



Management Board Meeting

December 12, 2024
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Purpose: To bring all Chesapeake Bay Program partners to a common understanding about the path forward and timeline for Phase II of the partnership's Beyond 2025 work in response to the Executive Council's directive on the Watershed Agreement and CBP's organizational structure.

Agenda

- I. Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions** (9:00 a.m. – 9:05a.m.)
Martha Shimkin, MB Chair, will kick-off the meeting and facilitate agenda topics.
Materials: none
- II. PSC Chair Remarks** (9:05 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.)
Secretary Josh Kurtz will provide opening remarks about the path forward for Phase II of our Beyond 2025 work and for the need for close collaboration, coordination and communication across the partnership.
Requested action: None
Presenter: Josh Kurtz – PSC Chair/Secretary MD DNR
Materials:
II. Letter from Sec. Kurtz to MB and PSC
- III. Sharing Timeline and Process for Phase II** (9:25 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.)
This session is an overview of the timeline and process the partnership will use to complete its Beyond 2025 Phase II work and to report back to the Executive Council by December 2025.
Requested action: None
Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA
Relevant Outcomes: All
Materials:

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III. Presentation: Phase II Timeline and Process

IV. **Preparing for February/ March MB Meetings** (9:40 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

The CBP Executive Council's is directing the partners to complete revisions to the 2014 Watershed Agreement with modifications to the existing vision, principles, preamble, goals, and outcomes by December 1, 2025. To address this charge, the CBP goal teams and outcome workgroups will conduct internal assessments of each outcome and report their findings and recommendations to the partners during three review meetings in February and March of 2025. This session is intended as an overview of the process and timeline for completing this work and for the partners to provide feedback and ask questions.

Requested action:

- Clarify any remaining items for answering the Big Question posed for each outcome
- Determine the order each outcome will be reviewed in the Feb/March meetings
- Link to website for GIT/workgroup meetings to discuss Big Question Responses
- Discuss Outcome vs. Output vs. Indicator
- Initial discussion of outcome review process – flow for how each outcome will be reviewed (**Lee McDonnell**)
- Discuss additional MB meeting on March 27

Presenter: Lee McDonnell, EPA, Bo Williams, EPA, Sarah Brzezinski, EPA

Relevant Outcomes: All

Materials:

IV.A. Modified Strategy Review System Phase 2 Outcome Review Methodology [Big Question Document]

IV.B. Outcome, Output, Indicator Slides

IV.C. Outcome Review Meeting Schedule

IV.D Meeting Framework and Decision Making Progress

IV.E. Outcome Recommendations Visual DRAFT Framework

V. **Break** (10:30 a.m. -10:35 a.m.)

VI. **Carrying Through Recommendations from Phase I: Priority Assignments** (10:35 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.)

The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee identified a series of recommendations for improving the Chesapeake Bay Program's efforts in the areas of Science, Conservation and Restoration, and Partnership. These recommendations from the Steering Committee and its Small Groups *may* be translated into projects or initiatives for the goal teams and workgroups to pursue as the partnership implements its Phase II plans. To help prioritize possible work in the coming year, each Goal Implementation Team was asked to coordinate with workgroups and other associated partnership bodies to submit "priority assignments" based on Beyond 2025 Phase 1 recommendations and the materials developed during the phase 1 process. These proposals will be discussed at the January 16, 2025, MB meeting. Submissions are due to Bo Williams by 1/3/2025. This session is an overview of the process and expectations for this initiative.

Requested action: Clear up any remaining questions about this exercise.

Presenter: Bo Williams, EPA

Materials:

VI. Presentation: Priority Assignments

VII. Starting the Conversation for a Beyond 2025 Phase 2 Engagement Strategy

(10:50 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.)

The Executive Council and the Principals' Staff Committee have directed the partnership to engage the partners and "informed public" in Beyond 2025 efforts. This session is intended to clarify 1) which stakeholders we need to engage, and 2) what do we hope to get out of this engagement (e.g., knowledge building, particular actions). This presentation will also begin to share preliminary ideas for conducting this engagement.

Requested action: Consensus on the who and why of audience engagement, as well as approval to move forward with drafting an engagement strategy using the initial ideas presented.

Presenter: Rachel Felver, ACB

Materials:

VII. Presentation: Starting the conversation

VIII. Open Partner Engagement Time with PSC and MB Members (11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

This session is intended to provide time for an open dialogue between Principals' Staff Committee and Management Board members, Chesapeake Bay Program partners, and any interested public who may have questions or comments on the proposed process and timeline.

Presenter: Martha Shimkin, CBP Chair and Principals' Staff Committee members

Materials:

VIII. Prompt Questions

IX. Wrap Up and Adjourn

(12:00 p.m.)