled Feedback from Management Board on CBP Meeting Best Practices Appendix
- V.f. GIT 6 Structure and Governance Updates presentation

VI. Governance

9:55 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to receive an update from the Governance and Accountability Team (GAT) following their deliberative meeting on July 31st. The update will include a synthesis of high-level issues identified, a visual and/or narrative of how the issues are connected and prioritized, and an initial sense of recommendations (e.g., alignment vs. diversity of opinion). The team will outline their next steps for developing recommendations to consider at their August deliberative meeting (last week of August, TBD).

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Doug Bell, EPA; Sarah Brzezinski, EPA, GAT Team Members TBD

Materials:

VI. Governance and Accountability Team MB Update August 2025

VII. Break

10:25 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

VIII. Structure

10:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to discuss the scope and timeline for developing recommendations on organizational structure, including sharing the recommendations provided by the MB in advance of the meeting.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Doug Bell, EPA

Materials: TBD

IX. Placeholder Outcome Targets

12:05 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to review anticipated development deadlines for revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement targets with placeholders and plans to develop targets. This high-level presentation will introduce questions that will be posed to Management Board members for decisions during the September meeting. Please refer to individual Target Flightpath documents for placeholder development plans and timelines.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Sarah Brzezinski, EPA

Materials:

IX.a. Outcome Placeholder Development presentation

IX.b. Outcome Targets with Placeholders

IX.c. Target Flightpath – Brook Trout, Fish Habitat, Wetlands

- IX.d. Target Flightpath – Public Access
- IX.e. Target Flightpath – Protected Lands Targets
- IX.f. Target Flightpath – Healthy Forests and Trees

X. Open Feedback Period

12:20 p.m. – 12:35 p.m.

This session is intended to provide time for feedback from the interested public who may have questions or comments on material discussed today. As time allows, feedback may be received from Chesapeake Bay Program partners. Please limit comments to three-minutes maximum. This is not intended as an opportunity to read in written testimony for the record. If entities/individuals have written comments they want to provide to the Chesapeake Bay Program, please submit them to: comments@chesapeakebay.net.

XI. Announcements / Business Meeting

12:35 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity for the MB members to offer any brief updates on items of interest to the MB.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Lee McDonnell, EPA

Materials: N/A

XII. Review of Actions and Decisions

12:45 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda item is to recap the decisions and actions captured from the day's discussions and deliberations.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Amy Handen, EPA

Materials: N/A

XIII. Wrap Up and Adjourn

12:55 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.