

## EC Planning Meeting - August 10, 2022

### Participants:

Carin Bisland, EPA CBPO (Chair)

Rachel Felver, ACB CBP (Chair)

Garrett Stewart, CRC CBP (Staffer)

Marisa Baldine, CRC CBP (Staffer)

Amanda Davis, DE DNREC

Dave Goshorn, MD DNR

Greg Baranco, EPA CBPO

Jennifer Starr, LGAC

Jennifer Walls, DE DNREC

Jess Blackburn, CAC

Julia Wakeling, DC DOEE

Marel King, CBC

Matthew Rowe, MDE

Meg Cole, STAC

Scott Settle, WV DEP

Shane Gutsie, PA DEP

Teresa Koon, WV DEP

Travis Voyles, VA DEP

- **Briefing book**

- The 2022 EC Briefing Book page can be accessed here:

[https://www.chesapeakebay.net/ecbrief/2022\\_executive\\_council\\_meeting\\_briefing\\_book](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/ecbrief/2022_executive_council_meeting_briefing_book)

- **Meeting plans:**

- The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11 from 12-2.
  - No final word from PA and DC.
- Location: EPA Headquarters
- EPA Headquarters
  - 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20004
  - Easy to access for EC members, staff and members of the public.
- PSC agreed the meeting should be in-person.
- We will continue to offer a live-stream option for the public.

- **RSVP:**

- Yes: CAC, LGAC, EPA, CBC, MD

- **Logistics document**

- Lodging and transportation information:

[https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/ecbrief/45069/2022\\_ec\\_lodging\\_and\\_transportation\\_\(1\).pdf](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/ecbrief/45069/2022_ec_lodging_and_transportation_(1).pdf)

- **Theme**

- Roadmap to 2025 and Beyond: Maintaining Momentum for an Inclusive and Healthy Chesapeake Bay Watershed

- **Interactive activity**

- The interactive activity will take place between the closed lunch and public session.
- Bring students or a conservation group to discuss projects?
  - Yes, having students at meetings has always been a success in the past.
  - Julia Wakeling will look for potential programs in Washington, D.C.
    - Potential matches are Anacostia High School and the Kingman Rangers Program.

- CRC's C-StREAM interns might be a good option if time allows. The interns just presented their experience at the C-STREAM Summer Symposium at SERC. Positions were split across the CBPO, NOAA, and CRC member institutions.
  - More information about the C-STREAM program can be accessed here: <https://chesapeake.org/c-stream/>
- Rachel Felver will follow up with Shannon Sprague, Chair of the CBP Education Workgroup.
- Administrator Regan is interested in working with underserved communities. The students highlighted should represent one of those communities.
- High school students are a great age to work with because they can talk about complex topics.
- Delaware has a young environmentalist of the year award.
  - Maybe there is something similar in DC. If there is a program like this in every jurisdiction then maybe one student from each jurisdiction can attend the meeting.
    - Travis Voyles is checking to see if any of the recipients of the Virginia Governor's Environmental Recognition awardees are from within the watershed, specifically the D.C. area.
  - Could the announcements from each EC member be an award for students in their area?
  - Read more about Delaware's 2022 winners here:
    - [DNREC Honors Young Environmentalists, Youth Fishing Tournament Winners at Delaware State Fair - State of Delaware News](#)
- If students attend the meeting, could they make a presentation for the public?
  - Students could give a presentation to the public while the private meeting is happening. When the private meeting is over, the students and EC members could meet for 15 minutes. The EC members would transition to the public meeting which the students could attend.
- We don't know where the EC members will have lunch so we don't know how far they will be from the public meeting room, but none of the options are far away.
  - If there is a distance between the two rooms, two or three students could walk with each EC member and talk about their projects on the way to the public meeting.
- **Private Lunch Schedule**

- 11:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m. - Executive Council (EC) members, designees and plus-ones arrive Executive Council members, designees and plus-ones will arrive at EPA Headquarters.
  - Needs: Information on getting through security.
- 12:00 p.m. - Lunch (Members and Invited Guests) Lunch will start promptly at
  - Needs: Will lunch be buffet style or served?
- 12:00-12:05 p.m. - Welcome and Introductions (Administrator Regan, EPA)
  - Administrator Regan will go around the table and ask attendees to introduce themselves.
- 12:05-12:20 p.m. - Advisory Committee Reports
  - Needs: Who will introduce the Advisory Committee Chairs? Last year it was the VA plus one.
  - 12:05-12:10 p.m. Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (Kathy Boomer, Chair)
  - 12:10-12:15 p.m. Citizens Advisory Committee (Julie Lawson, Chair)
  - 12:15-12:20 p.m. Local Government Advisory Committee (Jasmine Gore, Chair)
- 12:20 – 12:25 p.m. - EC Member Discussion on Advisory Committee Reports
  - Needs: Who will kick off the discussion? Last year, the EC chair did.
- 12:25 – 12:45 p.m. - EC Member Discussion on moving toward 2025 and beyond (Administrator Regan, EPA)
  - Maybe Kandis can give a presentation using the outcome attainability information that can lead to the discussion of 2025 and beyond.
    - Ask each EC member for a few things they want the PSC to be looking at over the next two years.
      - Example: “I would like you to explore emerging issues that might get in the way of restoration in the next two years.”
      - This would help to focus on EC member priorities.
      - Who will call for the PSC to evaluate progress over the next year?
    - If we do this, then the outcome attainability should go in the briefing materials.
  - Whoever is representing the governor and the plus ones will be part of this conversation.
  - 20 minutes is not a lot of time for the complexity of this topic.
    - One option might be to eliminate the interactive activity and add that time to this discussion.
  - Use the CBP tagline of “Science. Restoration. Partnership.” to guide the discussion.
    - What questions do they have about science, restoration and partnership that they want answered in the next two years?

- Focus on social issues and inclusion.
  - Refer to this guiding document for more direction on this topic:  
[https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/ecbrief/45069/questions\\_on\\_2025\\_and\\_beyond.pdf](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/ecbrief/45069/questions_on_2025_and_beyond.pdf)
- 12:45 – 12:50 p.m. - Acceptance of Watershed Agreement Edits (Adam Ortiz, EPA)
  - Dave Goshorn is creating talking points that will summarize the changes.
- 12:50 – 12:53 p.m. - Nomination and Election of 2023 Chair
  - Who will nominate and second the nomination?
  - Typically, EC Chair's serve two terms so EPA might be reelected.
- 12:53 – 12:55 p.m. - Briefing on public meeting and press availability (Rachel Felver, Chesapeake Bay Program Communications Director)
- 12:55 p.m. - Administrator Regan concludes lunch and EC members, advisory committee chairs and plus ones exit the lunch area
- 12:55 – 1:00 p.m. - Group Photo with Advisory Committee Chairs (Will Parson, Chesapeake Bay Program Photographer)
- **Public Meeting Schedule**
  - 1:00 – 1:10 p.m. - Interactive Activity
  - 1:10 – 1:15 p.m. - Transition to Meeting Room
  - 1:15 p.m. - Public Meeting Begins
  - 1:15– 1:25 p.m. - The Road to 2025 and Beyond (Ann Swanson, Chesapeake Bay Commission)
  - 1:25 – 1:30 p.m. - Chesapeake Bay Program Update (Dr. Kandis Boyd, Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program)
    - Since Kandis is giving the state of the Bay and Ann is looking at the road ahead, we will change the agenda to have Kandis present before Ann.
    - Carin and Rachel will follow up with Ann Swanson regarding her remarks.
  - 1:30 – 1:45 p.m. - EC Member Remarks
    - Only members will be invited to speak; all EC designees and members will be seated at the front of the room
    - EC representatives will still be on stage and can take questions during the press conference.
  - 1:45 – 1:50 p.m. - Concluding Remarks (2023 EC Chair)
  - 1:50 – 2:00 p.m. - Press Conference
  - 2:00 p.m. - 2023 EC Chair will gavel meeting to a close.
- **EPA is drafting an invitation letter.**
- **Deadlines**
  - All materials will be due September 19.
    - EC Member Bios - Planning Team members
    - LGAC Report - Jennifer Starr
    - CAC Report - Jessica Blackburn
    - STAC Report - Meg Cole
    - State of the Program - Rachel Felver

**Next meeting: Wednesday, August 24, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**